



Lake Travis FFA & Agriculture Science Program



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MEMBER/STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK

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Lake Travis High School
Agriculture Science

Welcome all!

It is with great pleasure and pride that we welcome you, parents and students to the Lake Travis Agriculture Science Department and FFA Chapter.

This year will be filled with new and exciting opportunities for everyone involved! Beginning now, as a student in an agricultural science class, students will be eligible to become a member of the Lake Travis FFA. By becoming a member, the opportunities for personal, career and academic growth and success are limitless.

Each year, students from all over the nation compete in Leadership Development Events, Career Development Events, Conventions, Meetings and Camps. These students have the opportunity to apply for millions of dollars in scholarships to pursue post-secondary degrees at colleges, universities and trade schools across the nation.

Students involved in the FFA will also have the opportunity to exhibit livestock, agriculture mechanics, and youth fair projects at various shows.

If you have any question regarding agriculture classes, participation on Leadership Development Teams, Career Development Teams, Animal or Youth Fair Projects please feel free to contact us at 512-533-6089 (K White) whitek@ltidschools.org or at (P White) whitep@ltidschools.org or 512-533-5921.

I challenge each and every student to become a member of the Lake Travis FFA Chapter.

Sincerely,

Mr. Kelly White ~ Mr. Perry White, ASI



PRESIDENT'S PEN

Lake Travis FFA

Welcome FFA members and family!

On behalf of your 2013-2014 Lake Travis officer team, I would like to extend a warm welcome to new and returning members of our program.

As your new president, I welcome the opportunities and challenges that will be presented before me and I look forward to the prospect of working with each and every one of you and your valued input.

There will be many opportunities to compete and make lifelong memories - from jackpots to majors, to competing in Leadership Development Events (LDE's) and Career Development Events (CDE's) and everything that arises in between. There are ample circumstances for everyone to excel and I hope you find your niche to experience the same love and dedication for this program as I have developed over the last three years.

I would really like to express a great appreciation on behalf of myself and the officer team to not only both Mr. Kelly White and Mr. Perry White, but also to our great alumni and our generous sponsors that helped make this chapter possible. Their unending dedication is what has helped strengthen our chapter to the extent it has so far.

Sincerely,

Madalynn Thamm
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Dear Lake Travis FFA Parents,

Welcome back! Your Alumni officers and Ag teachers have been working hard over the summer to plan for the coming school year. With your support, we are ready to hit the ground running to make the 2013-2014 school year a great success.

More so than most Lake Travis extra-curricular activities, FFA participation is a family affair. From daily visits to the barn to fall jackpot shows to trading stories around the fire at TCYS, there are ample opportunities to bond as a family and a chapter. Together, we can achieve the two main goals of the Lake Travis FFA Alumni Association: to raise funds in support of the LT FFA student chapter and to create a community of involvement that enriches our children's lives.

The plan that the Alumni Board and teachers have put together relies on a little help from *all* families rather than a lot of help from just a few. Many hands make light work, so please be ready to join the LT FFA Alumni Association, sign up for volunteer committees, and participate in the two major fund-raising drives.

The funds raised by the Alumni organization go straight back to the students and the Chapter in the form of scholarships, leadership training, barn improvements, and the purchase of Youth Fair Projects and Animal Projects at the Travis County Youth Show.

Building on the hard work of previous boards, teachers, and so many families, we hope to grow the Lake Travis FFA program to its fullest potential. I challenge each of you to do your part to achieve this goal.

I look forward to working with each of you to make this an outstanding year for our FFA students!

Sincerely,

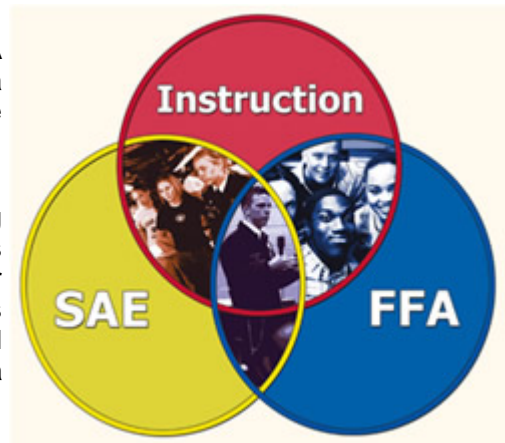
Mark A. Nagel
President, Lake Travis FFA Alumni



What is the FFA?

The agricultural science education program is built on the three core areas of classroom/laboratory instruction, supervised agricultural experience programs and FFA student organization activities/opportunities. FFA holds a federal charter. Two of the top three FFA executives are employed by the U.S. Department of Education.

FFA represents the relevancy to the core areas offering students opportunities that changes lives and prepares students for premier leadership, personal growth and career success. Founded in 1928, the FFA organization represents a large diversity of over 300 careers in the food, fiber and natural resources industry. FFA is an integral part of a school system.



FFA uses agricultural education to create real-world success. Agriculture teachers become advisors to local FFA chapters, which students join. More than 7,000 FFA chapters are currently in existence; their programs are managed on a local, state and national level. Each chapter's Program of Activities is designed with the needs of the students in mind. Activities vary greatly from school to school, but are based in a well-integrated curriculum. Chapter activities and FFA programs concentrate on three areas of our mission: premier leadership, personal growth and career success.

