Clear Lake FFA

Program of Activities
Officers

President- Julia Burchsted
Vice President- Courtney Parker
Secretary- Kourteney Jones
Treasurer- Megan Levens
Reporter- Amber Mehring
Sentinel- Jasmine Scott
Advisors

Ms. Kurten

- **LDE**-
  - Jr. Chapter Conducting
  - Sr. Chapter Conducting
  - Jr. Creed
  - Jr. Quiz
  - Public Relations
  - Radio

- **CDE**-
  - Entomology
  - Livestock Judging
  - Poultry Judging

- **SAE**-
  - Hogs
  - Goats
  - Rabbits
  - Poultry

Mr. Walker

- **LDE**-
  - Jr. Farm Skills
  - Sr. Farm Skills
  - Ag Issues
  - Sr. Creed
  - Sr. Quiz
  - Ag Advocacy
  - Job Interview

- **CDE**-
  - Land Judging
  - Wildlife
  - Ag Mech

- **SAE**-
  - Breeding Beef
  - Market Steers
  - Lambs
  - Ag Mech
Goals

• Complete a minimum of four community service projects chapter wide.
• Recruit 130 paid FFA members.
• Encourage 60% active membership.
• Raise $6,000 through fundraising.
• Hold at least three showmanship clinics this year.
• Have each freshmen keep a recordbook throughout the year.
**Code of Ethics**

We will conduct ourselves at all times in order to be a credit to our organization, chapter, school, and community by:

- Dressing neatly and appropriately for the occasion.
- Showing respect for the rights of others and being courteous at all times.
- Being honest and not taking unfair advantage of others.
- Respecting the property of others.
- Refrain from loud, boisterous talk, swearing and other unbecoming conduct.
- Demonstrating sportsmanship in the show ring, judging contests, and being modest in winning and generous in defeat.
- Attending meetings promptly and respecting the opinion of others in discussion
- Taking pride in our organization, activities, supervised experience program exhibits, and the occupation of agriculture.
- Sharing with others experiences and knowledge gained by attending national and state meetings.

**Emblem**

The national FFA emblem consisting of five symbols, is representative of the history, goals, and future of the organization. As a whole, the emblem covers the broad spectrum of the FFA and agriculture. Each element within the emblem has unique significance.

THE CROSS SECTION OF THE EAR OF CORN provides the foundation of the emblem, just as corn has historically served as the foundation crop of American agriculture. It is also a symbol of unity, as corn is grown in every state of the nation.

THE RISING SUN signifies progress and holds a promise that tomorrow will bring a new day glowing with opportunity.

THE PLOW signifies labor and tillage of the soil, the backbone of agriculture and the historical foundation of our country’s strength.

THE EAGLE is a national symbol, which serves as a reminder of our freedom and ability to explore new horizons in agriculture.

THE OWL, long recognized for its wisdom, symbolizes the knowledge required to be successful in the industry of agriculture.

The words “AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION” and “FFA” are emblazoned in the center to signify
the combinations of learning and leadership necessary for progressive agriculture.

**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 L

LEARNING TO LIVE,

LIVING TO SERVE.

**Official Dress**

The dress of the FFA members at local, state and national functions is called official dress. It provides identity and gives a distinction and recognized image to the organization. Female members are to wear a black skirt, white blouse with official FFA blue scarf, black shoes and official jacket zipped to the top. Black slacks may be worn for traveling and outdoor activities. Official dress for male members is black slacks, white shirt, official FFA tie, black shoes, black socks, and official jacket zipped to the top. Specific guidelines are outlined below:

