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# Lake Travis FFA Alumni *Parent 101*

**WHY IS MY KID DOING THAT?**  
A Sensory Approach To Understanding Your Child's Behavior



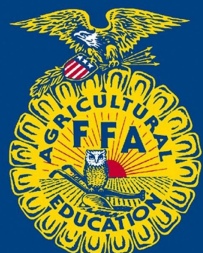
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**PARENTS PREPARING FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR**



**I HAVE NO IDEA**

**WHAT'S GOING ON**



**KEEP CALM AND LEAD ON**



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# Frequently Asked Questions

**What is FFA?**

**What do students in FFA do?**

**Who's invited to participate?**

**Why would you want to participate?**

**What is the FFA Alumni & what do they do?**

**How much will it cost?**

**How is membership money used?**

**How much do animal projects cost?**

**Where do we learn more?**



# What is FFA?

*F.F.A: The National FFA Organization*

*“We’re growing the next generation of leaders who will change the world.”*

FFA is the **premier youth organization** preparing members for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture.



# What do students in FFA do?

FFA members have opportunities to participate in a variety of experiences and competitions, including but not limited to:

- Animal projects
- Floral design & horticulture
- Leadership Development Events (LDEs)
- Career Development Events (CDEs) aka Judging Contest
- Public speaking events
- And so many more (photography, woodworking, baking, welding, wiring...)

(\*No pass no play applies.)



# What else do students in FFA do?

- Attend monthly meetings!!!
- Participate and volunteer in the chapter events and fundraisers
  - LTHS Homecoming Parade
  - Pet shot clinics
  - Barn-clean up
  - Spirit Nights
- Gain experience at our annual Chapter Show, Cavalier Classic Livestock Show, Travis County and Jackpot Shows of your choosing
- Social outings and events
- Officers attend annual convention with 15,000 other members across state of Texas



# WELCOME

## 2024 TEXAS FFA CONVENTION





# Who is Invited to Participate?

## FFA Member

9th-12th graders who are enrolled in 1+ Ag class(es) at LTHS. (*High school students MUST be in one ag class per year.*)

\$30 Annual Dues

## Jr FFA Member

Any 3<sup>rd</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students enrolled in a LTISD school who want to raise animals or compete in the Travis County Youth Fair (TCYS) as part of the program.

\$20 Annual Dues

Parents/Guardians! It takes ALL OF US to make the program successful.





# Why would you want to participate?

1. Kids learn immeasurable leadership and responsibility.
2. Exploration of skills like welding, veterinary medicine, and other ag-related industries.
3. Presentation skills.
4. Lifelong skills in animal husbandry.
5. District, area, state, national competitions and convention
6. Small group = strong camaraderie
7. Parents get to work alongside children for just a few more years!



# How Much Do Animal Projects Cost?

- Purchase or rent animal:
  - Pigs \$600 +
  - Goats \$600 +
  - Lambs \$600 +
  - Steers \$2500 +
- Feed/Tack (buckets, halters, etc.) \$ varies
- Show Entries, vet costs, supplements, etc. \$ varies
- Pen Deposits/Rentals
  - Deposit - \$100/pen
  - Rent - small animal \$50/pen, steer \$100/pen

***THE EXPERIENCE - PRICELESS\$***



# Common Concerns with Raising Animals...

1. Where do the animals live?
2. Where do they go after show season?
3. Do they have to be fed every day?
4. What if I want to go out of town?
5. How much do they cost?
6. What about veterinary care?



