

FFA FOUNDATION

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RECEIVING ENTITY: FFA FOUNDATION/NORTH CAROLINA FFA CENTER

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North Carolina FFA Foundation

The North Carolina FFA Foundation provides financial support and public awareness for agricultural education and FFA. The North Carolina FFA Foundation raises funds to recognize FFA student achievements in North Carolina's middle schools and high schools. Those funds support activities at the local, state and national levels.

North Carolina FFA Center

The North Carolina FFA Center established in the 1920s as the Young Tar Heel Farmers Camp was one of the first of its kind in the United States. The camp was purchased when a group of vocational agriculture teachers "chipped in" \$10 each to purchase seven acres of lake front property in Bladen County. FFA members and their adult advisors have met at the camp every summer since 1920 with the exception of 1943 and 1944, when the camp was closed due to World War II. Later, the White Lake property became one of three FFA camps in North Carolina. Today, the Center is the location of the state's only official FFA camp and is commemorated by a state highway historical marker. A State Agricultural Education/FFA museum is located in the FFA Alumni Building located on the property. While attending leadership programs at the facility, students participate in leadership and personal development programs, recreational activities and educational seminars. The Center is used annually to host the official State FFA Leadership Conference, provide FFA officer training, FFA alumni activities and much more. The FFA was founded in 1928 as the Future Farmers of America. FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth and career success** through agricultural education.

2012-2013 Appropriation from the North Carolina General Assembly: \$35,855.00

(100% of the \$35,855.00 appropriated from the North Carolina General Assembly was used to offset the cost of the construction of a new dining hall and recreational facility at the North Carolina FFA Center. The costs of these new facilities have been amortized over 15 years.)

2012-2013 North Carolina FFA Center Numbers

Number of FFA members that used the facility: 2100+

Number of weeks FFA members used the facility: 7

Names of civic groups, businesses, organizations that used the Center this past year:

Cycle North Carolina Bike Ride, North Carolina Cooperative Council, Prestage Farms, Southeast Regional Medical Center, Set Up, Inc. (Triathlon), 95th Civil Affairs Brigade-Ft. Bragg, several local churches, community groups, and families from across North Carolina.

Operating Dates: May 1st – October 6

Annual Amount Paid for Debt Service (FY Sept. 1, 2012 – Aug. 31, 2013) - \$55,354.08

(remaining balance not paid for from funds provided by the North Carolina General Assembly but are paid from revenue generated from fees charged to rental groups, students and teachers.)