

2022-2023

Victory 4-H and FFA

Parent Guide



4-H/ FFA Meeting Opening Ceremonies

Member Speaking Parts

FFA:

President-

“FFA Members, why are we here?”(Gavel Tap x3)

Members-

(Stand) “To practice brotherhood, honor agricultural opportunities and responsibilities and develop those qualities of leadership which an FFA member should possess.”(Sit at the tap of the gavel)

4-H:

Members under the President’s Direction-

(American Flag) "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

(Texas Flag) "Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

(4H Motto) “To Make the Best Better”

(4-H Pledge) “I pledge my head to clearer thinking,

my heart to greater loyalty,

my hands to larger service, and

my health to better living,

for my club, my community, my country and my world.”

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FFA Officers

President- Kolton Jordan
Vice President- Averi Byrd
Secretary- Nyles Neeley
Treasurer- Dryce Neeley
Reporter- Jess Henderson
Advisor- Seth Rosser
Sentinel- Isaiah Hernandez
Chaplain- Roger Hernandez
Historian- Corbin Cooper

4-H Officers

President- Emma Pinkerton
Vice President- Jess Henderson
2nd Vice President- Seth Rosser
Secretary- Corbin Cooper
Treasurer- John De Noon
Health and Safety Officer- Cadence Earl
Officer- Emersyn De Noon
Officer- Brady Brister
Officer- Jemma Silbernagel
Officer- Taden Sims

What is FFA?

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth and career success** through agricultural education. These lessons, skills, friendships, and experiences shape our members, and the benefits remain for their entire lives. Members participate in a wide range of agricultural science education activities. By joining FFA and experiencing the benefits of the organization, student members are creating their own success stories, like thousands of members who have come before them. The continued success of our student members remains the primary mission of FFA. FFA is intracurricular meaning it gives students the opportunity to use the skills and knowledge learned in class, hands on experiences outside of the classroom through competition and real-life experiences. The FFA is a wonderful avenue for students to earn scholarships and awards based on skills and participation on a local, state and national level.

- **Jr FFA 3rd-7th Grade**- Eligible to participate in Victory FFA events on a local level and enter stock shows through Victory FFA. Opportunities for competition and leadership start in the 8th Grade.
- **Active FFA 8th-12th**

FFA is led by FFA Advisors, Brooke Stewart and Jennifer Pinkerton, and is directly tied to the school. Parent/community support is vital to the longevity and success of our program.

Some of the competition opportunities through Victory FFA Include:

Animal Show Team:

Cattle, Sheep and Goats, Rabbits and Hogs

Spring Career Development Events (CDE's)

(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.)

Horse Judging Livestock Judging Meat Floriculture Entomology Wildlife Food Technology

Fall Leadership Development Events (LDE's)

(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.**)

Job Interview Creed Speaking Public Relations Agriculture Advocacy Skills(JR ONLY) Radio Quiz

Spring Speaking Events

(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.)

Prepared Public Speaking Soil Stewardship Extemporaneous

We attend various leadership camps, conferences, meetings, conventions, shows and contests across the state throughout the year.

What is 4-H?

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. 4-H is about having fun, learning, exploring and discovering. In 4-H, young people make new friends, develop new skills, become leaders and help shape their communities. 4-H gives them a chance to pursue their own interests – from photography to computers, from building rockets to raising sheep. They go places – to camp, to state and national conferences. They learn to be leaders and active citizens. In 4-H clubs, they serve as officers and learn to conduct meetings, handle club funds, and facilitate group decision-making. In a growing number of communities, 4-H youth serve as youth representatives in municipal or county government or as members of Teen Courts. They give back to their communities. 4-H members get involved in volunteer projects to protect the environment, mentor younger children and help people who are less fortunate.

3rd-12th Grade

Kindergarten-2nd Grade may attend Victory 4-H events and Clover Kids meetings.

