



About Greenhand Fire-Up (GFU)

GFU focuses on adolescent leadership development.

All members who aspire to be active students and FFA members—are encouraged to attend. It is important to note that unlike Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) which utilizes a two-year rotation, the curriculum for GFU is similar from year to year. This is done by design, recognizing that while nearly 100% of the audience for GFU changes every year, the COLT audience does not experience this extreme changeover. After four years of program delivery and revisions, we are becoming more confident in the programming offered. The details of this programming are outlined below.

Rotational Workshops. As previously mentioned, GFU programming is the same curriculum delivered every year. The rotational workshops are identified as follows:

- Keep It Real! Understanding the importance of being authentic.
- This or That. Determine, evaluate and balance priorities.
- True Blue Communication. Learn how to meet new people!
- We Are FFA! Discover opportunities in FFA and SAE!

The priority for curriculum development is the audience that it is delivered to: 14-year-old adolescents that are just getting a start on their high school experience. Logistically, the workshops are then designed for a target audience of 15-25 members. Modifications of the delivery of the curriculum may need to be made on site by the officers depending on the facilities available. Because the program is delivered at six different locations across the state, modifications the day of the event are common and the officers do the best they can with the situation they have.

What do past participants say about Greenhand Fire-Up?

"I loved meeting new people!"
~NE District Greenhand

"It was GREAT! I wish I could come back next year!"
~SE District Greenhand

"I learned there are many things to get involved in when you join FFA!"
~NW District Greenhand

"It was EPIC, and if I could do this everyday, I would!"
~SE District Greenhand