

Foster FFA Information Booklet



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FOSTER HIGH SCHOOL FFA



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Parliamentarian: Grant Hammons

Vice President: Savannah Melendez

Reporter: Myra Campbell

Historian: Kinley Rohan

Secretary: Hannah Funderburk

Sentinel: Brenna Hill

Chaplain: Blake Hacker

Student Advisor: Hill Fiser

FOSTER FFA CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

The Foster FFA Constitution and Bylaws are available on the bottom of the main page of the Foster FFA website @ FosterFFA.ffanow.org

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

How do I become a member? Get a membership form from an Ag Teacher or online on the website, fill it out, pay your dues, and turn in money and form to an AG Teacher before the deadline. A membership form MUST be completed each school year.

NEW: All 8th- 12th grade members need to purchase a FFA Jacket, you will be sized by an Ag Teacher and then it is your responsibility to order it. A Direction sheet with your size will be given to you.

What exactly can I participate in?

JR. FFA Members- Must be at least 8 years old and in the 3rd Grade

- Pay Jr. FFA Dues- \$20.00
- Attend Monthly Meetings (2nd Monday of each Month- 6:30PM Pot Luck, Meeting at 7PM)
- Help with Foster FFA Community Service Projects
- Help with major fundraisers (Progress Show, Program Sales, Corn Hole, Meat & Fruit, Cornhole, Fishing Tournament, Skeet Shoot, Etc.)
- Raise animals and exhibit for the county fair and Major Stock Shows
- Must be a student at a school that will go to Foster HS.

8th Grade FFA Members at Briscoe- MUST be enrolled in the Principles of Ag course

- Pay Dues- \$30.00
- Attend Monthly Meetings (2nd Monday of each Month- 6:30PM Pot Luck, Meeting at 7PM)
- Help with Foster FFA Community Service Projects
- Help with major fundraisers (Progress Show, Program Sales, Corn Hole, Meat & Fruit, Cornhole, Fishing Tournament, Skeet Shoot, Etc.)
- Raise animals and exhibit for the county fair and Major Stock Shows
- Participate in Foster FFA Community Service Projects
- Begin receiving points for Booster Club Scholarship
- Train and Compete on LDE, CDE, and SDE teams
- Order FFA jacket
- Begin receiving points for Booster Club Scholarship

9th -12th Grade FFA Members at Foster- MUST be enrolled in Ag course

- Pay Dues- \$30.00
- Attend Monthly Meetings (2nd Monday of each Month- 6:30PM Pot Luck, Meeting at 7PM)
- Help with Foster FFA Community Service Projects
- Help with major fundraisers (Progress Show, Program Sales, Corn Hole, Meat & Fruit, Cornhole, Fishing Tournament, Skeet Shoot, Etc.)
- Raise animals and exhibit for the county fair and Major Stock Shows
- Participate in Foster FFA Community Service Projects
- Train and Compete on LDE, CDE, and SDE teams
- Begin receiving points for Booster Club Scholarship
- Run for Chapter Officer Position
- Order FFA Jacket
- Apply for Lonestar Degree after 3rd year in Ag course and FFA membership

Collegiate FFA Members

- Attend Monthly Meetings (2nd Monday of each Month- 6:30PM Pot Luck, Meeting at 7PM)
- Help with Foster FFA Community Service Projects
- Help with major fundraisers (Progress Show, Program Sales, Corn Hole, Meat & Fruit, Cornhole, Fishing Tournament, Skeet Shoot, Etc.)
- Participate in Foster FFA Community Service Projects
- Maintain an Active SAE
- Apply for American FFA Degree 12 months after high school graduation

Booster Club Membership

The Foster FFA Booster Club purpose is to provide scholarships for selected senior chapter members who wish to further their education, to promote community awareness of and to seek support for the youth of the Foster FFA Chapter, and to help the Foster FFA Chapter members. To join the Foster FFA Booster club please fill out a membership form that can be found on our website and turn it in to a Booster Board Officer or an Ag teacher. Then attend monthly FFA meetings, participate/volunteer in Booster Club fundraisers, and help find sponsors/donors. Membership is open to ALL parents, grandparents, guardians, friends. Booster Club Membership is annual, \$20.00, and your student receives points for you being a member.

FFA T-SHIRTS & PARAPHERNALIA

Memberships dues does **NOT** include a chapter t-shirt. If you would like to purchase a Chapter FFA t-shirt you must do so during the announced times that the stores are open. There will be one purchase period during Summer and one in the Fall Semester. In addition to Chapter T-shirts, the Chapter offers various other Apparel throughout the year such as: sweatshirts, hats, pullovers, windbreakers, and Show Team shirts in the Fall for County Fair & in Spring for the Major Stock Shows as Spirit Shirts for our Show Team.

