Lamar FFA
New Member Meeting

September 17th
“FFA Members, why are we here?”

“…TO PRACTICE BROTHERHOOD, HONOR AGRICULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AND TO DEVELOP THOSE QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP WHICH AN FFA MEMBER SHOULD POSSESS!”
What is FFA?

FFA is:

- An intracurricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership.
- A way to make new friends.
- An opportunity to raise animals.
- A way to get ready for a future career in agriculture.
- An organization that builds leadership and speaking skills.
Meet Your 2020-2021 Officers

President - Lisa Rollinson

Vice President - Asia Delasbour

Secretary - Sierra Williams

Treasurer - Brandon Morales

Reporter - Ingrid Arias

Sentinel - Noah Ganter
Want to raise a Livestock Animal?
Animal Prices

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* Prices differ from previous years due to the changing market and the Covid-19 pandemic.*
Animal Associated Prices (Food, Supplies, Vet)

All animal expenses are your responsibility as the owner.

- Animal food and supplies will be paid for by the student
- It is suggested to feed animals show grade food which can be expensive
- Ask your animal’s assigned teacher about used equipment before buying some
- If your animal gets sick or has an accident, all vet bills are your responsibility including if the animal does not survive the procedure
- On occasion, animals have died due to illness or injury. While everything possible will be done to prevent this, financial loss due to not being able to sell the animal will be your responsibility

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Animal Timeline (Tentative)

Lambs and Goats Arrive: End of September or Beginning of October
Pigs Arrive: Early November
Rabbits Arrive: Spring Break
Chickens Arrive: Spring Break
FFA Show: End of April

All animals have the opportunity to be sold at the Lamar FFA Show and Auction, but Lamar FFA cannot guarantee a sale or price.
The Lamar FFA Barn

Lamar FFA has a barn at 11611 Riceville School Rd. Animals will be kept there. You will receive the passcode to enter the barn if you purchase an animal or beekeep.

The Lamar FFA barn is district property.

- No cursing or horseplay
- No tobacco, alcohol, or drugs
- Social distancing enforced
Lamar FFA Barn
What you need to know for raising a lamb or goat

**Lambs**
- The lamb will cost between 400 and 450 dollars
- You will have to work with them 30 mins a day that
- They will need to be feed twice a day
- There will be clinces once a week where our advisor will help our members
- Everyone will have to clean their animals stall
- And their water must be changed everyday

**GOATS**
- You will have to work with them 30 mins a day
- They need to be given feed twice a day
- You need to their change water daily
- Need to be treated with care
- Need to practice showmanship with them 30 mins everyday
- Daily clinic meetings once a week after school (TBD)
- You need to change their sand from their stall once a week!

Assigned teacher: Ms. Hernandez
Lamb and Goat Supplies

- 5 gallon bucket for water
- Feeding trough
- Lamb/goat halter
- Heat lamp and cover blanket *not needed till November*
- Feed scoop or a container to hold 3lbs of feed
- Mounted fan for spring heat *optional*
- Alfalfa hay
- Recommended lamb feed: *Purina honor show chow*
- Recommended goat feed: *Purina Honor Show Chow*
  - There will be a communal box of feed for everyone to share (per species)

DEADLINE: SEPT 21ST BEFORE 4PM

~If you want to raise a lamb/goat you have to submit a ($25)check to the business office

~Let Ms. Hernandez know ASAP, so she can get everything in order for you
Pictures of our lambs and goats Lambs and Goats
Raising and Caring for Pigs

- Pigs cost from $300-$400.
- The project length for raising pigs are 5-6 months.
- Pigs **MUST** be fed TWICE a day (Once in the morning and Once in the afternoon)
- Water **MUST** be changed daily
- Stall needs to be clean twice a week (when they are smaller once a week)

If you have any questions please Email Mrs. Lawrence:

kkrause1@houstonisd.org

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Pig Supplies
Supplies you will need for your Pig:

- Feed we recommend is **Purina**
- Feed Scoop
- Feed Trough
- Practice Whip and Show Whip
- Pig brush
- Clips for feeder
- Shampoo (Dawn Soap)
- Heat Lamp with bulb
- Baby Oil (for skin)

All these things can be found at local stores, ACE, or Tractor Supply

**DEADLINE: SEPT 21ST BEFORE 4PM**
~If you want to raise a pig let Mrs. Lawrence know ASAP, so she can get everything in order for you
~Validation is due September 21st
Raising Rabbits