4-H Projects are led by parents and community volunteers. All logistics of the club, officer teams and Victory Club meetings are run by and under the direction of the club manager (Brooke Stewart and Jennifer Pinkerton). Parent/community support is vital to the longevity and success of our program.

Some of the opportunities through Victory 4-H Include:

Access to any Wise County project group!

Victory 4H Officer Leadership Opportunities

Monthly Meeting and yearly Banquet

Animal Show Team:

Cattle, Sheep and Goats, Rabbits and Hogs

Hobby Classes

45 min classes where a member of our community teaches students 3rd-12th grade (generally geared towards 3rd-7th grade) a skill in one of those areas. For example, last year we did wreath making, cake layering, cookie decorating, floral design, etc

Speaking Events

Designed to develop the ability of all 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.

Other Opportunities

4-H offers many opportunities in various subject areas. Please look on the Texas 4-H website under Project Pages to see what is available. Many events work in conjunction with FFA events.

FFA or 4-H?

BOTH!

What is the difference?

FFA is directly tied to agriculture classes and is solely led by and under the direction of the FFA advisors.

4-H is a more independent program. It is meant for your child to discover their individual talents and interests. It is parent or community volunteer led under direction and guidance of the Club Manager->Victory Christian Academy->County Extension.

FFA provides more specialized opportunities for travel, leadership and connection to those in 8th-12th grade. It is school based.

4-H provides a wide variety of opportunities for students in 3rd-12th grade without as much involvement and direction from the school, advisors and FFA program.

Why both?

Both organizations are in the business of building leaders and helping young people create a successful future through putting their talents and interests to work.

4-H is great for discovering interests and FFA is wonderful for really focusing on putting them in motion for a successful future.

They work hand-in-hand, teach a lot of the same skills and offer a lot of equivalent opportunities. Iron sharpens iron.

For example, your student is involved in public speaking- they may compete at both 4-H and FFA contests. Same for judging, showing and other opportunities.

Being in both organizations provides double the opportunities for scholarship, leadership and fellowship.

How to get started?

FFA- Fill out the membership form at the QR Code Below and pay your dues to Mrs. Stewart or Mrs. Pinkerton. Junior members (3rd-7th) \$25. Active Members \$40.

Everyone must sign-up and pay every year. Officers included.

BEFORE Sept. 9!



4-H- Sign up/pay online at Texas 4-H online **AFTER Sept.1 BEFORE Dec. 1!** Link to detailed instructions and Texas 4-H Online are below.

Everyone must sign-up and pay every year. Officers included.



What to expect?

Monthly meetings. Getting out of your comfort zone. Goal setting. Career and college exploration. Achievement and scholarship opportunities. Fun events. Relationship building. Fundraising. Leadership training. Competition and travel opportunities.

What is required of members?

Attend meetings and participate in mandatory fundraisers.
Be OPEN-MINDED and have a POSITIVE ATTITUDE.
WORK HARD

What is required of parents?

Encourage your students to be open-minded and have a positive attitude.
Participate in mandatory fundraisers.
Read the weekly email updates.

Pay FFA balance monthly. (travel, contest, camps, etc.)

(students will not be eligible for additional travel, contests, etc. if they have an outstanding balance- please keep in mind that registration opens and CLOSES well in advance of events, payment plans can be set up if advance notice is given.)

Fundraising plans for 2022-2023

FALL

- Floral Subscriptions
 - Solely funds the floral program
 - SALES END Sept. 2
- Casserole Subscriptions
 - Solely funds the food technology program
 - SALES END Sept. 2
- Raffle(Mandatory)
 - SALES START September 12th, Drawing Held at Homecoming September 30
- Homecoming Dinner
 - Ticket Sales start September

SRING

- Youth Fair Concessions
 - Full Week and Rodeo
- Roping and Dinner(Mandatory)
 - First weekend in April

What is the money used for?