OFFICER TEAM & ELECTION PROCESS

The Foster FFA officer team is comprised of 10 positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, Student Advisor, Parliamentarian, Historian, and Chaplain. The Officers are overseen and advised by the Lead Ag Teacher who works closely with them to prepare items for meetings, banquets, events, etc. Each Officer has specific duties that they are to prepare/complete but are not limited to as they take on other duties as they arise.

Officer Duties

President- preside over meetings, work with the Advisor, check in on officers and committee chairs, communicate with all officers and help assist where needed.

Vice President- Assist the President, be a keeper of all committees reports and list of all committeeman, keep reports of the committees, Assist other officer with duties

Secretary- Creates and uploads the Agenda and minutes of all meetings (includes the PowerPoint, sign in sheet), take notes at all meetings, update classroom FFA calendars (in rooms that have them)

Treasurer- Help ensure that all members are paid in full, assisting the advisors in updating the FFA Roster online. Monthly update on account at meetings

Reporter- Monthly Flyer/broadcast about what the chapter has done throughout the month. Assist in taking photos at events, updating flyers/ materials in the Ag Hallway

Sentinel- Make sure that the meeting room is ready for all meetings, the Potluck dinner tub is in the cafeteria, and that officers are stationed properly in the meeting room/ banquet hall

Student Advisor- Check in with all advisors and assist where needed, be on a chapter committee

Parliamentarian- Assist any officer with duties, step in when an officer is absent from a meeting, be on a committee

Historian- Assist in taking photos with the Reporter at events, create the chapter scrapbook, posters/flyers in the hallway

Chaplain- Give the invocation at meetings/events/banquets, assist any other officer with duties, be on a committee, and help coordinate community service events

Election Process

The Foster FFA Officer team is selected in a three-step process that is headed by the Lead Ag Teacher with the assistance of the 2nd Ag Teacher. Any member is able to nominate a candidate during the nomination period that meets the following criteria: is currently in the 9th-11th grade and is a member in good standing.

At the conclusion of the nomination period the Lead ag teacher will gain written acceptance from the Nominated Candidates. Once a completed candidate list is created the Lead Advisor hosts a meeting with all Candidates, hands out the Officer Handbook and Election Process packet, goes over study materials (only categories of areas that are on the test are given), due dates, and gives the chance for candidates to ask questions.

All officer Expectations, Expenses, duties, and responsibilities are outlined in the Officer Handbook and Election Process.

Step 1: Turn in the Expectations sign sheets and Complete the Officer Test. The test is graded for a 100 point scale and then given a multiplier of 5 for a max score of 500 (this makes it equivalent to 1 interview score).

Step 2: Officer Interview. Interviews are conducted by 2-3 outside individuals. Each Interviewer will score the candidate based on a interview rubric that is used in the FFA Organization that gives a total of 500 pts/ interviewer. Total score available is dependent upon the amount of interviewers.

At this time, the test score and interview scores will be tabulated and checked by the Lead Advisor and 2nd Ag Teacher. At which time, once scores have been verified, a sealed letter will be given to each candidate to let them know if they made the ballot or not.

Step 3: Members will then complete their ballot at the April FFA meeting. Only 8th-11th grade members are able to cast a ballot. Each member will choose their

presidential candidate and rank the remaining 9 candidates from 9-1 based on their leadership and officer abilities at the opinion of the member.

After the Meeting all ballots are placed into the official document to calculate points given to each candidate, ballot scores are then added to the Test and Interview scores to give a total score that then gives the officer position they have earned. In the event, that a non-presidential candidate is the highest scoring candidate, the highest scoring Presidential candidate is the President and then the candidates fall in order after.

Breakdown of Scoring:

Test Score x 5=possible 500pts

Interview 1= possible 500pts

Interview 2= possible 500 pts

Ballots = determined by number of ballots and pts given

TOTAL= gives rank of positions

FOSTER FFA PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

AUGUST

- 4th- Fort Bend County Roaster Pick Up; Time & Location TBA
- 14th- First Day of School,
 - FFA Meeting 6:30PM Potluck, 7PM Booster & Student Meeting
 - Fort Bend County Rabbit Tattoo & Tag in Time & Location TBA
- 18th- Fort Bend County Broiler Pick Up; Time & Location TBA
 - FFA Day on Campus, Launch Membership 23-24 Year
- 22nd - New member Meeting/Interest Meeting 6:30PM FHS Cafeteria
- TBA Rabbit Pick up from Breeder

