

Two Butte County Farm Bureau members selected for LFB class

Training, travel and team building await the members of the California Farm Bureau Federation 2009 Leadership Farm Bureau class. Starting this month, 10 Farm Bureau members receive 250 hours of specialized training to hone their leadership skills and delve into issues facing California family farmers and ranchers.

The year-long program includes trips to Washington, D.C., to focus on national issues; to Georgia and Florida, to learn about agriculture in other states; and to the Central Valley, to learn about issues facing farmers and ranchers right here in California. Participants will also attend lectures and group discussions designed to enhance leadership and collaboration.

The 2009 Leadership Farm Bureau class includes:

- Joseph Bacchetti, San Joaquin County
- Robert Blattler, Tulare County
- Jeff Fowle, Siskiyou County
- Rex Houghton, Siskiyou County
- Gayle Learned, San Bernardino County
- Irv Leen, Butte County
- Sarah Reynolds, Butte County
- Daniel Suenram, Lake County
- Ron Taddei, Napa County
- David Van Klavern, Stanislaus County

"There's nothing more important to an organization than finding and training new leaders," California Farm Bureau President Doug Mosebar said. "Our Leadership Farm Bureau program prepares leaders to serve Farm Bureau and California agriculture."

The 2009 class concludes its activities this December at the CFBF Annual Meeting in Anaheim.