National FFA Mission:

The National FFA Organization is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth and career success** through agricultural education.

National FFA Motto:

The FFA motto gives members twelve short words to live by as they experience the opportunities in the organization. **Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve.**

The FFA Creed

I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds - achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so--for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

The creed was written by E. M. Tiffany, and adopted at the 3rd National Convention of the FFA. It was revised at the 38th Convention and the 63rd Convention.

Member Expectations

Lake Travis FFA members will have certain responsibilities that they are expected to uphold.

Some of those expectations are as follows:

- You should participate in all FFA Fund raisers.
- Attend local chapter meetings.
- Take part in the affairs of the chapter
- Be active in FFA functions
- Maintain proper behavior
- Abide by FFA rules and code of conduct
- Pay your FFA dues.
- Represent LTHS FFA in an appropriate manner at all times.

FFA Officers Code of Conduct

Officers are members who have been elected by their peers and have shown leadership abilities above the average FFA member. When elected to one of the FFA offices, Officers will follow the FFA Officer Code of conduct or forfeit their office.

- Purchase a FFA jacket and tie/scarf.
- Maintain academic eligibility (after 2nd infraction officer is dismissed).
- Maintain an exemplary discipline record.
 - Being assigned AEP is automatic dismissal from office.
 - Two referrals will cause dismissal from office.
- Conduct all chapter meetings (advanced approval required to miss a meeting).
- Assist with and participate in the end of the year awards banquet.
- Participate in community service activities.
- Participate in all fundraisers.
- Participate on a LDE Team.
- Participate on a CDE Team.

All FFA members should learn the following for all meeting and Banquets:

During the opening ceremonies the president will state:

“FFA MEMBERS WHY ARE WE HERE?”

Members will respond by saying:

TO PRACTICE BROTHERHOOD, HONOR AGRICULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AND DEVELOP THOSE QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP WHICH AN FFA MEMBER SHOULD POSSESS.

During the *Closing Ceremonies* the President will state:

“Members and quest will you join me in a salute to our flag?”

Members and quest will respond by reciting the Salute to the American flag.

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

As FFA members, we have the opportunity to impact many people who may or may not be familiar with the organization: Community residents, businessmen and women, FFA sponsors, guests, parents, etc.

Therefore, first impressions are crucial, and that involves the way we dress. ALL FFA members are required to wear official dress while participating in official activities

The National FFA Board of Directors strongly encourages all advisors to ensure that ALL FFA members who attend the national FFA convention follow the standards of official dress as outlined in the *Official FFA Manual on page 10*.

Remember to check the following to ensure that you are adhering to official dress:

- Official FFA jacket zipped to the top
- Official FFA tie or scarf
- Correct number of pins displayed
- Skirts of appropriate length
- Appropriate footwear
- Remember, it's an honor to wear the blue corduroy jacket and official dress representing the legacy of FFA. Wear it properly - and with pride.

The official FFA jacket was established by the Delegates at the 1933 National Convention. FFA Official Dress Standards were created by the Delegates at the 1973 National Convention and most recently revised by the Delegates at the 2002 National FFA Convention.

Female Official Dress for indoor functions

- Black skirt - Skirt is to be at least knee length, hemmed evenly across the bottom, with a slit no longer than 2 inches above the knee, excluding the kick pleat
- White collared blouse & Official FFA blue scarf
- Black dress shoes with a closed heel and toe (no boots, sandals, open-toed shoes, tennis shoes,)
- Black nylon hosiery
- Official FFA jacket zipped to the top.
- Black Slacks may be appropriate for traveling and outdoor activities.

Male Official Dress for in door functions

- Black dress pants (no jeans - blue or black, leather, pleather, etc.)
- White dress shirt & Official FFA tie
- Black dress shoes with a closed heel and toe. (sandals, open-toed shoes, tennis shoes,)
- Black socks
- Official FFA jacket zipped to the top

How to Wear Awards

- Chapter degree, officer and award medals should be worn beneath the name of the right side of the jacket.
- State FFA Degree or American Degree key should be worn above the name or attached to a standard key chain.
- No more than 3 medals should be worn on the jacket. These should represent highest degree earned, highest office held and the highest award earned.

Events not requiring Official Dress will not allow the following items:

- Shorts
- Shirts with inappropriate language, graphics or insignia
- Keep in mind if you clothing is inappropriate, that you will be ask to change or not be allow to participate in the event.

FFA Jackets:

- FFA Jackets can be purchased through Agriculture Science Instructors by FFA members who have completed the requirement to do so.
- Jackets prices change from year to year
- Scarves and ties can also be purchased through the teachers.
Students will ask to sign a Jacket code of Ethic before purchasing one.

How Do I get involved.

There are several ways to participate in the FFA. FFA members can be involved in Leader Development Events (LDE's), Career Development Events (CDE's), and Leadership Camps, Chapter Awards, Individual Awards, Scholarships and record book competitions.

DEGREES OF MEMBERSHIP

Many of the contests have scholarship money attached to them.