SEPTEMBER

- 9th- Southwest Greenhand Camp @ Brazoswood High School from 9AM-2PM
- 11th- FFA Meeting 6:30PM Potluck, 7PM Booster & Student Meeting
 - Membership Dues and Forms are Due by end of FFA meeting to an Ag teacher
 - LDE Sign Up @ Meeting (8th-12th Grade Members)
 - Kick off Fall Chapter Fundraiser- Seitz
- 16th-Area III Greenhand Camp Location TBA
- 23rd- Fort Bend County Fair Registered Heifer Show @ 10AM
- 28th - Fort Bend County Fair Turkey Unload @ 5:30PM; Check In 6PM; Show @7PM
 - Move in Market Steers @ 4PM; Check in & Classify from 6-7PM
 - Move in Market Goats @4PM & Check in from 6-7PM
- 29th - Fair Day (No School)
 - Market Rabbit Unload start @6:30PM; Show @8AM
 - Market Goat Show @6PM
- 30th- Fort Bend County Fair Broiler Unload 7:30PM; Check In from 8-9AM; Show 9AM
 - Move In Market Swine from 6-8AM; Check in & weigh from 8AM-Call Time
 - Market Steer Show 6:30PM
- TBA Major Show Barn Request- Microsoft Form
- TBA Major Show Meeting
- TBA Barn Request for Major Swine, Sheep, Goats, & All Poultry, County Steers 2024

OCTOBER

- 1st - Fort Bend County Fair Swine Show 2PM
 - Move in Scramble Heifers 8:30AM; Check in from 10:30-11:30AM
 - Shear Sheep (Time is TBA)
- 2nd – Fort Bend County Ag Mechanics Show TBA
 - Fort Bend County Fair Roaster Unload 6:30PM; Check in 7-8PM; Show 8PM
 - Move in & Unload Market Lambs 4PM; Check in from 6-7PM
- 3rd- Fort Bend County Fair Sheep Show 6:30PM
- 4th- Fort Bend County Fair Scramble Heifer Show 7PM
- 5th- Fort Bend County Fair Live Auction 7PM

- 7th- Fort Bend County Fair Freezer Sale 12:30PM
 - Fort Bend County Livestock Judging Registration 7-7:45AM; Orientation 7:45-8AM; Contest 8AM
- 8th- Fort Bend County Fair Check Out
- 10th- Annual Student Fundraiser DUE- Seitz
- 16th - FFA Meeting 6:30PM Potluck, 7PM Booster & Student Meeting
- TBA-Heifer Validation
- TBA-Lamb/Goat Validation
- TBA- Major Show Broiler orders DUE
- LDE team Practices continue

NOVEMBER

- 1st- all Registered animals must be in the students name
- 4th -Southwest District LDE Contest @Randle High School
- 8th- Fort Worth Major Stock Show Entries DUE to Ms. Kizziah (DEADLINE)
- 13th - FFA Meeting 6:30PM Potluck, 7PM Booster & Student Meeting
 - Potluck will be Thanksgiving Theme (specific details TBA)
 - San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, & Rodeo Austin Entries DUE with Payment to Ms. Kizziah! (DEADLINE)
- 15th- Area III LDE Contest Location TBA
- TBA- Major Livestock Show entries DUE
- TBA- Fundraiser Delivered- MUST BE PICKED UP THAT DAY!

DECEMBER

- 1st & 2nd – State LDE Contest @ Sam Houston State University
- 11th - FFA Meeting 6:30PM Potluck, 7PM Booster & Student Meeting
- TBA- Community Service Event
- TBA- CDE Team Launch and practices start

JANUARY

- 8th- FFA Meeting 6:30PM Potluck, 7PM Booster & Student Meeting
- 12th-Feb.4th- Fort Worth Stock Show (Specific details on each area of participation TBA)
- TBA- Broiler Delivery for HLSR
- TBA- CDE invitational contests & practices continue

FEBURARY

- 8th-25th- San Antonio Show and Rodeo
 - Jr. Purebred & Cross Gilts Feb. 6th-8th
 - Jr. Market Poultry Feb.7th
 - Jr. Market Goats Feb. 12th-13th
 - Jr. Market Sheep Feb. 12th-14th
 - Jr. Breeding Beef Heifers (American Wave) Feb.12th-13th
 - Jr. Market Barrows Feb. 16th-22nd
 - Jr. Market Steers Feb.19th-23rd
 - Jr. Ag Mechanics Show Feb. 23rd-25th

- Other Contest in Conjunction with San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo TBA
- 26th -Monthly FFA Meeting (potluck at 6:30PM @ Foster HS Cafeteria, 7PM meeting)
- 19th -23rd - FFA Week (Specific Details to come)
- TBA- Invitational CDE Contests & practices continue
- TBA- Barn Requests for County Swine, Sheep, Goats, Turkeys, Broilers, Roasters, & Replacement Heifers, Major 2024 Steers

