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for Agriculture students, FFA members,
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associated with the...

North Buncombe High & Middle School

Agricultural Education and FFA Program

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What We're Doing in September...

September 12 (Friday): Mountain State Fair Livestock (Hog)

- **What:** Competing in youth livestock events (Hog)
- **When:** Friday, September 12
- **Where:** WNC Ag Center
- **Who:** North Buncombe Show Team
- **Parents, Families, Supporters - How to support:** Come out and learn about upcoming events and ways to get involved with the chapter
- **For More Information:** Text Gillespie

September 13 -14 (Saturday & Sunday): Mountain State Fair (Goats)

- **What:** Competing in youth livestock events (Goats)
- **When:** Saturday, September 13th - Sunday, September 14th
- **Where:** WNC Ag Center
- **Who:** North Buncombe Show Team
- **Parents, Families, Supporters - How to support:** Come out and learn about upcoming events and ways to get involved with the chapter
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September 18 (Thursday) :Pig Raffle Tickets Due

- **What:** NB Alumni Pig Raffle Fundraiser Tickets Due
- **When:** Thursday, September 18
- **Where:** To Mr. Gillespie or Mr. Ayers
- **Who:** High Schoolers, Middle Schoolers, Parents and Alumni
- **Parents, Families, Supporters - How to support:** Sell Pig Raffle Tickets! Help raise funds to support upcoming events for the students
- **For More Information:** Contact Alumni Officers, Mr. Gillespie or Mr. Ayers

September 20 (Saturday) : Post Fair Auction

- **What:** Post Fair Auction - to support youth that showed livestock at Mountain State Fair
- **When:** Saturday, September 20
- **Where:** WNC Ag Center
- **Who:** High Schoolers, Middle Schoolers, Parents and Alumni
- **Parents, Families, Supporters - How to support:** Come to auction and support youth with their livestock projects
- **For More Information:** Contact Mr. Gillespie

September 23 NB FFA Ag Awareness Day (rain date Sept 24)

- **What:** NB District 2nd graders spend time at NBHS learning from HS presenters & guest speakers
- **When:** Saturday, September 23 (all day)

- **Where:** NBHS Ag Dept
- **Who:** High Schoolers, Parents and Alumni
- **Parents, Families, Supporters - How to support:** We need someone to pick up lunch, bring to NBHS for our presenters, help serve as group leaders/ time keepers
- **For More Information:** Contact Mr. Gillespie or Hayden Jamerson

September 26.27,28 Haywood, Caldwell, & Cleveland Livestock Shows

September 30 West Region FFA Leadership Conference @ North Henderson HS

- **What:** West Region & State FFA officers lead chapter members as they develop leadership skills and explore the endless possibilities in FFA & agriculture
- **When:** Tuesday, September 30, leave @ 1:45
- **Where:** North Henderson HS
- **Who:** FFA members: High & Middle
- **Parents, Families, Supporters - How to support:** have students sign up & return permission slips
- **For More Information:** Contact Mr. Gillespie or Mr Ayers

What We're Doing in October

COMING SOON!

STAY TUNED!

*Need a quick summary of our
Program of Activities
(Dates and Activity Titles)?
Click [HERE](#)*

What We Did in the Past...

(this section is used for reference of past events)

August

August 1 (Friday) – August 2 (Saturday): McDowell County Livestock Show

- **What:** Competing in youth livestock events (Goats & Cattle)
- **When:** Friday, August 1 (Goats) & Saturday, August 2 (Cattle) — Times vary by class
- **Where:** McDowell Ag Center
- **Who:** North Buncombe Show Team
- **Parents, Families, Supporters – How to Support:** Come watch the show, visit with our students, or ask how to get involved
- **For More Information:** Text Gillespie/ [McDowell Co Fair](#)

August 7 (Thursday): West Region Officer Training (ROPE)

- **What:** Regional leadership development for West Region officers
 - **When:** Thursday, August 7 — All day
 - **Where:** North Iredell High School
 - **Who:** Addison (Chapter President)
 - **Parents, Families, Supporters – How to Support:** No support needed — closed leadership training
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August 8–10 (Friday–Sunday): Junior Beef Round-Up

