

September FFA Meeting

**Please make sure you signed
in on the sign in sheet as you
walk in**

FFA Motto

“FFA Members, why are we here?”

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



What is FFA?

Lamar FFA



Advisor Contact Information

- ▶ Elisa Infante- Animal Science course instructor
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 - ▶ Oversees cattle, lamb and goat projects, and booster/parent group interactions
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 - ▶ Oversees chicken and pig projects, and FFA Officers/Members
- ▶ Kaitlyn Adams- Plant Science course instructor
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 - ▶ Oversees rabbits, greenhouse, plant projects and FFA Officers/Members
- ▶ Tariq Ibrahim- Animal & Plant Science course instruction
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 - ▶ Oversees cattle, lamb and goat projects, and FFA Officers/Members

What is FFA?

- ▶ The FFA is an intracurricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership.
- ▶ Students must be enrolled in Agriculture course to join FFA.
- ▶ Multifaceted organization that includes leadership, personal growth, and career success.

What can FFA members participate in?

- ▶ Community Service
- ▶ Leadership Development Events Contests
- ▶ Career Development Events Contests
- ▶ Fundraising
- ▶ Animal & Plant Projects
- ▶ Bee Projects
- ▶ Rodeo Participation
- ▶ Lamar FFA Livestock Show & Auction

Greenhand Officer Internships

First year FFA members have the opportunity to shadow the current officer team as Greenhand Interns.

If you are interested in joining the team please see Ms. Adams after this meeting.

ALL Applications are due by September 23rd at 4:10PM

Beekeeping

- The Lamar FFA Beekeeping Program allows students to gain experience in **beekeeping, apiary maintenance, and honey production.**

Students are provided by the Lamar FFA Beekeeping Program with the following items:

- Hive
- Hive Bench where hives are positioned
- Smoker
- Space for hive
- Epi pens
- Hive frames- Frames are a consumable item and must be replaced as needed. Instruction on replacement will be given by an Agriculture Teacher or the Lead Beekeeper.

Students are required to purchase the following items:

- Bee Suit
- Hive Tool- used to clean up burr comb and hive propolis
- Hive-working attire- Jeans, long sleeve dry fit shirt, rainboots, wide brim sun hat.

Meeting Dates are TBD - See Mr. Ibrahim for more information

Lamar FFA Livestock Show & Auction

- ▶ April 3rd-5th, 2025
- ▶ Students sell animals to buyers/sponsors
- ▶ Students get money from animals and projects sold
- ▶ Students exhibit their projects (Plants & Photography)
- ▶ Many ways to be involved with the Show
- ▶ Students must sell ShowBook Ads and find Sponsors



LDE Contests

- ▶ Leadership Development Events- In class and after school practice for teams.
 - ▶ Agricultural Advocacy
 - ▶ Agricultural Issues Forum
 - ▶ Agricultural Skill Demonstration
 - ▶ Chapter Agricultural Quiz
 - ▶ Chapter Conducting
 - ▶ Creed Speaking
 - ▶ FFA Broadcasting
 - ▶ Greenhand FFA Quiz
 - ▶ Job Interview
 - ▶ Public Relations



CDE Contests

- ▶ Career Development Events- In class and after school practice for teams.
- ▶ Ag Communications
- ▶ Ag Sales
- ▶ Agronomy
- ▶ Cotton
- ▶ Dairy Cattle
- ▶ Entomology
- ▶ Environmental & Natural Resources
- ▶ Farm Business Management
- ▶ Livestock
- ▶ Floriculture
- ▶ Food Science
- ▶ Forage
- ▶ Horse Marketing Plan
- ▶ Meats
- ▶ Milk Quality
- ▶ Nursery/Landscape
- ▶ Plant ID
- ▶ Poultry
- ▶ Veterinary Science
- ▶ Wildlife
- ▶ Wool

FFA Contests

- ▶ Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Contests- Floral Design, Landscape Design, CDE's.
- ▶ Contact Ms. Adams if you are interested in competing in any Floral or Horticulture contests at the rodeo
 - ▶ Horticulture Miniscapes (Landscaping)
 - ▶ Horticulture Photography
 - ▶ Floral Rodeo Cup
 - ▶ Horticulture Container Grown Plants



Animal Projects



*****STUDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO RAISE ANIMAL PROJECT TO BE IN FFA*****

SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN RAISING AN ANIMAL?

ATTEND THE LIVESTOCK MEETING ON
SEPTEMBER 11TH AT 6PM IN THE
GRANDHALL

STUDENT & PARENT/GUARDIAN REQUIRE TO
ATTEND IF INTERESTED IN RAISING LIVESTOCK
PROJECT



Hour Requirements

- ▶ 10 Hours of Fundraising per semester
- ▶ 10 Hours of Barn Work Day service per semester
- ▶ Attend minimum of 3 social events per semester
- ▶ Extra hours can carry over from the fall semester and into the spring semester

Fundraising

▶ Fall Fundraisers 2024

▶ Homecoming Mum Making

- ▶ September 9th - September 20th
- ▶ Worth roughly 2 Credit Hours each session
- ▶ Done on campus after school (4:10-5:10)

▶ Poinsettia Sales

- ▶ For every 10 plants sold, students earn 1 credit hour

Socials

Fall Socials 2024

- ▶ FFA Kickoff - September 7th @ the Barn 11:00AM-12:00PM
- ▶ FFA Football Social- September 27th
- ▶ Spooky Night- October 11th @ the Barn from 6:00PM-8:00PM
- ▶ FFA Friendsgiving Breakfast- November 22nd Rm J112 from 7:30AM-8:20AM
- ▶ Holiday Social- December 13th in Rm J112 from 7:30AM-8:20AM

Where is the Barn?

Address: 11611 Riceville School Road Houston, Tx. 77071

First Barn Work Day - September 7th from 8:00AM-12:00PM (Bring a plain white tshirt with you for the social)



Plant (Horticulture) Projects

- ▶ Can be done in class or at home
 - ▶ All students can participate in horticulture projects
- ▶ High School Students can participate in Rodeo Events through Horticulture Projects
- ▶ All students can sell projects in the Lamar Show
- ▶ All students can Raise Bees through the Horticulture Projects



Rodeo Participation

- ▶ Through Livestock Shows
 - ▶ Rodeo Austin
 - ▶ Fort Worth Livestock Show
 - ▶ Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo
 - ▶ San Antonio Livestock Show
- ▶ Through FFA Contests
 - ▶ Landscaping
 - ▶ Art Contest



How to be Connected

- ▶ Website-
www.lamar.ffanow.org
- ▶ Instagram- @LamarFFA
- ▶ Join our BAND App using the QR code to stay up to date



Before you go....

Please fill out the google form linked below to get emails/updates about future Lamar FFA events.