MARCH

- Feb.27th-17th – Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
 - Jr. Breeding Gilts Feb.29th-March 1st
 - Jr. Breeding Beef Heifers March 4th-6th
 - Jr. Market Lamb & Goats March 5th-7th
 - Jr. Market Poultry March 7th (back at NRG Arena)
 - Jr. Market Barrow March 9th-14th
 - Jr. Market Steer March 10th-15th
 - Other Contest & Events in Conjunction with Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo TBA
- 1st -23rd -Rodeo Austin
 - Jr. Ag Mechanics March 1st-2nd
 - Jr. Market Steers March 7th-9th
 - Jr. Market Poultry March 11th
 - Jr. Market Lamb & Goats March 14th-15th
 - Jr. Market Barrows March 16th-18th
 - Livestock Judging Contest March 19th
 - Jr. Breeding Beef Heifers (American) March 20-21st
- 18th-Monthly FFA Meeting (potluck at 6:30PM @ Foster HS Cafeteria, 7PM meeting)
 - Nominations for 2024-2025 Officer Elections OPEN
- 25th-Nominations for 2024-2025 Officer Elections CLOSE
- 26th- Officer Candidate Acceptance/Denial
- TBA-Officer Candidate Meeting
- TBA- CDE contests & practices continue
- TBA- County Stall Request for Swine, Sheep, Goats, Broilers, & Roasters
- TBA- County Market Steer Tag-In

APRIL

- 1st-5th - Officer Election Process (Test & Interview) Specific days TBA
- 8th-Monthly FFA Meeting (potluck at 6:30PM @ Foster HS Cafeteria, 7PM meeting)
 - Officer Elections (all 8th-11th grade members to be in attendance)
- 14th- Pictures for FFA Slideshow & Scrapbook are DUE
- 18th - End of the Year Banquet, location TBA, 6PM dinner, 7PM Banquet
- 22nd- Southwest District FFA Speaking Development Events & Convention
- TBA- Area CDE Contest
- TBA- State CDE Contest
- TBA- Degree Check- Lonestar & American Degrees
- TBA- Fort Bend County Turkey Orders DUE

MAY

- 8th- Area III Officer Election Process
- 9th- Area III Speaking Development Events Contest
- 10th- Area III Convention
- TBA- All swine, sheep, and goat projects must be talked about with Ms. Kizziah
- TBA- Broiler and Roaster Orders DUE for County Fair
- TBA-County Replacement Heifer & Pen of 2 Tag- In

JUNE

- 10th - Monthly meeting 6PM, NO POTLUCK!
- TBA- County Turkeys Arrive

JULY

- 8th - monthly FFA meeting
- TBA-State Convention @ Houston, Texas
- TBA- Foster Progress Show
- 13th -Swine, Sheep, & Goat Tag in for County Fair
- TBA- Other Progress Shows

**** This is a tentative schedule of events for the year. Events may be added or deleted as the year goes on****

** Note that the February and March Meetings are not on the 2nd Monday month Due to stock shows.

FOSTER FFA DRESS CODE

Official Dress:

- Ladies- Black Skirt- must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee, straight, no high slits (this is not negotiable), White Button-Down Shirt, FFA Scarf, Black Hosiery, black heels (close-toed & close heel), FFA Jacket.
- Men- Black slacks, Black Dress Shoes or Boots, black socks, white button-down shirt, FFA Tie, and FFA Jacket

Conferences/Conventions/Contest/Camps/Shows: Different events entail different dress codes.

- Conferences & Conventions, LDE Contest (except for Skills Demonstration), Speaking Contest, HLSR Program Sales, & HLSR Tour Guiding all Required Official Dress as outlined above.
- CDE Contest is jeans with no holes, close toe shoes, and a collared shirt (except for Vet Med CDE)
- If a student is attending a camp or show where there is not a set dress code or attire, the Ag Teachers will give directions on the appropriate attire. Shorts are to be mid- thigh in length(no 2 inch inseam, must be longer), no tank tops, and appropriate shoe attire for the event.

Show Arena/Exhibiting Livestock: When you are exhibiting livestock at shows check for a dress code standard.

- Fort Bend County Fair has strict show dress code that is outline in the Rules
- For any show that does not have a dress code (EX: major stock shows) you should be dressed as follows: Jeans (no holes), long sleeve button down collared shirt, boots, facial hair to be trimmed, and hair out of your face.
- Prior to show time & after show normal FFA dress code applies as you are still representing your Chapter.

Fundraisers:

- Foster FFA Progress Show: All volunteers are to wear a Foster FFA shirt, jeans, and close toe shoes. If you do not have a Foster FFA shirt, we ask that you wear a Foster HS or Gold track shirt. (Includes Parents & Volunteers)
- All other Booster Club Fundraisers: A Foster FFA shirt should always be worn with appropriate shoes. If shorts are appropriate for the event the same standards outlined previously stand and we ask parents/volunteers to be modest.

AGRICULTURE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The FFA promotes and awards academic excellence. Seniors may apply for Scholarships through the FFA organization.

FOSTER FFA BOOSTER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP- Awarded to Seniors who are active members of the FFA. They must have been turning in point sheets monthly during their years of membership and complete an application. Points Sheets **MUST** be submitted each month to earn points. The application must be turned in to the designated Booster Club Officer by the deadline with **NO EXCEPTIONS**. A copy of the point sheet can be found online at the Foster FFA website or in any of the Ag Classrooms/ Ag Advisors.

FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR SCHOLARSHIP- The Fort Bend County Fair Association annually gives out scholarships to seniors and College Freshman. You must fill out the application, write an essay, letters of recommendation, and turn in by the deadline to the Fair Office.