Leadership Development Events: "These happen in the fall"

- FFA Public Relations
- FFA Radio Broadcasting
- Chapter Conducting – Jr. and Sr. teams
- FFA Quiz – Jr. and Sr. teams
- FFA Creed – Jr. and Sr. teams
- Job interview
- Agricultural Issues Forum
- Agricultural Skills – Jr. and Sr. Teams

*** Jr. Teams are made up of members in their first year of Agriculture Science class and Sr. teams are all other members.

*** Teams that have a national level Competition are: Sr. Chapter Conducting, Ag. Issues and Job Interview

*** Teams that have Scholarships money attached are: Sr. Chapter Conducting, Ag. Issues and Job Interview

Career Development Events: "These happen in the spring"

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| ➤ Ag Communications | ➤ Horse Evaluation |
| ➤ Ag. Mechanics | ➤ Livestock Judging |
| ➤ Ag. Sales | ➤ Marketing Plan |
| ➤ Agronomy | ➤ Meats |
| ➤ Dairy Cattle | ➤ Nursery Landscape |
| ➤ Environmental & Natural Resources | ➤ Poultry |
| ➤ Farm Business Management | ➤ Land |
| ➤ Floriculture | ➤ Range and Pasture |
| ➤ Food Science and Technology | |

***All teams here have national level competitions and scholarship money attached

Public Speaking Events: "These happen in the spring"

- Sr. Prepared Public Speaking
- Jr. Prepared Public Speaking
- Extemporaneous Public Speaking
- Soil Stewardship
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Agri-Science Fair – State and National Finals happens in summer

- **Biochemistry/Microbiology/Food Science**
- **Environmental Sciences**
- **Zoology (Animal Science)**
- **Botany (Plant/Soil Science)**
- **Engineering (Mechanical/Agricultural Engineering Science)**

*** There are awards and scholarship at the state and National level as well as travel money for this contest for the student.

Scholarships: Scholarships come from national, state and local levels.

National Level Scholarship – one application will apply a student for as many as 300 scholarships and with the signature of companies like Ford and Cargill student become eligible for even more scholarship. The application is on the national FFA web site as well as a link form the Lake Travis FFA Web site. The application is in an Excel spread sheet.

State Scholarships – There are over 300 scholarships at the state level ranging in values of \$1000.00 to \$16,000.00. Students will need to be in the top 25% of their class and be very involved in the FFA to qualify for these scholarships.

Local Scholarships – there is a local scholarship at this point that is offered by the Lake Travis FFA Alumni. Information can be found on the Lake Travis FFA website.

Entrepreneur Award:

The Agri-Entrepreneurship Education Program is designed to increase the amount of entrepreneurship being taught in local agriculture programs across the country. With this information, students will be better prepared to become entrepreneurs and will begin to perceive entrepreneurship as a viable career choice.

Refer to the following web site for examples: http://www.ffa.org/documents/agent_winnercircle.pdf

Proficiency Awards: Individual award

The Agricultural Proficiency Awards program like the FFA motto helps you set goals and learn practical skills. The program rewards FFA members at the local, state and national levels for exceptional accomplishments and excellence in a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Program.

Students earn awards, Scholarships and cash on the state and national levels. This award is a four year program of keeping records and expanding your projects or business. Students may apply for this award out of high school.

Refer to the following web site: http://www.ffa.org/documents/prof_handbook_introduction.pdf

Record Book Competitions: local, district, area, state and national level competitions

The record book is a final record of a student's involvement in the FFA in terms of animal, horticulture, farming, ranching, agri-business or scientific study that a student might be involved in. These records are kept on a system that is on line and can be found at the Lake Travis FFA Web site. All students will keep some type of records on line for competitions. The level of competition is as follows:

- Star Greenhand – most outstanding project program and involved student in the first year. This award is given of all levels and has scholarship attached at the state and national levels.
- Star Chapter Farmer
- Star Chapter Agri-businessman
- Star Chapter Agri-Science
- Star Chapter Agriculture Placement
- Star State Farmer
- Star State Agri-businessman
- Star State Agri-Science
- Star State Agriculture Placement
- Star American Farmer
- Star American Agri-businessman
- Star American Agri-Science
- Star American Agriculture Placement

**** These awards have scholarship and travel money attached to them at the state and national levels.*

Chapter Awards student may be involved in:

- **National Rating Award:** This award focuses on a complete, balanced Program of Activities for a Chapter. It recognizes local FFA chapters for working in established areas called quality standards. These standards are organized into three divisions: Student Development, Chapter Development and Community Development.

FFA Global – Give students and teachers the opportunity to explore global agriculture through experiences that demonstrate agricultural practices and cultural traditions of other countries.

DEGREES OF MEMBERSHIP

Greenhand Degree

Greenhand FFA Degree/Greenhand Degree – (first year member)

To be eligible to receive the Greenhand FFA Degree from the chapter, the member must meet the following minimum qualifications:

- Must be enrolled in Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources and have satisfactory plans for a supervised agricultural experience program.
- Have learned and explained the FFA Creed, Motto and Salute.
- Have described and explained the meaning of the FFA emblem and colors.
- Have demonstrated knowledge of the FFA Code of Ethics and the proper use of the FFA jacket.
- Have demonstrated knowledge of the history of the Organization, the chapter constitution and bylaws, and the chapter Program of Activities.
- Have access to or personally own a copy of the Official FFA Manual and the FFA Student Handbook.
- Have submitted an application for the Greenhand FFA Degree.