- Rabbits normally come in the middle of March
- The project lasts 6 weeks
- Rabbits are kept at home
- You must purchase four rabbits and show three
- You are responsible for the last rabbit, which can be eaten or kept

For more information and questions contact Mrs. Lawrence
kkrause1@houstonisd.org
Rabbit Supplies

Supplies you will need for your rabbits:

- Hutch
- Feed
- Feeder
- Water bottle (32oz)
Raising Chickens

- 6 week project
- Must purchase 25 chicks
- Show and sell 3 chickens
- YOU are responsible for the rest of the chickens after show. You can sell chicken meat to family friends.
- These chickens are for meat. They will not make good long term pets or egg layers.
- Chickens are raised at home
Chicken Supplies

- Chicken food
- Chicken water bowls
- Chicken feed bowls
- Bedding such as pine shavings
- An enclosed area suitable for 25 fully grown chickens
- Either a coop or a way to keep the chickens indoors or in a garage
Chicken and Rabbits
Raising a Steer (Starting next year)

- Steers arrive May 2021
- Prices range from $1700-$2250 (depends on breeder)
- Project length is about one year
- Steers **MUST** be fed **TWICE** a day (ONCE in the morning and ONCE in the afternoon)
- Stalls need to be cleaned out once every two weeks but poop cleaned out daily.
- Daily training to prepare for shows
Steer Supplies

Required Items:

- Halter
- Neck Tie
- Flat feed pan
- 22 qt. Bucket
- 17.5 gal water bucket
- Show Stick
- Cattle Comb
- Washing Brush
- Shampoo/Conditioner (Depends on breeder or teacher recommendation)
- Coastal Hay
- Feed (Depends on breeder or teacher recommendation)
Feed Train

- Animals must be fed every evening by their owner unless there is a pre scheduled miss or an emergency. Get the phone numbers of fellow animal owners so that they can feed for you incase of a situation.
- Animals must be taken out of their pen every day.
- Students will take turns coming in the morning to feed all of the animals in their species.
- When animals are fed at night, their owner must leave a container with morning food in front of their pen. This will be fed to their animal by the “Feed Train” If this is not left out, their animal will not be fed. Repeated misses of feed will be met with disciplinary action.
Consequences of Animal Neglect

- The demerit system will strictly be enforced.
- Once a member, you will receive the Lamar FFA Handbook with the rules and guidelines one has to abide by. It is important that this document is reviewed by each member.
- Continued neglect of an animal such as not feeding or not giving clean water may result in the removal of your animal from the program.
- If you are removed from the program for animal neglect, you will have 24 hours to remove your animal from the property. If the animal is not removed, it will become district property.
Animal Guides and More Information

- Please have a secure storage for all of your animals needs.

If you would like to see the Animal Guides:

In our ‘Lamar FFA’ team (In microsoft teams) their is a channel called “Livestock Members” click on it. Go to Files. There is a folder called “Animal Raising Guides”. When you click on, it should take you to the different animal guides.
Social Distancing Rules

- Remain at least 6 feet away from others at all times (you are responsible, if someone approaches, back up and insist on social distancing)
- Masks are ALWAYS required
- No guests other than a parent or guardian
- Germ-x and dawn soap are provided at the sink area
- No lysol or similar sprays due to their potentially harmful effects on the animals
Demerit System

- All Lamar FFA Chapter members will be placed on a demerit system. This will ensure that all members are held accountable for their actions and responsible to the chapter, fellow members and FFA Advisors.
- An accumulation of 5 demerits will result in suspension from FFA activities for 30 days or until the required merits are earned. If they do not earn the required merits within 30 days of the 5th Demerit, they will be removed from the chapter permanently. The earned merits required to be removed from suspension will be 2 (or 4 hours of service).
- It will further be explained in the member handbook
The Lamar FFA Show and Auction

The Lamar FFA Show and Auction occurs at the end of April every year. Animals are placed by a professional judge, and buyers come to bid on animals. Last year, it was done virtually due to the coronavirus, but it usually takes place on the front lawn of Lamar High School. We cannot guarantee that it will be in person this year.

