



GEORGE RANCH FFA

The FFA Ranch Hand Newsletter

September 8, 2019

Fair countdown-18 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!

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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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 the form below if you plan to participate in the 2019 Fort Bend County Fair Livestock Judging Contest. Please mark your calendars for all dates and times below. You may email me directly with any questions or concerns: lhaley@lcsd.org Contest Date: Saturday October 5 @ 8:00 am Fort Bend County Fair Grounds <https://fortbendcountyfair.com/events/2019/jr-livestock-judging-contest> 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

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=YLR5XW0hUkih1cpB5PakUI-4_iXBAsxDtXFA_Jltb3xUNDZQSIkyWjI1QjJaRIJBOFVWVJUV0pFNy4u

It's Show Time!

Fair time is practically upon us and there is a lot of important information for our exhibitors on the fair website <https://fortbendcountyfair.com/events/livestock>. Please make sure you are diligent in keeping up with the show schedule, rules and deadlines.

If you are not exhibiting animals at the fair, you can still participate in a number of different areas in the Home Economics competitions. This is open to FFA students and adults as well. Check out the following websites for more information:

<https://fortbendcountyfair.com/events/2019/4-h-department8>

<https://fortbendcountyfair.com/events/2019/open-adult-creative-arts-department8>

Thursday, Sept. 26

7:00 PM Turkey Show

Friday, Sept. 27

8:00 AM Rabbit Show

11:00 AM Commercial Heifer Show

6:00 PM Goat Show

Saturday, Sept. 28

9:00 AM Broiler Show

6:30 PM Steer Show

Sunday, Sept. 29

4:00 PM Swine Show

Monday, Sept. 30

8:00 PM Roaster Show

Tuesday, Oct. 1

6:30 PM Lamb Show

Wednesday, Oct. 2

7:00 PM Scramble Heifer Show - Scramble Heifer Judging



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



Mrs. Brown will be taking 4 Greenhands to the Southwest District Greenhand Leadership Camp this Saturday September 14th. Then, she will take another lucky 4 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.

Meet the GR FFA Vice-President, Alex Thompson



How many years have you been a GR FFA member? 5

Jr. Member? 6 years

What is the highest FFA degree you have earned? Lonestar degree

How did you come about joining GR FFA?

"Mrs. Brown came up to me and told me to join something larger than life. And now I'm a senior so it's too late to quit."

What FFA activities have you participated in? "Oh boy... I have done greenhand creed speaking, chapter conducting, job interview, quiz team and even public speaking. I have also done dairy judging and land evaluation. My SAE's have included chickens, turkeys, goats, steers and heifers. Previous offices include Sentinel, Reporter, President, and now Vice- President. In 2018, I also attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis."

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What is your favorite FFA memory? "In October 2018, I was lucky enough to be selected to be a member of the National FFA Band. I attended the National convention in Indianapolis where President Trump gave a speech about agriculture. As a member of the band, I was allowed to be on stage with Trump and even personally shake his hand!"

What other things are you interested in? "In addition to FFA, I am also a member of the National Honors Society. I also play trombone and spend time with my friends.

What are your future plans? "I plan to be happy!"



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~::~Booster Club Beat~::~

Updates and News

Your dedicated booster club parents know that being a student member of the GR FFA Chapter is more than learning about cows, sows, and plows or weeds, seeds and feeds, but truly is about raising responsible, civic minded, young adult leaders who are equipped with valuable life lessons and real word experience which helps them to excel well beyond high school.

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.

The club is open to any family with an interest in supporting the George Ranch FFA Chapter and its members. And.... boy, have the executive and fundraising committees been working hard this summer to prepare some amazing opportunities for fundraising!

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. This opportunity is in the early stages and more information will be provided in the near future. Please just know, we are going to need everyone's help in our new adventure. We are coming up with a menu and believe 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 to reserve your spot to help us during the fair in this amazing opportunity!

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

The second item of business is a new sponsorship program. We are asking each booster club family (but would love your help even if you are not a current booster club member!) to visit five local businesses and promote our sponsorship program. We have provided you with a sponsorship letter and sponsorship form to present to the businesses as attachments. There are three different sponsorship levels starting at only \$50.00. Each level has advertising benefits and are a tax-deductible donation. **ANNUALBOOSTER CLUB DUES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM.** In other words, you cannot pay an additional \$10.00 on top of the \$40.00 booster club dues and receive sponsorship benefits. We have sponsors that will cover the cost of sponsor t-shirts and a sponsor banner, now we just need sponsors to fill them up. We need to have all forms mailed to the address provided or you can make arrangements to meet with Randy or Kim Voehl for a pick up. All sponsorships must be received by the September 3rd booster club meeting. We want to have the banner and t-shirts done before the fair starts so we can show off our sponsors.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE!



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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)

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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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