Chapter Degree

The Chapter FFA Degree is given to an FFA chapter's top members.

To receive a Chapter FFA Degree, members must meet the following requirements:

- Received the Greenhand FFA Degree
- Satisfactorily completed 180 hours (or the equivalent) of systematic school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth grade level.
- Have an approved SAE in operation.
- Enrolled in an agriculture course
- Participated in the planning and implementation of at least three official FFA chapter activities.
- Earned and productively invested at least \$150, or have worked at least 45 hours outside of scheduled class time, or a combination of the two, through their SAE.
- Have developed plans for continued growth and improvement of their SAE.
- Effectively lead a group discussion for 15 minutes.
- Demonstrated five parliamentary law procedures.
- Show progress toward achievement in FFA award programs.
- Have a satisfactory academic record.
- Submitted a written application for the Chapter FFA Degree
- Complete a minimum of 10 hours of community service activities

State FFA Degree

State FFA Degree/Lone Star Farmer Degree -- To be eligible for the State FFA Degree from the State Association, the member must meet the following minimum qualifications:

- Have received the Chapter FFA Degree.
- Have been an active FFA member for at least two years (24 months) at the time of receiving the State FFA Degree.
- Have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of at least four semesters of systematic school instruction in Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources at or above the ninth grade level, which includes a supervised agricultural experience program.
- Have earned and productively invested at least \$1,000 or worked at least 300 hours in excess of scheduled class time, or combination thereof, and have developed plans for continued growth and improvement in a supervised agricultural experience program. The combination of hours multiplied by a factor of 3.33 and dollars must exceed or equal the number 1,000.
- 5. Have demonstrated leadership ability by:
 - Performing ten procedures of parliamentary law.
 - Giving a six-minute speech on a topic relating to agriculture or the FFA.
 - Serving as an officer, committee chairperson, or participating member of a major committee.
- Have a satisfactory scholastic record as certified by the local Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources instructor and the principal or superintendent.
- Have participated in the planning and completion of the chapter program of activities.
- As of April 1, have completed ten activities above the chapter level in at least three of six different categories: leadership development events, career development events, conventions and meetings, project shows, student awards and leadership and service as described in policies adopted by the Board of Directors.
- As of April 1 of the year the member is to receive the degree, have participated in at least 25 hours of community service within at least two different community service activities. These hours are in addition to and cannot be duplicated as paid or unpaid SAE hours.

Written records of achievement of all requirements, verified by the chapter FFA advisor, shall be submitted to the State Association at least one month prior to the state FFA convention at which the State FFA Degree is to be received. The State FFA Executive Director shall provide for a review of the records and submit a recommendation to the State FFA Board of Directors, which shall nominate at the State FFA convention the candidates who have been found worth to receive the honor. The State FFA Degree will be conferred upon the candidate subject to approval by the delegates at the state convention.

“Approximate” Cost of Raising Lambs & Goats

We suggest that students raise two sheep, if the animal is going to be alone without any other livestock around, due to the fact that they will do better as pairs than as an individual animal

- Ownership deadline Month of Oct
- Entry fees..... \$ 10-20.00 per head per show (varies)
- Pen Rent \$ 100.00 deposit/\$50 small animal
- Medication program..... \$ 15.00 per head
- Tag \$ 10.00

Breeds of Sheep and Goat and Their Prices

- Medium wool class (Suffolk, Hampshire’s) \$400.00 and up
- Crossbred class \$400.00 and up
- Fine wool class \$400.00 and up
- South downs..... \$400.00 and up
- Goats \$300.00 and up

Sheep and Goats are usually purchased during the months of June, July and occasionally in August.

Estimated Cost of Owning and Raising One Sheep or Goat

Item	Amount Needed	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Animal cost	1 hd.	400.00	400.00
Feed for 8 months	750 lbs	11.50 – 15.00	337.50
Mineral – one time	50 lbs	25.00	25.00
<u>Miscellaneous Items</u>		100.00	200.00
Soap, Towels, Holding feeds and supplies, Leg Brus, Halters, Medication Program			
Cost of feeding and Purchasing (not including pen rent/deposit)			\$ 962.50

These figures are no more than approximations there are many factors that can affect the total you see here. The document is meant only to give you and your student an understanding of the investment that you are about to make.

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| Feed & additives | Feed Trough | Water Trough |
| Chain for lead – for goat only | Blanket for cold weather | Minerals |
| B complex Granules | Halter | Muzzle |
| Drench Gun | Towels | Soaps |



“Approximate” Cost of Raising Swine

Ownership deadline will be at time of validation, as stated on the Lake Travis FFA Web site under calendar.

Validation for pigs will be in month of November of each year.

- Ownership deadlineNovember – See Calendar on web Site
- Entry fees\$ 10-20 per head per show (varies on show)
- Pen rent\$ 100.00 deposit/\$50.00 rent
- Price of market show hogs.....\$ 300.00 and up per animal
- Market hogs are purchased at the end of Sept - Nov. for county and all major shows.