TEXAS FFA SCHOLARSHIP- Must be completed through the AET record book system with their Ag teacher. It will be submitted at District Degree Check in April.

NATIONAL FFA SCHOLARSHIP- Account and Application can be created with an Ag teacher, must be filled out online, submitted in February.

There are numerous other entities that have scholarships available:

- Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
- Cattlemen's Association
- Farm Bureau
- Sunglo
- Sullivans Show Supply
- ETC.

SUPERVISED AGRICULTURE EXPERIENCE

What is an SAE?

A supervised agriculture experience or SAE are planned activities conducted outside of the classroom in which urban, suburban, and rural students develop and apply agriculture knowledge and skills learned during class. SAEP activities may be entrepreneurship (ownership), paid or unpaid placement, research or experimentation, communication, improvement, or simply “exploratory” activities. SAEP’s are the students foundation for advancing knowledge of agriculture, entering a career in agriculture, and attaining FFA Degrees and awards.

SAEP- SUPERVISED AGRICULTURE EDUCATION PROGRAM PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS

The SAE program is critical part of the Ag Education program at Foster High School and the FFA organization. Students may choose to begin their SAEP project as early as May 1st of the previous year in order to ensure that the mandated 150 hours of approved agriculture related work is completed. Agriculture Science teachers may begin visits over the summer to assist students with projects and monitor the quality of the project chosen. Some students do more than one SAEP. One or two good projects are recommended.

Upper level students may complete an SAEP proficiency award application. This is an application through the state and national ffa associations. For more information about proficiency awards and applications, go to ffa.org.

The SAEP is related to the total Agri-science and natural resources program. The agriculture science experience encompasses three major areas: leadership development, classroom/lab activities, and Supervised Experiences. Students develop record-keeping skills, such as accounting and balance sheets. Students acquire an understanding of the economic forces of the marketplace and develop entrepreneurship skills.

Before selecting and starting a SAEP, students and parents need to consider the following:

- His/her individual interest
- How will the project be financed?
- Does the project have a profit potential?
- Are facilities available adequate for undertaking the project?
- How will the student market the project?
- What problems may be encountered in selecting this project?
- What types of specific needs, if any, will the project require?
- How does this project relate to the students career interest?
- The instructor “helps” the student get started with the SAEP.
- List and describe the types of SAE’s that are feasible in your community.
- Create a sample budget of the actual student project.
- The student must complete the SAE plan.
- Students are responsible for completing information in record books.
- Students should complete their long- range SAE plan sometime during their first agriscience class.

*** Please note that just because a member has an item/animal/project as a SAE it does not guarantee it is approved for excused absences from school to participate and or outside support from Advisors***

Students will record ALL SAE records in their online record book at www.THEAET.com. They will gain log in information from their Ag Science instructor. Books should be maintained and kept up to date.

LIVESTOCK

The Foster FFA is highly involved in raising and exhibiting livestock for the Fort Bend County Fair and Major Livestock Shows in Texas. To be an exhibitor and show under the Foster FFA a member must be in good standing, passing all classes, and be an active member in the chapter. All Exhibitors are to have a valid Quality Counts number associated with their proper age bracket.

Throughout the year we exhibit different animals at different shows. Outlined below are the species allowed for Foster FFA at each Show.

Fort Bend County Fair:

- Market Steer
- Scramble Heifer
- Replacement Halter Heifer & Pen of 2
- Market Lambs
- Market Goats
- Market Swine
- Poultry: Broilers, Roasters, and Turkeys
- Market Rabbits

During County fair, all students are responsible for the cost associated with their animals, care of animals, and maintaining records. It is the responsibility of exhibitor to ensure all documentation, vaccines, and entries are completed and handled. They are to know where to find the rules and regulations for the County Fair, have read them, and understand due dates.

Major Livestock Shows:

The Advisors have the right to alter the shows that the chapter is attending year to year based on the amount of days available for travel and interest of members. There may come instances when students will be sent to a major show under the supervision with an Advisor from another chapter within LCISD. In the Spring, Exhibitors are responsible for completing all major entry forms, Indemnity forms, and W-9's associated with shows that they are entering. Forms must be turned in with payment to the Ag Teacher by given Deadlines. If a situation arises where payment cannot be made in full, those are special circumstances that need to be discussed with the Lead Ag Teacher prior to the due date.

Species that stand at each show are outlined below:

Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo- Registered Junior Heifers

San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo- Registered Junior Heifers, Swine, other that are possible lamb, goat, and poultry.

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo- Registered Junior Heifers, Swine, Poultry, Steer, Lamb and Goat

Rodeo Austin- Registered Junior Heifer

NEW Starting 2023-2024 school year, the Foster FFA will not be supporting Animals showing at the San Angelo stock show and Rodeo. The Foster FFA will not be supporting State Fair of Texas or HOT fair after the 2023 fall season.