To show, You must:

- Raise a Lamar FFA Animal
- Sell 5 Advertisements for Show book in the Spring
- Miss no more than 2 FFA meetings ALL YEAR
- Complete all fundraising, barn work day, and social hours
The Lamar FFA Show and Auction
Hour Requirements

If you have an animal, you have to get these hours. Everyone else is encouraged to fundraise and come to our events too!

- 10hrs- Barn workdays per semester (held the Saturday after every meeting)
- 10hrs- Fundraising hours per semester (Selling Poinsettias and other events TBD) Hours carry over from the previous semester!
- 3 events- Social events per semester
Barn Work Days

- Barn Work Days are typically done on Saturdays around 8 a.m till noon. (This a monthly event)
- FFA members that own or plan to raise an animal must attend most of these events. Members can only miss 2 gatherings in order to still be eligible for the auction.
- In these hours we help one another out to maintain the barn clean and try to make it a better place by doing the given task.
- Bringing a parent will DOUBLE your hours!!
- When your in the barn, no horseplaying is allowed. Neither messing with other FFA members animals.
- All materials should be put back where they were originally at.
Social Events

- The advisors are planning several social events
- The dates are TBD, but we will keep you posted!
- Social Events are events in which FFA members come together and socialize with one another.
- We want everyone to feel welcome into FFA, therefore we hope you make new and long lasting friendships :).
- Each member must attend at least 3 social events! FFA members with an animal must attend these.
Fundraising Hours

What are fundraising hours?

Fundraising hours are basically events in which the whole Lamar FFA chapter works together in order to sell poinsettias or other things to raise money that we can later use for events or for the chapter.

- 10hrs- Fundraising hours per semester (Selling Poinsettias and other events)

Why Should you participate in them?

- You create new friendships
- You are helping the community
- You build up your communication skills
- You promote the Lamar FFA chapter
Beekeeping

- Learn how to beekeep with no experience needed
- Go check your hive at least twice a month
- No Fundraising Hours Needed!
- Attend monthly virtual educational meetings with the Houston Beekeeper Association
- Only 15 dollars for the entire year (money goes to the Houston Beekeeper Association for dues)
- Very socially distanced with no need to enter the livestock barn

Sign Up To Learn More at https://tinyurl.com/FFABees
Leadership Development Events (LDES)

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. This year, they will be done virtually.

- Work with a team and meet other FFA members
- Practice public speaking
- Learn more about agriculture and the FFA

Join at: https://tinyurl.com/y283vuty
LDE Descriptions

**Public Relations**- 2-4 FFA members develop and present a 5-8 minute program to inform a target audience regarding the Texas FFA and what it represents.

**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.

**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. 3 or 4 members.

**Chapter Agricultural Quiz**- An exam testing understanding of the FFA, agricultural education, current agricultural events and parliamentary procedure. Teams can be made of 3 or 4 members.
LDE Description

Agricultural Skill Demonstration - 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.

Creed Speaking - A member presents the FFA Creed from memory and answers questions about its meaning and purpose.

Chapter Conducting - Teams conduct a mock chapter meeting to demonstrate knowledge of basic parliamentary law and the use of correct parliamentary procedures.

FFA Broadcasting - 3 members present an informative radio program covering one or more agricultural subjects that is current in nature and local in content.
The Lamar FFA Website

If you would like to learn more about what we do or have any questions about Lamar FFA,

Check out our website!


You can click on the link or type in your google search bar ‘Lamar FFA’ or Lamar High School FFA’
If you would like to see any upcoming dates, check the calendar by clicking where it says ‘Calendar’ at the top.
If you missed a meeting or want to go back to a previous one, the powerpoints will be in this tab. You would click on ‘Meeting Updates’ then scroll all the way to the bottom where it says ‘Documents’.

Our meetings are categorized by dates. Search for the meeting that you missed or want to go back to by the date that the meeting was scheduled.
Social Media and Remind

Here are our Social media accounts

twitter: Lamar Houston FFA @LamarFFA

Instagram: LamarFFA

YouTube: Lamar FFA

To keep up to date, text @lamarhsffa to 81010

- It is MANDATORY that you and your parents sign up for Remind Messaging
FFA DUES

Please submit your FFA Dues through the schoolpay link that was sent through the Remind app or on microsoft teams. FFA Dues are 40 dollars.

The deadline is October 1st, 2020

https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/FFA-/Mc2G
Future Meetings

We hope to see you in the future! Our next three chapter meetings will be on the following dates:

- October 6th
- November 3rd
- December 1st
Questions?