# Lake Travis FFA Alumni & Supporters



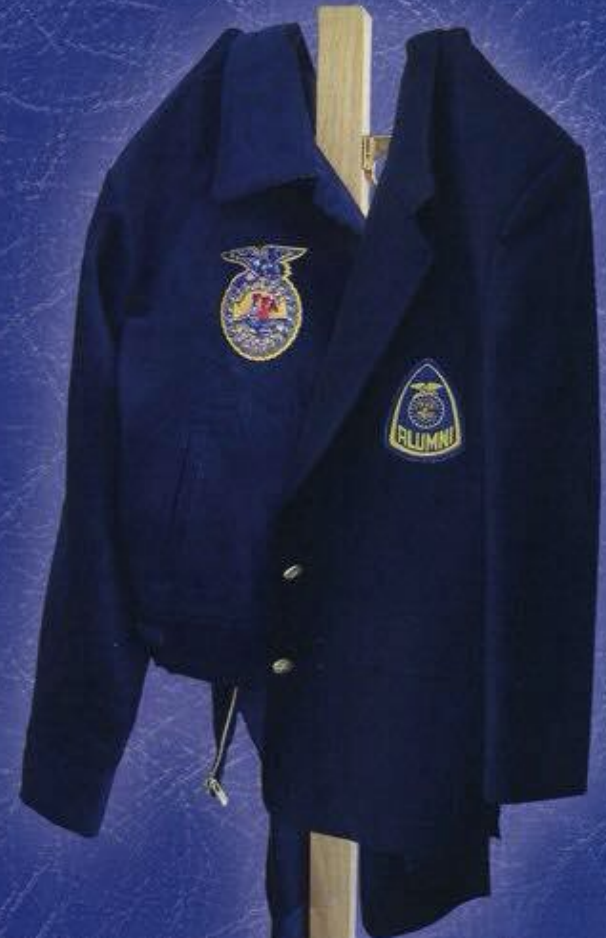


# What is LT FFA Alumni?

“Official Name”  
is  
FFA Alumni & Supporters

- You are a LT FFA Alumni as soon as you pay your membership dues.
- It is the group of parents/guardians who support their students in the LT FFA program.
- You need not be a former member.
- Think “booster club.”

*You didn't have to wear  
this jacket, to wear this jacket.*





# What does the Alumni do?

“Good Standing” requires that parents/guardians participate alongside their students in events, fundraisers, and shows:

1. Attend monthly meetings (75%+ attendance required)
2. Volunteer at and support students during events (i.e., Cav Classic, Pet Shot clinic, snacks for competitions, homecoming float, etc.)
3. Participate in fundraising, including the \$500/family contribution
4. Help in the barn if raising animals



# How Much Will it Cost?

## Member Expenses:

- Membership Dues (t-shirt included)

Students = \$30 for High School, \$20 for 3rd-8th  
payable to Lake Travis FFA

Parents/Alumni = \$45 single, \$65 both parents  
payable to Lake Travis FFA Alumni

- Family donations/contribution \$500/family

(Not including project expenses nor “official dress/FFA Jacket”.)



# How Is Membership Money Used?

Support club activities throughout the year (travel to competitions, t-shirts, state convention attendance, etc.)

Money given directly back to kids who make sale at TCYS (scholarship money)\*

Facility Improvements, Barn supplies

Scholarships to our seniors\*





# Where do we learn more?

[Lake Travis FFA website \(it's on the web\)](http://www.laketrisfffa.org)

[www.laketrisfffa.org](http://www.laketrisfffa.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/LakeTravisFFAAlumni>

<https://www.facebook.com/LakeTravisFFA/>

[instagram.com/lths\\_ffa/](https://www.instagram.com/lths_ffa/)

YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@laketrisfffaalumni3263>



# Teacher Report

Words  
Of  
Wisdom

If at first  
you don't succeed,  
try doing it  
the way your  
Ag teacher  
instructed.



# REMIND TEXT MESSAGING

LT FFA has established a text messaging system through Remind. Remind is a private mobile messaging platform that enables teachers, parents, students, and administrators in K-12 schools to communicate with each other. Follow the proceeding information below to receive text from LT FFA.

TEXT to 81010

@lt-ffa (FFA Information)

@ltgoat (goat information)

@oinker (pig information)

@lamlamb (lamb information)

@ltsteers (steer information)

@tcyslffa (Travis County Youth Show)

PLEASE INCLUDE FULL NAME WHEN REGISTERING



# Meetings

**FFA and Alumni meet the 1st Tuesday of the month @ 6 PM in the Ag Building**

**HOWEVER**

**Our first combo meeting is September 10th LTHS Cafeteria @ 6 PM**



**Thank you for attending !**

**We are looking forward to GREAT year !**