*** Other species are subject to occur at a approved listed show, but is dependent on Advisor days, number of students involved, and approval by District CTE Administration

Health of Animals:

It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to pay for all Health associated fees for their animal. Since the new law passing all medications must be advised and dosage given for each animal. In the instance that an animal must go to the vet, the exhibitor is responsible for the vet bill. The Chapter's Vet is Wharton Veterinary Clinic in Wharton, Texas or West Columbia Animal Hospital (these two places are owned and operated by the same vet staff) we have a relationship built with the Vet's at these locations and have an account for the Chapter.

Heifers & Gilts: In the spring, the Heifers & Gilts on the Show team must be seen by the vet for Health Papers to travel and attend the Texas Majors. The Ag teachers will set up the Vet appointment, haul to the vet, and obtain one bill. The bill will then be split up between all exhibitors (per species) and be paid to the Chapter who will then pay the Vet in full. (This makes the cost for major health papers cheaper, than each individually obtaining health papers).

SUPPLIES:

The supplies needed for each species varies as well as between each project. A basic supply list will be given upon request per species. Listed below is a general list of supplies that are provided by the Chapter.

- Blower- for shows the chapter is attending
- Transportation to shows approved by the chapter
- Clippers and blades
- Trim chute & stands
- Various other items based per species.

Purchasing Process:

When the time comes to purchase livestock animals for the Fort Bend County Fair or Major Stock Shows emails will be sent out with pertinent information. In these emails it will state if you need assistance in locating, selecting, and purchasing your animal, if this is support that is needed you will need to communicate that to the Ag Teachers. When communicating with Ag Teachers please make sure that you have a price range in mind that you want to stay in.

Quality Counts Verification

Required for all Texas Major Livestock Shows & Fort Bend County Fair

This online course and verification process requires all junior exhibitors to pass an online test that measures their knowledge on quality assurance and character education content items. Youth are able to go online to take the test and become verified. A 6-digit verification number that will be required on all livestock entry forms.

Grade Brackets: Junior (Grades 3-5) Intermediate (Grades 6-8) Senior (Grades 9-12)

When the time comes for your student to take the Quality Counts course step by step directions will be emailed or a paper copy will be given to you.

*** if you have any questions about the Quality Counts course reach out to Ms. Kizziah and she can assist you with the course***

LDE/CDE TEAMS

The Foster FFA competes in various contest in the Fall and Spring Semester. These teams and contest are open to any 8th-12th Grade FFA member to compete in hopes on advancements to the state level and or national. The Foster FFA utilizes the following criteria to select Team members.

- Member in Good Standing
- Sign up for team at the posted meeting
- Sign a team contract given by Advisor over the Team & turned in by Deadline
- Attend practices- number required will be given by Advisor

Area Team Selection:

- Will be based off the criteria above in addition too
- Scores from invitational/Practice Contest

Team Members will be charged Transportation/entry fees throughout the season to help offset the incurring cost that are associated. The amounts will be given throughout the season as they are available. Cost for each event is dependent upon location and number of students competing.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENTS- LDE

Leadership Development Events focus on creating situations for members to demonstrate their abilities in public speaking, decision making, communication and their knowledge of agriculture and the FFA organization. Team and individual events are used to reinforce what is taught in agricultural science classrooms.

EVENTS:

Agricultural Advocacy: This contest will be designed to inform the general public and consumers about the importance and value of the agriculture industry and how agriculture impacts human lives. Agricultural Advocacy teams will be made up of 3-5 members from the same chapter.

Agricultural Issues Forum: A team of 3 to 7 students research and analyze a current agricultural issue, create a portfolio and also develop and deliver a presentation that stresses both pros and cons of their selected agricultural issue. At the event competition, members use verbal skills and presentation abilities to defend their findings and answer judges' questions.

Agricultural Issues Forum: A team of 3-5 members performs an actual demonstration of an agricultural skill including anything in the Agricultural Science and Technology curriculum using effective public speaking and communication methods.

Chapter Agricultural Quiz: An exam testing team members' understanding of the FFA, agricultural education, current agricultural events and parliamentary procedure is given. Teams can be made of 3 or 4 members.

Chapter Conducting: Teams conduct a mock chapter meeting to demonstrate knowledge of basic parliamentary law and the use of correct parliamentary procedures. At the conclusion of the meeting, team members are asked questions regarding parliamentary law. There are both Greenhand and senior levels for this event.

Creed Speaking: A member presents the FFA Creed from memory and answers questions about its meaning and purpose. This event is just one way to boost self-confidence, earn recognition, and develop powerful, organized and professional communication skills. There are both Greenhand and senior levels for this event.

FFA Broadcasting: A team of 3 members presents an informative radio program covering one or more agricultural subjects that is current in nature and local in content. The contest assumes that the chapter has a regularly scheduled non-commercial radio program once each month over a local station.

Greenhand FFA Quiz: An exam testing knowledge of the Grays Guide to Parliamentary Procedure for FFA and FFA knowledge including history, facts, business structure, leadership and programs is given to individuals. Quiz teams can be made of 3 or 4 members.

