



GEORGE RANCH FFA

The FFA Ranch Hand Newsletter

September 15, 2019

Fair countdown-11 days!

Fair will be here before you know it and boy do we have a lot to get done before the big week. While exhibitors are gearing up to show off their animal projects our Booster Club members are preparing to tackle one of our biggest and potentially most profitable fundraising opportunities at the concession stand! Please read on to see how you can help!

We need EVERYONE'S help!

Our dedicated George Ranch FFA Booster Club works to promote community awareness and provide financial support for GRHS's FFA Chapter conventions, conferences, contests, banquets and other needs, as well as, provide member scholarships.

After ten years of being on a waiting list for a concession stand at the Fort Bend County Fair, our name has come up! We will be taking over a concession stand in the most prime location on the grounds. For those of you that have been around as long as I have, it was the Lamar Choir Loft for as long as I can remember. Please know, we are going to need everyone's help in our new adventure. We will need 6 student volunteers and 2-3 adult volunteers per shift. Please make sure you read all emails sent out to keep you informed of the new developments in our club. Please use the link below ASAP to reserve your spot to help us during the fair in this amazing opportunity!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0445AEAD28A64-fbcf>



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IT'S FAIR TIME!

EVERYONE should have completed and turned in Project and Freezer sale forms to the fair office!

Bunnies- Anyone needing a home visit needs to text Mr. Brown at 281-204-3062 by Monday night (9-16-19) to schedule the visit. EVERYONE needs to weigh every three days and continue to send data to Mr. Brown and Mr. Heaton. Remember we will be meeting at Mrs. Brown's shop at ARJH on **Thursday the 26th** to select show pen (top 3 rabbits) for Friday morning's show.

Saturday the 21st- 10 am we will clip goats, hogs and heifers at the LCISD ag barn.

September 24th- advise that steers be clipped- be mindful of potential sunburns!

September 25th- if possible set up steer area at the fairgrounds.

September 25th -6 pm bust Broilers and Turkeys at LCISD ag barn.

September 26th - Turkeys must be at fair grounds by 6 p.m. Refer to your information provide by fair association.

September 26th- Goats need to be at fair ground between 6-7 pm for check in. Please contact Br. Brown if you will need transportation to the fair grounds.

September 26th -Steers need to be at the fairgrounds between 6-7 pm. Will load from LCISD AG barn at 6:15 pm. Chapter will supply end panels 2 end panels for group, community fans and stall cleaning tools.

September 28th – Broilers on site by 8 am Bring best 4.

September 28th- load swine from LCISD ag barn at 6 am. If outside and need assistance, please contact Mr. Brown. Must be in line no later than 7 am. Weights and classification begin @ 8. Remain on grounds until completed.

September 29th- Scramble heifers move in at 10:30 a.m. Load from Ag Barn at 10 am. Trombley-9:30 am. Remember your backdrop boards. Chapter will supply end panels 2 end panels for group, community fans and stall cleaning tools. Heifers remain on site on site for remainder of show.

September 29th- Bust roasters. Starting in Greatwood at noon then heading to Ag Barn.

September 30th – Roaster show. Be on grounds by 7 pm

September 30th – Lambs check in by 6 pm. You may utilize the cage.

October 1st- Lamb show 6:30 p.m.

October 2nd- Scramble heifer show.

October 3rd- Live Auction. Prepare buyer basket if in auction and read all fair rules/regulations. Can invite community leaders and other interested buyers/supporters to participate in the bidding.

October 5th- Freezer Sale. Prepare buyer basket if in auction and read all fair rules/regulations.

General reminders- you will need to supply your own shavings, feed, show supplies and grooming equipment. Show attire: Shirt with collar, slacks/jeans without holes, closed toed shoes or boots (no sneakers, sandals or Crocs), with no affiliation of 4-H Club or FFA Chapter present. READ the general show rules at:

[https://d38trduahodj3.cloudfront.net/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=FortBend&f=2019_Livestock_General_Rules_-_FINAL\(10\).pdf](https://d38trduahodj3.cloudfront.net/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=FortBend&f=2019_Livestock_General_Rules_-_FINAL(10).pdf)



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Calling all FFA & Jr. FFA'ers: Livestock Judging Opportunity!

Want to participate in the fair, but don't have an animal this year? Give LIVESTOCK JUDGING a try!

[Fill | Fort Bend County Fair Livestock Judging- 2019](#)

Fill out form below if you plan to participate in 2019 Fort Bend County Fair Livestock Judging Contest. Please mark your calendars for all dates and times. Email me directly with questions or concerns: lhaley@lcisd.org
Practice Dates: Wednesday 9/11 3:35 - 4:15 Wednesday 9/18 3:35 - 4:15 Wednesday 9/25 3:35 - 4:15
Wednesday 10/2 3:35 - 4:15 *All Practices will be held in GRHS. Contest Date: Saturday October 5 @ 8:00 am
Fort Bend County Fair Grounds <https://fortbendcountyfair.com/events/2019/jr-livestock-judging-contest>

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=YLR5XW0hUkih1cpB5PakUI-4_iXBAsxDtxFA_Jltb3xUNDZQSIkyWjl1QjJaRIJBOFVWVJUV0pFNy4u



It's The Pits Cookers is the ONLY Bar-B-Que team at the Fort Bend County fair dedicated primarily to charity seeking to make a difference in the lives of 4-H and FFA youth and, in addition, supporting our wounded veterans who have put their lives on the line for us and for America.