Cost of Owning One Market Hog For Approximately 4-5 Months

Item	Amount	Unit Price	Total Cost
Purchase Price	1 head	400.00	400.00
Feed	900 lbs	24.00 /cwt	216.00
Show Supplies			100.00
Additives	1 hog	50.00	50.00
<u>Miscellaneous Items</u>			100.00
Brush, Pig stick, Feed Trough, Coffee cans, Oils for skin and hair, Soap, misc items			
Total Cost for Year			\$866.00
Cost of feeding and Purchasing (not including pen rent/deposit)			

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“Approximate” Cost of One Steer

Steer are a very time consuming projects and should be considered a family project. A good Steer feeder will spend as much as five hours a day in time cleaning, grooming, feeding, waling and handling the animal. Please remember these animals will weigh as much as 1,500 lbs and if not halter broken and gentled they can really hurt someone. Please see the web site for the time, date and place of Validation for steers.

- Ownership deadline ----- June [Validation date on web site]
- Pen rent ----- \$100.00 Deposit/\$100.00 pen rent
- Entry fees ----- \$20.00 per head (varies per show)

Cost of Owning One Steer for one year:

Item	Amount	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Steer	1 head	1500.00	1500.00
Feed	9125 pounds	1095.00	1095.00
Hay	100 bales	800.00	800.00
Medications	1 year	100.00	100.00
Hoof Trimmings	1 year 6 times	25.00	150.00
Halter	2 kinds	50.00	50.00
Miscellaneous Items		250.00	250.00
Brushes			
Soaps			
Towels			
Show sticks			
Total Cost for the year:			\$3,945.00

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Agriculture Definitions for Lake Travis FFA



- Agriculture The art and science of crop and livestock production. In its broadest sense, agriculture comprises the entire range of technologies associated with the production of useful products from plants and animals, including soil cultivation, crop and livestock management, and the activities of processing and marketing.
- Agribusiness Has been coined to include all the technologies that mesh in the total inputs and outputs of the farming sector. In this light, agriculture encompasses the whole range of economic activities involved in manufacturing and distributing the industrial inputs used in farming; the farm production of crops, animals, and animal products; the processing of these materials into finished products; and the provision of products at a time and place demanded by consumers.
- FFA Alumni..... is a national organization with local chapters. Anyone may be a member of the alumni association. A program with an Alumni Chapter/Affiliate has the opportunity to apply for scholarships and grants that are not available with just a booster club.
- Barrow A male pig castrated before reaching sexual maturity.
- Boar A sexually mature male hog.
- Booster Club A local parent group that supports a specific program and has no national ties.
- Bovine of or pertaining to the subfamily Bovine, which includes cattle, buffalo, and kudu.
- Broiler..... market chickens weighing between 3-5 pounds.
- Buck..... mature male goat or sheep
- Bull An un-castrated male bovine.
- Cabrito a name given to describe young Spanish goats
- Capon..... Castrated male chicken
- Chapter Show A livestock show just for students in our club
- Cockrell Young male chicken
- Conditioning refers to the amount of fat that an animal has.
- Cull To select inferior animals from the herd for potential sale.
- Ewe A mature female sheep or ovine
- Feeder cattle..... Cattle past the calf stage that have weight increased making them saleable as feedlot replacements.
- FFA..... Future Farmers of America club
- Fleece The wool coat of a sheep.
- Foal A young horse of either sex, less than one year old.
- Floor Price This is market price at a livestock show
- Forage Herbaceous plants or plant parts fed to domestic animals.
- Forbs Green broadleaf weeds.
- Fryer young chicken weighing between 5 – 10 pounds
- Gelding A castrated male horse.
- Gilt Sexually mature female hog, prior to having her first litter.
- Hen Term referring to a mature female chicken for turkey
- Heifer A young female bovine.
- Lamb A young sheep, less than one year old.
- Legume A family of plants, including many valuable food and forage species, such as peas, beans, soybeans, peanuts, clovers, and alfalfas. They can convert nitrogen from the air to build up nitrogen in the soil.
- Market show A livestock show where students show animals for premium cash prizes.
- Milk Teeth Sheep, goats and steers must have their baby teeth for many shows.

Mutton Meat from sheep those are over one year old.
 Ovine pertaining or meaning sheep
 Polled (animal science) naturally hornless cattle; having no horns.
 Prospect Show A show where a student goes for practice
 Progress show Same as prospect
 Poult..... young turkey
 Pullet..... Female chicken that has started to lay eggs.
 Ram (or buck) A male sheep of any age.
 Record Book..... Records that a student will keep in class and be turned in for a grade.
 Roaster..... Chicken weighing between 10-15 lbs
 SAE Supervised Agriculture Experience, a student may have animals, plants etc. for this
 Sire The male parent. To father or become the sire of.
 Sow A sexually mature female hog, after having her first litter.
 Steer A male bovine castrated early in life, usually as a calf.
 Terminal Show A livestock show where the animal does not come home. The owner is paid a floor price
 for the animal.
 Tom Mature male turkey
 Validation The time period or day that animals for livestock show must be tagged, tattooed, and hair
 samples taken. Parent need to be present. See teacher or web site for details.
 Wether A castrated male sheep or goat.