Our projected operating budget is approximately \$36,000 yearly. This includes membership fees at the district, area, state and national level, curriculum, record book subscriptions, meeting allowance, banquet and awards, fundraiser input, contest materials, entries and travel expenditures, buyer's club auction items, it helps with officer and advancing members expenses and teacher travel. It allows us to grow our program and add things beyond the basic operational costs. We have big goals for our program- our next goals include a livestock trailer and a school barn.

Buyers Clubs

All parents of students participating in WCYF will be required to participate. These are parent/community organizations that raise funds to reward students participating in the Wise County Youth Fair. There are two clubs that each hold an event that we need to support. The Wise Ag Youth Syndicate (Blue Ribbon Bash) and the Decatur Youth Fair Buyers Association (Sportsman Banquet) The syndicate purchases all Grand/Reserve entries and the Buyers Club purchases all other projects that make the auction. **This includes animals, baked goods, horticulture projects etc.** They both offer scholarships to those students that have been involved. Involvement in these ranges from helping prepare for the event, raising funds and assisting at the event. **If your student makes the auction at Wise County Youth Fair with ANY PROJECT(Cake, Animal, Flowers, Etc.) and you are not a participating member of the Decatur Youth Fair Buyer's Association you will be REQUIRED to pay a fee to the purchasing committee determined by VCA administration.**

The FFA motto is “Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve.” Victory FFA makes it a priority to put that motto into practice. We love our community and the opportunity for our students to get familiar with positive, skilled, Christian role models that they will encounter in their future while learning skills to help them become successful and productive members of the community we call home.

Hobby Class and Mock Interview Volunteers

Hobby Classes

We will continue with our very popular Baking, Crafts, Photography classes this year. These are 45 min classes where a member of our community teaches students 3rd-12th grade (generally geared towards 3rd-7th grade) a skill in one of those areas. For example, last year we did wreath making, cake layering, cookie decorating, floral design, etc. I would love to see some crafts geared towards outdoors or that may interest the young men in our program. Please consider sharing your talents with our awesome FFA students. Only one in each category(baking/craft/photography) per date please. Classes will take place at VCA in the Ag Portable or Gym Foyer based on class size. Students will sign up the week prior to your scheduled time. Supply fees will be covered by the students/chapter/club.

Mock interviews

Our FFA students find themselves doing interviews for officer positions, awards, leadership opportunities and scholarships throughout their high school careers. By helping develop these skills we are ensuring their success in their high school endeavors and when entering the workforce! I am happy to provide questions but would love for you to put your own spin on them as well. Each interview should be approximately 5 min. You may interview alone or bring someone with you to assist in the interview. Interviews will take place in the VCA Ag Portable.



Beginning of the year reminders!

Get your membership form and enrollment done!

Mandatory Fundraisers:

- 1) Fall raffle! Starting September 12th
 - a) Prize for top 3 sellers
 - b) \$1200 to cabins in Broken Bow, Oklahoma
 - c) \$500 to War Horse Weapons
- 2) Helping with the Victory 4-H and FFA Roping
 - a) Volunteering
 - b) Auction Items
 - c) Sponsorships
- 3) Participation in Buyer's Clubs if planning to be involved in the Youth Fair

Show team meeting August 29th at 6:00pm at the VCA Ag Portable!

(This is for anyone that will be showing an animal with VCA this year. If you are interested in showing but need more information please contact Mrs. Stewart or Mrs. Pinkerton AND attend the meeting. There will be a rabbit breeder at the meeting with breeding rabbits for sale and to answer any questions about showing market and breeding rabbits.)

To enter major livestock shows you must complete Quality Counts and your animal must be validated(county requirement also).

Shooting Sports and Fishing 4-H Project Groups Interest Meeting Monday, August 29th at the VCA Ag Portable!

(This is an interest meeting to get organized and make a plan! Parent volunteers must decide to lead these groups and take charge under the direction of the club managers. If a parent volunteer does not decide to take responsibility for organizing the group we WILL NOT be able to have these groups.)