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Innovation for Agricultural Training and Education



# AET Community of Practice Focus Groups

Junior Ballroom A

5:15 pm – 6 pm

# *Community of Practice*

Groups of people who share a concern or passion for something they do and learn how to do it better as they interact regularly

(Wenger-Trayner, 2013)

# ***Community of Practice***

## **What does that mean for us?**

***We share concern and passion for***

### ***Agricultural Education & Training***

We want to develop agricultural education and training (AET) programs that produce competent and employable agricultural professionals at all levels who can meet challenges of today and tomorrow.

### **Challenges:**

Live & work great distances from each other

Very limited resources for our educational programs

# ***Community of Practice***

**What does that mean for us?**

***We can learn how to do our work better as we interact regularly***

## **Challenges:**

Must figure out how to interact regularly  
across great distances  
across multiple languages  
with different levels of electronic  
communication systems

# ***Community of Practice***

## ***Through participation members:***

Establish community based on interactions and an exchange of ideas

Develop shared resources

Develop shared ways of addressing recurring problems

Create new ideas and new resources as a result of their interactions and ideas

# ***Community of Practice***

## **What does that mean for us?**

***With limited resources & great distances we must use an electronic web based platform***

### ***Challenges:***

Need to encourage social interactions to create new ideas

Must be dynamic and interesting so people come back

Must support and encourage members to develop professional relationships with others in the community

# Community of Practice Agricultural Education Example


**zoetis**

Communities of Practice is sponsored by Zoetis as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

**Places**

- Spaces
  - Experiential Learning (SAE)
  - FFA View sub-spaces
  - Instruction View sub-spaces
  - Professional Development View sub-spaces
  - Marketing, Partnerships &
- Projects
- Groups
- Search

**Meet Our Facilitators**

  
Stacy Skemp  
Agriculture Teacher  
Innesville Parker High School, WI

**Welcome to Communities of Practice!**

Communities of Practice is a professional networking site for agricultural educators managed by the National Association of Agricultural Educators. Its purpose is to create a common place for anyone who is interested in agricultural education to share ideas and resources.

**Where should I post?**

See the Places box to your left? Expand the Spaces menu (it should be expanded by default already). From there, click on view sub-spaces to see which communities fall under each category. If you would rather see all the communities and sub-communities as a list, check out this map. [CoP Community Map](#)

**FFA Convention 2013**

**Need concert or rodeo tickets? Have some to sell?**  
Access this Google doc (created by our FFA community facilitator) to view the "Want Ads" for the 2013 National FFA Convention!  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/ccc?key=0AnLMSdBlykQPdE1BMJUVVndkY3NS525XTkTsBjZiZUE#gid=0>

**Recent Content**

- Does anyone have a rubric for grading SAE projects?**  
2 hours ago in Communities of Practice Help & FAQs by Kimberly Shaske
- Re: Innovative Ways to Teach The FFA Creed**  
3 hours ago in Ag. Communications/Leadership by Ashley Dill
- Re: I am new to teaching Animal and Vet Science. Any advice/resources?**  
3 hours ago in Veterinary Science by Ashley Dill
- Re: Agriculture Business Course Work Release**  
7 hours ago in Program Planning by Parker Bane
- Analyzing Annual Reports**  
8 hours ago in Ag Business Management by Matt Eddy
- Bookmarks | NAAE Communities of Practice**  
9 hours ago in Vay Jensen's Bookmarks by Vay Jensen
- Food Science/ Dairy Products in Animal Science**  
9 hours ago in Animal Sciences by Jessica Froelich
- NAAE Advocacy Efforts**  
12 hours ago in Ag. Education Advocacy by Savannah Faye Robin
- Resources & Social Media from Penn State Pest Education**  
13 hours ago in Technology in the Classroom by Kelly Over
- Planning an Officer Retreat and Calendar**  
14 hours ago in New Teachers by Amy McAllister

**Need Help?**

Check out our **NEW** [CoP Basic User Guide](#) or visit the [Communities of Practice Help & FAQs](#) for more help and resources.

**Actions**

- View feeds

**Top Likes - Past Month**

- 20 Plant ID Weekly Quizzes
- 6 Struggling with Inquiry Learning
- 5 Warm Fuzzies in A Day In the Life of an Ag Teacher
- 4 Innovative Ways to Teach The FFA Creed
- 3 Storage Sheds

**Popular Tags**

- 2010 aee\_412 ag agriscience animal\_science case curriculum ffa lesson\_plan penn\_state professional\_development sae science teach\_ag technology

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# ***Community of Practice***

## ***Read***

2-page paper – in your registration packet

“Developing & Using Communities of Practice in  
Agricultural Education and Training”

## ***Participate***

Communities of Practice Focus Group Sessions

Today 5:15 – 6 pm

Tomorrow 5:15 – 6 pm