Job Interview: At the competition, each member submits their resume, completes a job application for an agricultural position on site and participates in an interview via telephone, in person one-on-one and with a panel of possible employers.

Public Relations: A team of between two and four FFA members develops and presents a 5-8 minute program to inform a specified target audience regarding the Texas FFA and what it represents. The presentation is developed assuming that the target audience has no knowledge of the FFA. Team members are asked questions in response to their program following the presentation.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS – CDE

Career Development Events build on what is learned in agricultural classes and encourage members to put their knowledge into practice. These events are designed to help a member prepare for a career in agriculture by testing and challenging the student's technical, leadership, interpersonal and teamwork skills as well as their knowledge of the subject matter. CDEs answer the question, "When will I use this knowledge in the real world?"

EVENTS:

Ag Communications	Entomology	Horse*(Claybaker)	Poultry
Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems	Environmental & Natural Resources	Land	Range
Ag Sales	Floriculture*(Macek)	Livestock*(Popp)	Tractor Technician
Agronomy	Food Science	Marketing Plan	Veterinary
Cotton	Forage	Meats	Science*Kizziah
Dairy Cattle	Forestry	Milk Quality	Wildlife* Macek & Claybaker
	Homesite Evaluation	Nursery/Landscape	Wool
		Plant ID	

*Teams that Foster currently trains and competes with. These are trained by various Foster FFA Advisors

SPEAKING DEVELOPMENT EVENTS – SDE

Speaking Development Events are designed to develop the ability of all FFA members to express themselves on a given subject. Students are encouraged to develop their communication skills and learn to formulate their remarks for presentation in a variety of situations. The state finals of the speaking development events are held in conjunction with the Texas FFA Convention in July.

Categories/Contest Areas:

Extemporaneous Public Speaking: Members learn how to think on their feet and make a case quickly and persuasively. Contestants are given 30 minutes to prepare a speech on one of three randomly selected agricultural topics. After delivering the speech, contestants may be asked questions about their speech and topic.

Junior Prepared Public Speaking: Each contestant writes and delivers a five to eight minute speech about a current agricultural subject of their choice. Participants are then rated based on the written speech, speech delivery and their answers to judges' questions. Jr. Prepared Division speech should address a topic related to Agribusiness or Agriculture.

Senior Prepared Public Speaking: Each contestant writes and delivers a six- to eight-minute speech about a current agricultural subject of their choice. Participants are then rated based on the written speech, speech delivery and their answers to judges' questions. Divisions are as follows: Animal Science, Plant Science, Natural Resources, Agribusiness, Agricultural Policy, and Agricultural Technology and Communications.

Soil Stewardship Prepared Public Speaking: Contestants write and deliver a six- to eight-minute speech in accordance with the year's theme selected by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. Prior to competition the speech must be presented to the local chapter and to at least one civic or school group if competing above the district level.

**Mr. Popp trains our Public Speakers

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS PROJECTS

Students enrolled in Agricultural Mechanics courses with Mr. Popp and are paid FFA members have the opportunity to build and compete in various Ag Mechanics shows. Projects must be approved by Mr. Popp prior to obtaining materials or funding. Once approved a discussion will occur to discuss the cost of supplies, providers, donations, etc.

Previous projects have included benches, BBQ pits, trailers, deer blinds, traps, cages, livestock pens, and fire pits.

Possible Shows:

- Fort Bend County Fair
- Major Stock Shows
- Blinn Ag Mech Show
- Kingsville A&M

UIL/FIELD TRIP CODED ABSENCES

Members of the Foster FFA chapter will be coded out of school for various events throughout the year by the discretion of the Advisors. Parents/Guardians **cannot** request that their child be coded to the Attendance offices at any Elementary school, Wertheimer, Briscoe, or Foster. FFA members are not permitted an abundance of missing days due to FFA events. Therefore, the Advisors work together to code accordingly. Below is examples of when they will and will not be coded.

CODED:

- Approved Livestock show (County, Texas Majors)(they will only be coded on days that they are participating in an activity or as discussed prior to leaving the school/Ag Barn)
- LDE/CDE/SDE/Ag Mechanics contest (District, Area, & State) (students travel with Ag Teachers to these events)
- Conventions & Conferences (District, Area, State, & National) (students travel with the Ag teachers to these events)

- Vet Trips that are set up with the Ag teacher and not interfering with core classroom instruction
- Community Service/Volunteer events (i.e. Exceptional Rodeo, Tour Guiding)
- Recruitment activities (when established and set up with Ag Teachers)

NOT CODED:

- Choosing to leave school earlier than time leaving for an event
- Vet trips set up personally
- Breeder/Fitter Appointments
- Traveling to purchase/pick up an animal (if not with an Ag teacher)
- Lay-over time for Major stock shows
- Open shows
- Jackpot/Progress Shows
- National Livestock Shows

** There are other situations that will arise and they will be handled on a single base situation. Also note that not all absences will be coded as UIL. The Ag Department utilizes the coding of Field Trip for various reasons as students are limited to UIL days**

** Students that are involved in more than one area of the school (sports, theater, band, choir, cheer, dance, TSA, DECA, HOSA, etc.) be mindful of days as well as it is not 10 days for each CTSO/UIL it is for all**

Must be passing and have good attendance to gain the coded absences for FFA Events.