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Permission Slip
Parent Approval

I hereby certify that my son/daughter/guardianship _____ has my approval, except as noted, to participate in official Career & Technology activities such as field trips, tours, student conventions, trips, leadership contests or other activities under the sponsorship of the Career & Technology Department.

Aware of the risks incidental to said participation, I hereby waive, release, indemnity and agree to hold harmless the LAKE TRAVIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT and its officers, employees, agents, and representatives for any and all injuries incurred by my son/daughter/guardianship in participation in and transportation to and/or from all official Career & Technology activities except those injuries arising from willful misconduct on the part of said officers, employees, agents and representatives

In the event accident, injury, or illness occurring in my absence necessitates medical attention, you are specifically authorized and given sole discretion to obtain medical attention at such place and from such person or persons as your sole judgment shall determine, and I agree to be financially responsible for the costs involved in obtaining the medical attention.

Signature Date
Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____

My son/daughter/guardianship is covered by medical insurance policy:

company policy #

My son/daughter/guardianship DOES NOT have my approval to participate in the following activities:

In the event of accident, injury or illness, certain medical information must be made available to authorized medical personnel.

Blood Type _____
Is the student allergic to any medicine? If so list them _____

Name of family physician _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Phone # _____

Address _____



APPLICATION TO OWN/WEAR A LAKE TRAVIS FFA JACKET

I understand that if I do not sign this application and follow the prescribed rules and procedures of this agreement that I will not be allowed to wear the Lake Travis FFA jacket.

To purchase a Lake Travis FFA jacket:

1. Student must be enrolled in an Agriculture Course.
2. Student must have earned the Greenhand degree.
3. Student must be a paid member of the FFA organization on all levels.

To wear a Lake Travis FFA jacket:

1. Members will wear the jacket only.
2. It should be kept clean and neat.
3. The jacket should have only a large emblem on the back and small emblem on the front; the name of the state association and the name of the local chapter on the back; and the name of the individual and one office or honor on the front.
4. The jacket should be worn on official occasion with the zipper fastened to the top. The collar should be turned down and the cuffs buttoned.
5. The FFA jacket will be worn by all officers and members on all official occasions, as well as other occasions where the chapter or state association is represented. It may be worn to school and other appropriate places.
6. The jacket shall be worn only to places that are appropriate for member to visit.
7. School letter and insignia other organizations shall not be attached to or worn on the jacket at official functions.
8. When the jacket becomes faded or worn, it should be discarded or the emblems and lettering removed.
9. The emblems and lettering should be removed if the jacket is given or sold to a non-member.
10. A member shall always act like a lady or gentleman when wearing the jacket.
11. A member shall not use tobacco or alcohol while wearing the FFA jacket or officially representing the organization.

I the undersigned understand that by signing this form, I agree to having read and know the contents of this form. I also, understand that if the signed student violates these rules that the jacket may be taken up by the Agriculture Science Instructor and not returned until the end of the year or until such time as the student and instructor have come to an agreement.

Signature of parent: _____

Date: _____

Signature of student: _____

Date: _____



STOCK SHOW POLICIES:



To show under the Lake Travis FFA you must be:

1. Enrolled in Agriculture Science class/classes at Lake Travis High School. A student must be enrolled in at least one class per year. We require that they be enrolled both semesters to avoid problems with missed show cards and entry dead line. Exception to this would be a student who can show proof of a scheduling conflict. Proof would be a letter from one of the school counselor's shows that a student has to have a class to graduate.
2. A member of the FFA at all levels and a member in good standing as outlined in the local constitution. ***On record as having attended all meetings prior to the date of the show. Travis County Youth Show Rules require that all exhibitors be in "good standing" with their FFA Chapter. Good Standing means that a youth participant must have met the attendance requirement of attending 50% of the organizations meetings between the months of August through December. Ag Science teachers and CEAs will certify eligibility off all of the chapter/club exhibitors by January 9, 2014. The October and November meetings are the meeting that all students must attend without fail due to the importance of livestock show entries.***
3. ***A junior member you must begin attending meeting as of September to eligible to show. They may not miss any meetings and parents must be members of the alumni/booster club association. This is to prevent miss understandings and missed deadlines.***
4. All UIL rules and School rules apply to showing livestock and participating in contest.
5. Students will keep their livestock projects on the School farm, at home or approved locations within the confines of Lake Travis ISD.
6. We do not allow professional fitter to handle or fits at Lake Travis High School. To do so will result in the Teachers of Lake Travis FFA Chapter pulling your entry for the show(s) that you are entered in.
7. Student, parent, teacher or any one you wish to help in the selection may do selection of animals.
8. The uses of drugs prohibit by the USDA and FDA will not be tolerated. As teachers we are required to report any misuse of drugs.
9. All animals must be validated according to the state validation rules

Any student who is removed from Lake Travis High School by the district/administration and is dropped from the role will no longer be eligible to show their livestock or youth fair projects at any show under the Lake Travis FFA name.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SCIENCE

Lake Travis Agriculture Science Department

CONDUCT POLICY FOR FIELD TRIPS:

1. Be sure of where you are going.
2. Students will ride in the school vehicles and not in personal vehicles.
3. Be sure that all necessary equipment that you are responsible for is ready and loaded.
4. Be orderly while selecting a vehicle to ride in.
5. If necessary, change into old clothes before leaving.
6. No horseplay in vehicles.
7. Be sure to close all gates.
8. Do not climb over fences if you can help it.
9. Stay in a group and pay attention.
10. Listen to what is being said - Do not talk while a point is being explained.
11. No horseplay on field trips.
12. Respect other people's property.
13. Be sure to thank the person who has shown you around.
14. No use of tobacco or alcohol. All school rules apply.