- The jacket is to be worn only by active members.
- The jacket should be kept neat and clean.
- The jacket should have only a small emblem on the back and a small emblem in the front. It should carry the name of the state association and the name of the local chapter, district or area on the back and the name of the individual and one office or honor in the front.
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- The jacket should be worn on official occasions with the zipper fastened to the top. The collar should be turned down and the cuffs buttoned.
- The jacket should be worn by members and officers on all official FFA occasions, as well as other occasions where the chapter or state association is represented. It may be worn to school and other appropriate places.
- The jacket should only be worn to places that are appropriate for members to visit.
- School letters and insignia of other organizations should not be attached to or worn on the jacket.
- When the jacket becomes faded or worn, it should be discarded or the emblems and lettering removed.
- The emblems and lettering should be removed if the jacket is given or sold to a non-member.
- A member should act professionally when wearing the official FFA jacket.
• Members should refrain from use of tobacco and alcohol while wearing the official FFA jacket.
• All chapter degree, officer, and award medals should be worn beneath the name on the right side of the jacket, with the exception that a single State FFA Degree charm or American FFA Degree key should be worn above the name or attached to a standard key chain. No more than three medals should be worn on the jacket. These should represent the highest degree earned, the highest office held and the highest award earned by the member.

**Colors**

As the blue fields of our nation’s flag and the golden fields of ripened corn unify our country; the FFA colors of national blue and corn gold gives unity to the organization. All FFA functions and paraphernalia should proudly display the colors.

**Salute**

The official salute of the FFA organization consists of facing the flag of the United States, placing the right hand over the left breast and holding it there while repeating the following pledge:

"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."

**Creed**

I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith not born of words but of deeds—achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturist; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now have enjoyed 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 agriculturist to serve our own and the public’s 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 and influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

By: E.M. Tiffany
Chapter Calendar of Events

- July
  - State FFA Convention
- August
  - Fish Camp
- September
  - Ice Cream Social (chapter meeting- September 5th)
  - Beautify Atrium
- October
  - Costume Contest (chapter meeting-October 3rd)
  - Fall Festival
- November
  - Potluck Thanksgiving Meeting (chapter meeting- November 7th)
  - District VI LDE’s
  - Area III LDE’s
- December
  - Christmas Party (chapter meeting- December 5th)
  - Star Show
  - Officer Adopt a Family
  - State LDE’s
- January
  - January Meeting (chapter meeting- January 9th)
  - Clear Creek ISD School Show
- February
  - February Meeting (chapter meeting- February 6th)
  - Floral Arrangements for Nursing Home
  - San Antonio Judging Events
- March
  - March Meeting (chapter meeting- March 6th)
  - McLennon County CDE Invitational
  - Tarleton CDE Invitational
  - Texas State CDE Invitational
  - Texas A&M CDE Workshop
  - Program Sales
  - HLSR Judging Events
- April
  - April Meeting (chapter meeting-April 3rd)
  - Area III CDE’s
  - Chapter Officer Elections
  - Pop Top Drive
  - Galveston County Fair
- May
  - Chapter Banquet (chapter meeting-
- June
  - District Officer Camp
Division 1-Student Development

The purpose of this division is to encourage the chapter to develop individual and cooperative activities that will enhance students' life skills.

Leadership activities that help the individual develop technical, human relations, and decision-making leadership skills to enhance personal success. (Examples: Leadership conferences, speaking, LDE contests)

**Activities**
- Texas FFA Convention
- Leadership Development Events
- Leadership Development Event presentations at meetings

Healthy Lifestyle Activities that promote the well-being and self-esteem of the student, either mentally or physically. (Examples: drug and alcohol prevention, personal safety, personal image projection, recreation)

**Activities**
- Christmas Party
- Personal Image Projection Presentation for Clear Lake High School

Supervised agricultural experience activities that promote student involvement and growth through agriculture-related experience and/or entrepreneurship. (Examples: proficiency awards, degrees, tours, record keeping, fairs)

**Activities**
- Local Proficiency Awards
- Greenhand and Chapter Degrees
- Lonestar Degrees
- Clear Creek ISD Show
- Galveston County Fair
- Record Books
- Guest Speakers
- Beautify School Garden