FUNDRAISING FOR STUDENT CHAPTER

Each year FFA members participate in various Fundraiser events.

- Seitz Fundraiser-NEW Each Member is to sell 5 items in the OR bring a general donation of \$25-50 for the activity account.
- Various spirit nights at Local Restaurants

** Funds in the activity account go towards: meeting paraphernalia, resources/ items for activities, FFA Week, operational supplies for the Chapter, Show/livestock necessities, trips, and End of the Year Banquet Decorations & Awards.

LCISD AG BARN FACILITIES

Lamar CISD students are blessed with having 3 Ag Barn facilities throughout the District, where they are able to request and rent pens for swine, sheep, goats, poultry, and cattle projects. There is criteria in which pens can be rented and the selection process for which a student obtains a pen. Students must meet the following criteria:

- Be a LCISD Student
- In at least the 3rd grade for the season in which they are showing
- FFA member in good standing

How to get a pen- When an enrollment period is occurring, messages will be sent out to all FFA members with more information, such as which species can be enrolled, what information is needed, and when the enrollment will close. The Foster FFA Chapter only accepts pen request from Parents. The Lead Ag Teacher will then place in the request for the student and then CTE Admin and the barn manager will review all requests and give out pens according to availability and seniority. After a pen is granted to a student an email will be sent to the guardian with directions and links to fill out paperwork, sign the barn contract, and pay the rental fee. All forms and payment **MUST** be completed by the deadline. If forms and payment are not completed by the deadline the pen is then forfeited.

How much does it cost- .

- Sheep, Goat, Swine and poultry pens at \$125 with \$75 being refundable.
- Cattle stalls are \$200 with \$100 being refundable

Location of Ag Barn 2 (houses Foster & Fulshear)- 9414 FM 359
Richmond, Texas

Rules & Regulations of the Ag Barn

- A Student is **ONLY** allowed 3 animals in the barn at a time with no more than 2 in a specific species. EX: 2 Swine & 1 Poultry or 1 Lamb, 1 Poultry, & 1 Cattle.
- Daily Spot Clean Pen & sweep in front of pen
- Fill out Feed Card daily
- All feed must be in a closed container (no open feed bags left out)

- Keep all gates closed
- **NO visitors.** Only immediate family is allowed at the Ag barn (parents, siblings, grandparents), other family must be approved to accompany students to the Ag Barn facility. If a breeder, feeder, fitter needs to come to the Ag barn a Date & Time **MUST** be set up 48-72 Hours prior with a Ag Teacher to accompany the guest.
- Personal tack must be in designated areas ONLY! These areas will be given by Ag Teacher. Hanging Showboxes are allowed in pens for Swine, Sheep, & Goats.
- DO NOT purchase an ANIMAL until you have been granted a pen to put it in.
- There are other rules and regulations that are dictated in the contract in which you sign and you are held accountable to read and abide by them.

EXPENSES

Membership Dues:

- 3rd-7th Grade: \$20.00 (Cash or Check made payable to Foster HS FFA)
- 8th-12th Grade: \$30.00(Cash or Check made payable to Foster HS FFA)
- Booster Club: \$20.00 (cash, online payment, or check made payable to Foster FFA Booster Club)

Chapter T-shirt: \$20-25 (not required to purchase, but needed for specific events)

Merchandise: \$20-50 (dependent on availability per year, not required)

FFA Jacket: \$55+ tie/scarf + shipping

Official Dress: \$50-100 (dependent upon items purchased, and where they are purchased from)

Contest: Varies

Transportation: Dependent upon event, if taking a bus or other large district transportation

Banquet Tickets: \$15-20/attendee

WEBSITES/USEFUL LINKS

Foster FFA Website:

www.Fosterffa.ffa.org

Record Book: www.theaet.com

Texas FFA: www.texasffa.org

National FFA organization: www.ffa.org

FFA shop: www.shopffa.org

Fort Bend County Fair:

www.fortbendcountyfair.com

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo:

www.rodeohouston.com

Sullivans Show supply:

www.sullivanssupply.com

Weaver Show Supply:

www.thewinnersbrand.com

GLOSSARY

AET- Agriculture Experience Tracker

CDE- Career Development Events

LDE- Leadership Development Events

Majors- these are the large stock shows in the state of Texas (Fort Worth Stock show & Rodeo, San Angelo Stock Show, San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, Rodeo Austin)

OD- official dress

SAE- Supervised Agriculture Experience

SDE- Speaking Development Events