**** Any misconduct in the classroom, lab, or on a field trip will be dealt with accordingly.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____



FFA Jacket Order Form



Rule to order an FFA Jacket:

- Student must earn Greenhand FFA Degree
- Get Approval from parents
- Get Approval from teacher
- Fill out both forms and present to teachers.
- Have a check made out to Lake Travis FFA
- Special Order Jacket will cost more. See teachers if you need a special jacket.

Jacket style Boys or Girls	Number needed	Name on Jacket <i>(Print name)</i>	Unit cost \$55.00	Total Cost
			Total	

Other Items student may want:

Cat. Number	Amount	Description	Unit Price	Total Price
GS-2		Girls Scarf	10.00	
404		Boys Tie	12.50	
			Total	

For faster orders and Credit Card purchases of the “OFFICIAL FFA JACKETS” can be purchased on-line at www.ffa.org (shop FFA). Our Chapter # is TX 0974.

Lake Travis FFA Animal Project Center
CONTRACT for USE
2013-2014

These rules are subject to change at anytime:

1. **FACILITY USE** – The Lake Travis FFA Animal Project Center, also known as the Ag Center is for use of FFA members to provide housing and care of their respective FFA livestock projects. All rules and procedures governing the Project Center are outline as follows.
2. **PEN RENTAL** - \$50 per project excluding cattle. Cattle will be \$100 per project shall be made out to Lake Travis FFA, before receiving an animal or intent to raise an animal. This lease will terminate two week after the closing date of the target show for each individual animal, unless other arrangements are made with the Ag Science Teacher(s). Target show means the terminal show the animal is entered in (including the Travis County Youth Show).
3. **PEN DEPOSIT** – A deposit of \$100 must be paid for a member to be in “good standing” and participate in any/all livestock shows. The deposit will be returned when the contract has been terminated AND CLEANED when deemed acceptable by the Ag Science instructors.
4. **PEN ASSIGNMENTS** – The pens will be a first come first served basis. The assignments will not be changed without Ag teacher approval.
5. **FEEDING HOURS** – Animals are to be fed between the hours of 6:00 am to 10:00 pm Monday – Sunday. The Ag Science Teachers(s) must approve any alteration of feeding times. This is for the safety of all involved.
6. **MEDICATION** - Monthly vaccinations to maintain general health, such as de-wormers, vitamins and other medications will be administered under the supervision of the Ag Science Teacher(s) by the students enrolled in animal related courses. Any other medication administered by the student, parent or any other individual must be with the consent of a veterinarian and/or the Ag Science Teacher. The Teachers are responsible for signing livestock entries at shows verifying ethical practices, so they must be kept aware of any and ALL medication used on livestock for any reason.
7. **ANIMAL AND PEN CARE** – Animals must be fed and watered 2 times per day unless otherwise instructed. Animal pens must be cleaned and maintained daily. Each student must provide a 5 gallon bucket (for each animal) with their name on it and a bungee cord to secure it to the front of their pen. These buckets will be the only item used for manure removal. The buckets will be dumped after each cleaning. No waste will be kept in the barns at any time for any animal.
8. **MAINTENANCE** – Each student will be assigned one full (7day) week for barn maintenance. This will include emptying the trash, sweeping the aisles and cleaning the feed rooms.

9. **NEGLECTED ANIMALS** – Any animal neglected, abandoned, or abused will be removed from the barn and be charged a \$100 hauling/handling fee to deliver the animal to the nearest Auction Barn. Removal of an animal will occur after one written notification from the Ag Science Teacher(s). Removal of animals from the barn forfeits any further use of facilities.

10. **PARKING** – Each student will be issued 1 parking access tag for the Ag Facility. The tag will be checked out through the Lake Travis High School office. At the end of the school year, the parking tags will be turned in to the LTHS parking coordinator. Lost, stolen or non-returned tags will be assessed a \$10 fee. Designated areas will be provided for student / parent parking, any student / parent caught speeding, driving recklessly; spinning tires in the gravel or driving in unauthorized areas (including grassy or muddy areas) will be subject to disciplinary action.

11. **INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR** – Anyone abusing any person, animal or property will be required to remove their animals from the barn and forfeit future use of all Ag facilities. An individual that harms any animal will be held liable. Students are expected to act in a professional manner at all times at the agriculture facility. Any student serving an assignment in an AEP or a suspension will not be allowed to enter the Ag facility. There will be no consumption or possession of any type of drug, alcohol or tobacco related products on the premises. **NO LOUD MUSIC WILL BE TOLERATED!**

12. **PERSONAL PROPERTY** – Personal property (such as halters, buckets, show sticks, etc) stored at the barn is not available for public use unless you have obtained permission from the owner of said property. “IF it is not yours, leave it alone.” Lake Travis ISD and its employees are not responsible for theft or damage of any personal items.

