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Bernie, Missouri - Members from the Bernie FFA Chapter recently attended the Missouri FFA Association's 2014 Leadership Adventure in Springfield. It was held in August 2014 at the Christopher L. Bond Learning Center in the Darr Agricultural Center at Missouri State University.

Agricultural careers, leadership development, and positive role models were the focus of the 24th annual conference. Springfield was one of two locations for this conference; the other was in Columbia. Over 200 members and advisors registered for the two conferences from 34 chapters across Missouri. Nearly 6,500 Missouri FFA members and advisors have attended The Leadership Adventure since its beginning in 1990.

According to Conference Coordinators Marvin and Karen Hoskey, "This conference annually provides an excellent opportunity for Missouri FFA members to interact with other chapter, state, and national leaders. The sessions foster development of leadership skills and encourage students to practice teamwork and goal setting as they get motivated for the coming school year."

The leadership training was headed by Andrew McCrea, former state and national officer from Missouri, and Corey Flournoy, former state and national officer from Illinois. They were assisted by Jaelynn Bergmann, National Officer Candidate from Missouri. Current State FFA Officers from Missouri guided small groups during the training sessions, which were designed specifically for high school age FFA members' personal leadership development and planning for future success.

Students wanting to learn the basics of self-discovery and understanding their leadership potential were taken through activities to develop teamwork and people skills. The training focused on helping students create an advanced plan for lasting impact on the world through utilizing personal leadership traits and healthy relationships to make their goals a reality.

Attending the conference from the local FFA chapter were:

Tyler Vincent, Kristen McGowen, Spencer Slavings

Seated left to right in the picture are State Officers Cole Edwards, President from Area 4, and Carson Priddle, Vice-President from Area 16.

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