

New Members Build for the Future at the Northeast District Greenhand Fire-Up

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On Wednesday, October 2nd, the Northeast District Greenhand Fire-Up was held at the Wapsie Valley High School. Greenhand Fire-Up is an FFA conference held for first year members, or greenhands, that are new to FFA. At the conference, the members went through a series of sessions that target personal development. They learned about self authenticity, setting goals, prioritizing, and communication. The sessions were led by past and present district and state FFA officers, including Natalie Risse, current Northeast District Secretary, of Wapsie Valley FFA.

Wapsie Valley had several members attend, and there was 219 total members from 26 chapters across the northeast district. It was a great opportunity for members to get to know other students from all over the district and learn more about FFA. Riley Richards, a Wapsie Valley freshman said, "Greenhand Fire-Up was a lot of fun and I enjoyed meeting new people from across the district." Overall, Greenhand Fire-Up educated the new FFA members and helped them grow their personal development.

Captions:

(Group.GFU): Freshman Wapsie Valley FFA members attended the Northeast District Greenhand Fire-Up. Pictured: (Back row left to right): Sam Schnor, Sloane Banger, Riley Richards, and Hannah Miller. (Front row left to right): Cole Neil, Kennadi Neil, and Anna Richards. (Not pictured): Jason Harks

(Session.GFU): Members were taken through a series of sessions at Greenhand Fire-Up that focused on personal development