13. **PROBLEMS** – ANYONE AWARE OF DAMAGE OR A PROBLEM AT THE BARN IS OBLIGATED TO REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO THE AG TEACHER OR THE POSTED PHONE NUMBER PROVIDED IN THE BARNS. This includes but is not limited to broken water lines, electrical problems, panels, etc.

14. **ABANDONED EQUIPMENT** – Any feed cans, feeders, buckets, show boxes, etc, that are not removed for the Ag barn within (30) days after the Star of Texas Show, will become the property of the FFA Chapter.

15. **FITTING** – All projects will be fitted by students, Ag teachers, parents and/or guardians only. Projects that have to be professionally fitted will need to make arrangements to show through the 4H. Such projects shall not be housed at the Ag barn.

16. **ILLEGAL DRUGS AND ANIMALS** – Any student and or family using illegal drugs on animals will be removed from the program.

17. **PEN MODIFICATION** – No modifications will be made on the pen without the consent of the Ag teacher. All modifications will be done at the student’s expense, unless deemed otherwise by the Ag teacher. In cases where common fence separates two or more student’s pens, all students involved will be considered responsible for any necessary repair.

18. **ANIMAL HOUSING** – Animals will be housed at the Lake Travis FFA Animal Project Center or the student’s home. Any exceptions to housing of animals require permission of the Ag teacher. Ag teachers will not supervise projects outside of the Lake Travis ISD without special conditions and permission of the administration of LTISD and Travis County Youth Show Executive Committee.
19. **RECORD SYSTEM** – All animal projects housed at the barn (including breeding animals) will have current records maintained by the exhibitor as a part of the FFA Supervised Agriculture Experience Program. Record book materials will be supplied by the Ag Teachers, along with proper training and will include expense, income, medication and activities pertaining to the animal project. Such records justify the need for use of the school facility for privately owned livestock.
20. **BREEDING ANIMALS** – As per rule #19, any breeding animals housed at the Ag barn must serve the exhibitor in some pursuit of FFA Proficiency Award to be eligible for current stock shows. The Ag Center is provided by the school as a livestock project facility for active FFA members engaging in productive enterprises.
21. **GATES** – All gates should remain closed at all times to protect animals from fleeing the Ag Complex.
22. **FREE ROAMING ANIMALS** – There may be no free-roaming livestock at the facility.
23. **FEED STORAGE** – Livestock, feed and tack should be kept in the assigned feed storage area. It should be kept in a dry, varmint-proof container that will keep feed fresh for consumption. Feed sacks that are emptied will be promptly placed in trashcans or a dumpster at the facility. Any old or spoiled feed will be discarded and not poured onto the ground. All tack is to be labeled by the student.
24. **PETS** – No pets or other animals may be brought to the facility unless they serve a specific purpose in the livestock enterprise (i.e. exercise dog for lambs/goats). Any such exercise dogs must be restrained and not come into contact with exhibitors or livestock other than that of the owner. These dogs must have current vaccinations and be tagged with such information. Any damage caused by such dogs will be the financial responsibility of the owner of that dog.
25. **AG FACILITY “CLEAN-UP” DAY** – The appearance of the agriculture facility is a priority; there will be periodic “Ag-facility clean-ups” which are mandatory for students with animal projects housed at the agriculture facility. If a student is unable to attend for any reason, they are responsible for finding a suitable replacement.
26. **AG SCIENCE TEACHER(S) USE of ANIMALS** - Student projects may be used by the Ag teacher for livestock judging practice or to teach skills such as weighing, leading or vaccination.

27. **PROBLEMS AND CHAIN OF COMMAND** – When a problem or concern arises, the best way to resolve it is by following a set of “chain-of-commands”. Always begin with the Ag teacher, Administrative Liaison, Principal, Central Office.

28. **FAILURE TO ADHERE AND ABIDE BY THE ABOVE PROVISIONS AND ALL LTISD RULES AND STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT, WILL CONSTITUTE BREACH OF CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE THE AG SCIENCE TEACHER(S) TO ASSESS A \$100 HAULING/HANDLING FEE TO DELIVER THE ANIMAL TO THE NEAREST AUCTION BARN, THE PROCEEDS FROM THE AUCTION BARN WILL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE FFA ACTIVITY ACCOUNT AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED.**

**Lake Travis Animal Project Center
Contract for Use
2013-2014**

- I have read and agree to abide by the Lake Travis Ag Farm rules outlined for the 2013-2014 school year.
- I understand that I am responsible for my actions at the facility.
- I will maintain a positive and cooperative working attitude with Ag teachers, LTISD staff and other barn members at all times.

Student Signature

Date

Print Student Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Print Parent/ Guardian Name

Insurance Information

Print Student Name

Policy # and or Group #

Print Insured's Name

Family Physician and phone number

Insurance Company

Insurance 24 hour phone number

Please indicate species and quantity:

Steer	Lamb	Goat	Pig