Scholarship Activities that develop a positive attitude toward lifetime learning experiences. (Examples: scholarships, tutoring, FFA Scholarships, conference scholarships, honor roll)

**Activities**
- Texas A&M University Tour
- Houston Community College Tour
- U of H Clear Lake Tour
- Honor Roll Celebration
- Greenhand Mentor Program
Agricultural career skills activities that develop agricultural occupation and career skills through a progressive learning environment. (Examples: career day, guest speakers, job shadows, career development events, computer literacy skills, mentor programs, international seminars and tours)

**Activities**

- Career Development Events
- Job Shadows
- Ag Class Participation
- Guest Speakers
- Internship Announcements
- Flow Chart of Careers in Agriculture

**Division 2 - Chapter Development**

*The FFA chapter has a responsibility to provide opportunities and services to its members. The chapter responsibilities may be met by promoting increased member participation, financial responsibility, a positive image, interactions with support groups and cooperation through organized activities.*

Recruitment activities conducted to increase agricultural education enrollment and/or FFA membership and encourage greater participation. (Examples: class visits, BBQ’s FFA Week, rewards for membership)

**Activities**

- Ice Cream Social
- FFA Week
- Greenhand Games
- Chapter Meetings
- Chapter Banquet
- Jr. High Recruitment
- Newsletters
- Officer’s Corner Bulletin Boards

Financial activities conducted to encourage thrift and good financial management among members through earnings, savings, and investments. (Examples: chapter budget, loan applications, top sales prizes, fundraising, equipment investment)

**Activities**

- Meat Sale

Public relations activities conducted to promote a positive image and inform students, parents, school officials, and the community about chapter and member accomplishments. (Examples: newspaper, scrapbook, school marquee, banquet, school board demonstrations, FFA week)

**Activities**

- Newsletter to Parents
- Chapter Scrapbook
- School board demonstrations
- FFA Week
• End of the Year Banquet
• Newspaper articles in local paper
• Farm Facts Toilet Times

Leadership activities conducted to develop teamwork and cooperative skills among chapter officers, committees, and members. (Examples: officer training workshops, executive committee training, retreats, POA)

Activities

• Officer Training Retreat
• District Officer Camp
• Program of Activities
• Texas FFA Convention
• Fishing Trip

Support group activities conducted to develop and maintain positive relations among the FFA, parents, community leaders, and industry. (Examples: Alumni, Young Farmers, Grange, chamber of commerce, open houses, PTO)

Activities

• Clear Lake FFA Booster Club
• Fish Camp

Division 3- Community Development

**FFA can develop partnerships with other groups and organizations while taking a leadership role to make the community a better place to live and work. Using state, national, and international activities, a chapter and its members can serve as catalysts to improve the community’s economic, environmental, and human resources.**

Economic activities conducted to improve the economic welfare of the community. (Examples: creation of jobs, member entrepreneurship, historical preservation, community relations)

Activities

• Rotary Club Presentation

Environmental activities conducted to preserve natural resources and develop more environmentally responsible individuals. (Example: urban and rural conservation programs, water and air quality programs, safety programs, recycling programs)

Activities

• Recycling
• Recycle ink cartridges, old phones, batteries
Human resources activities conducted to improve the welfare and well being of members and citizens of the community. (Example: PALS, at-risk programs, cultural and diversity awareness, food drives)

**Activities**

- Canned Food Drive
- Culture Awareness Activity (?)

Citizenship activities conducted to encourage members to become active, involved citizens of their school, community, and country. (Example: volunteerism, legislative breakfast, chamber of commerce, networking with government agencies)

**Activities**

- Letter to legislation about agriculture related

Agricultural awareness activities conducted to help the public become better informed about the food system and related agricultural issues. (Examples: Food for America, Ag in the Classroom, National Ag Day, orientation programs)

**Activities**

- National Ag Day
- Agriculture in the Classroom
- Arbor Day

**Chapter Roster**

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