- **What:** Multi-day cattle show and livestock judging contest & youth event
 - **When:** Friday–Sunday, August 8–10
 - **Where:** WNC Ag Center
 - **Who:** North Buncombe Show Team & anyone interested judging livestock
 - **Parents, Families, Supporters – How to Support:**
 - Attend the event and connect with our exhibitors
 - NBFFA will need help picking up pizzas, desserts, setting up a serving line, and cleaning up after supper
 - **For More Information about the show or to help with the meal:**
 - Text Gillespie (for help + show info)
 - For the Show specifically...
 - [From Showmanship App/Website](#)
 - [From Jordan English \(organizer\)](#)
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August 12 (Tuesday): WNC Swine Project Show

- **What:** First swine event in the WNC Livestock Circuit
 - **When:** Tuesday, August 5 — Time 6:30 pm
 - **Where:** Location Animals R US Vet Clinic - [Google Pin / Address](#)
 - **Who:** North Buncombe Show Team
 - **Parents, Families, Supporters – How to Support:** Stop by and visit with our swine exhibitors or learn how to volunteer
 - **For More Information:** Text Gillespie
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August 13 (Wednesday): NBHS School Year Prep

- **What:**
 - [1. Campus beautification](#) - weeding and mulching Digital Sign area

- **2. File Storage Movement** - helping Ayers, the EC Department and our Janitorial Staff move file cabinets out of (EC Teachers) Mrs. Bauer's "old" storage/room into the new file storage for her and Mrs. Maney
 - (*Ayers' new room is room 121?), Mrs. Bauer's "old" room.
 - Mrs. Bauer is moving into Mrs. Engle's "old" room"

We will "divide and conquer for #'s 1 & 2 above

- **3.Pre-Retreat Officer Planning** - all officers, Ayers, Gillespie in Gillespie's room

- **When:** Wednesday, August 13 @ 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

- **Where:** Meet in Gillespie's room

- **Who:** Chapter Officers

- **Parents, Families, Supporters – How to Support:** Encourage your officer to attend and be on time. This sets the tone for leadership and responsibility.

August 14–16 (Thursday–Saturday): Chapter Officer Retreat

- **What:** Officer planning retreat with team-building and year prep - [AGENDA](#)
- **When:** Thursday–Saturday, August 14–16
- **Where:** Lake Santeetlah, Robbinsville
- **Who:** 2025–2026 Chapter Officers and Advisors
- **Parents, Families, Supporters – How to Support:** Help your officer pack, prepare, and show up ready to lead. We'll send updates throughout the trip!

August 21 (Thursday): NBMS Meet the Teacher

- **What:** Meet the teacher and explore NBMS Ag & FFA
- **When:** Thursday, August 21
 - 8th Grade: 9:00–10:30 a.m.
 - 7th Grade: 1:00–2:30 p.m.
- **Where:** North Buncombe Middle School / Ayers MS Classroom?
- **Who:** Mr. Ayers, optional FFA Officers
- **Parents, Families, Supporters – How to Support:** Visit the Ag & FFA table, ask questions, and share your excitement with others!
- **OFFICERS** - Communication to help will come from Ayers via text
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August 21 (Thursday): WNC Beef Commission Fundraiser

- **What:** Covered dish fundraiser supporting Mtn State Fair FFA events
 - **When:** Thursday, August 21 — Evening (exact time 6:00)
 - **Where:** Location WNC Livestock Market, Canton
 - **Who:** All FFA members and families welcome
 - **Parents, Families, Supporters – How to Support:** Bring a dish and enjoy the meal & have fun at a live auction.
 - **For More Information:** Text Gillespie
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August 22 (Friday): NBHS Freshman Orientation