We have been asked to help them at the Ft. Bend Fair BBQ Cookoff. The Cookoff runs from October 4th-5th with clean up and tear down on the morning of the 6th.

You will be helping to prep., serve, clear tables, and clean up after the event. They are in need of both student and parent volunteers. Ag. teachers will not be in attendance. Parents if your child wants to volunteer during the evening shifts, please volunteer to be at the event as well.

Attire: GR FFA Shirt and blue jeans.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44AEA929A7FC1-its3>

Parents and FFA Boosters –

The Project Presentation Committee at the Fort Bend County Fair is looking for volunteers to judge Project Presentation (see below). Volunteers will be given 1) a free pass to the Fair on the day that they judge and 2) a \$10 voucher to be used at the Fair to purchase food. This is roughly a 3-hour commitment. We meet in the Livestock office at 5:45pm (in the big, new arena) – you will be briefed on what to do and where to go – judging takes around 2 hours, depending on the number of entries being judged that night. **Dates for judging are below – pick a day from Monday, 9/30 thru Friday, 10/4 – no judging on Thursday, 10/3.** This is really a great opportunity to meet the kids and their animals and learn what they do and how hard they work to ready their projects for the Fair.

If you are interested, please contact the committee Chairman, Beth Gresso, at bethgresso@sbcglobal.net or call/text 713-553-0386. Thank you!



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Attention 1st year FFA members (8th & 9th grade Greenhands!)



Mrs. Brown will take four lucky students to the Area III Greenhand Leadership Camp on September 21st. First come first serve! Please contact her if you would like to be considered for one of these leadership events.

Join or Renew Your Membership



The fall membership enrollment period is now OPEN! We will be accepting membership forms and payment from now through our October 10th FFA meeting. Student membership forms are also attached in this email. The membership fee covers local, district, area, state and national dues for the student for the term of one year and must be renewed annually in addition to being enrolled in an agriculture science class to retain FFA membership.

Booster club membership forms will be available at the October Booster Club Meeting.



What a GREAT turn out!

A huge shout-out to everyone who came out to our September meeting. It was wonderful to see old friends and catch up on all the summer events as well as meet a lot of new eager students and parents interested in joining us in our future adventures! We hope everyone learned something new about the program and hopefully found an activity or event that spoke to them.

Our next meeting will be October 10th (we had to move it from the originally scheduled date). We will start at 6:30 pm in the GRHS Cafeteria with a POTLUCK meal. The chapter will provide the drinks, utensils and paper plates/napkins. Please plan on bringing a dish or item to share with the group. Chapter and Booster meetings will begin at 7 p.m.

So please mark your calendars and plan to attend!



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GR FFA Alumni Alerts!

Our GR FFA Alumni group met for their fall Bar-B-Q Social on August 16th. The group is composed of former GR FFA members who have graduated, but still want to remain in contact with each other and offer support to the chapter when possible. The members shared their college experiences thus far and joined in good hearted yet very competitive games! Christopher Flores-Lopez, current alumni president, would like to extend membership opportunities to GR FFA graduates who would like to join the alumni group. He can be contacted via text at 281-919-3053 or e-mail at chris.mat.lopez@gmail.com. The group plans to meet again during the winter break and hopes to welcome more members at that time.

Let's Stay Connected!

We want to make every effort to ensure that you are connected and well informed this year so please take a minute to sign up for remind101, book mark our website and follow our social media accounts! The remind101 are NEW groups-so please sign up!

FFA Parents remind101: Text @9h42eb to the number 81010

FFA members remind101: Text @ffau to the number 81010

Chapter website: www.georgeranchffa.ffaow.org

Twitter and Instagram: @GeorgeRanchFFA

GR FFA Booster Club: georgeranchffabooster@gmail.com

Mr. Brown email and phone: dvbrown@lcisd.org 281-204-3062 (cell) 832-223-4359 (office)

Mrs. Brown email: pfbrown@lcisd.org

Mrs. Haley email: lhaley@lcisd.org

Mrs. Schroeder email: katherine.schroeder@lcisd.org

Meet the 2019-20 Officer Team

You'll be learning more about these student leaders in future newsletters!



From left to right. Top row- Kate Rabich (Historian), Alex Thompson (Vice President), Nick Braddy (Chaplin), Jillian Voehl (President), Skylar Higginbotham (Treasurer) Bottom row- Pamela Brown (Sentinel), Marlies Cumings (Secretary), Brynn Bostick (Reporter)



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