

Name of Activity: SouthWest Metro FFA

Advisor: Mark Stone

Description of activity: FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

Where to go for more information: <http://www.swmetro.k12.mn.us/page/2853>

Length of season: Year round meetings and activities

Meeting/Practice times: First Tuesday of each month at SouthWest Metro Ed Coop at 7:00pm in Mr. Stone's room.

Meeting/Practice sites: Practice for CDEs (Career Development Events) as scheduled

Competitions/Performances: Contact Mark Stone at mstone@swmetro.k12.mn.us or go to <http://www.swmetro.k12.mn.us> . Click on Programs and services , then click on Student Organizations, then click on FFA , and then click on FFA 2015-16 calendar.

Eligibility requirements: Must be a student interested in agriculture. Students are required to be in an agricultural course or an agricultural program of study. Because of scheduling conflicts, the program of study for Waconia students is to commit to a minimum of 1 trimester of an agriculture course during their high school career.

Average number of members: 29 members (18 high school & 11 collegiate)

Costs and/or needed equipment: \$25 dues (includes a free t-shirt). FFA jackets are encouraged, but not required (\$55).

Fundraising/Service Activities: Major fundraisers: 1) Fruit, cheese and nut sale; 2) Carver County Fair Pork Burger Stand; 3) Steamboat Days Pork Burger Stand

Awards criteria and type of awards: Students are eligible for proficiency awards, State FFA degree and American FFA degree, based on their Supervised Agricultural Experience program and their records.