- **What:** Represent NBFFA and meet incoming 9th graders at the Ag & FFA Awareness Table
 - **When:** Friday, August 22 @ 1:00 p.m.
 - **Where:** NBHS Commons Area
 - **Who:** Optional Officer Team
 - **Parents, Families, Supporters – How to Support:** Encourage your officer to be there if possible; help us welcome new students and make them feel at home.
 - Note: FFA teachers and beef show students may be off campus for the Swain County Fair
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August 22–23 (Friday–Saturday): Swain County Fair Livestock Show

- **What:** Livestock competitions for goats and cattle
 - **When:** Friday & Saturday, August 22 Beef 2:30 –23: Goat 2:30 checkin & 3:30 show time
 - **Where:** Swain County Fairgrounds
 - **Who:** North Buncombe Show Team
 - **Parents, Families, Supporters – How to Support:** Stop by the fairgrounds, support our students, or help out behind the scenes
 - **For More Information:** Text Gillespie/ [Swain Co Fair Info](#)
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August 25 (Monday): NB MS & HS - 1st day of School!

!!! no other school calendar updates will be given on this platform. Please refer to Buncombe County Schools websites for updates from school calendars!!!

August 29 (Friday)...

September

... - September 1(Monday): Hickory American Legion Fair Livestock Show

- **What:** Competing in youth livestock events (Goats & Cattle)
- **When:** Saturday, August 30th (Cattle) - Monday, September 1st (Goats & Lambs)
- **Where:** Hickory American Legion Fairgrounds, Hickory, NC
- **Who:** North Buncombe Show Team

- **Parents, Families, Supporters - How to support:** Come watch the show, visit with our students, or ask how to get involved
- **For More Information:** Text Gillespie / [Hickory American Legion Fair](#)

September 2 (Tuesday): Chapter & Alumni Meeting - High & Middle Schools, Parents, and Supporters

- **What:** First Chapter & Alumni Meeting of the new School Year
- **When:** Tuesday, September 2nd at 6:30 pm
- **Where:** In the Ag Lot, In front of Mr. Gillespie's classroom
- **Who:** Any Middle Schoolers, High Schoolers, Parents and Community Members interested in being a part of NB Ag & FFA
- **Parents, Families, Supporters - How to support:** Come out and learn about upcoming events and ways to get involved with the chapter
- **For More Information:**
 - Check out the [Flyer](#), the [Agenda](#) & [Facebook](#)

September 3 (Tuesday): NB FFA Chapter Truck & Tractor Driving Contest

- **What:** school wide driving contest
- **When:** Tuesday, September 3rd at 3:00 pm
- **Where:** NB Ag Dept Parking Lot
- **Who:** Students who have the skills to safely complete the state FFA driving course
- **For More information:** Middle School see Mr Ayers. High school sign up in Mr Gillespie's class

September 5 (Friday): Battle of the Jug Football Game - Fair themed tailgate

- **What:** Cow Patty Bingo & Guess the weight of the Goat
- **When:** 4:30-6:30
- **Where:** Grass area near Football field (beside playground)
- **Who:** NB Ag Ed & FFA Family
- **Parents, Families, Supporters - How to support:** work the booth, hand out candy, work scales
- **For More Information:** Contact Gillespie/ see NBHS website

September 5-7 : Mountain State Fair Livestock Shows (Beef, Dairy Steer & Sheep)

- **What:** Competing in youth livestock events (Goats , Cattle & Sheep)
- **When:** Friday, September 5th - Sunday, September 7th
- **Where:** WNC Ag Center
- **Who:** North Buncombe Show Team

- **Parents, Families, Supporters - How to support:** Come out and learn about upcoming events and ways to get involved with the chapter
- **For More Information:** Text Gillespie

September 9 (Tuesday): Federation & Regional Truck and Tractor CDE

- **What:** Federation & Regional Truck and Tractor Driving CDE
- **When:** Tuesday, September 9 - 1:00 pm
- **Where:** WNC Ag Center - Mountain State Fair
- **Who:** NB Ag Ed students
- **Parents, Families, Supporters - How to support:**
- **For More Information:** Contact Mr. Ayers or Mr. Gillespie