

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to the new school year, the Clear Brook FFA, and Clear Brook Agricultural Science Department! We are excited to see all of the new and returning students in our program and are looking forward to another successful year!

Our Agricultural Science Program is part of a three-part model of education that consists of classroom instruction, Supervised Agricultural Experiences, and the FFA. Classroom agricultural education is applied to hands-on learning opportunities outside of the classroom, called Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAEs). SAEs include activities such as raising an animal, building an ag mechanics project, starting a business, working for an established company, or completing a research project. FFA is a dynamic, student-led organization for students of agricultural education. FFA changes lives and prepares students for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.

FFA was created in 1928 as the Future Farmers of America; the name was changed in 1988 to the National FFA Organization to represent the growing diversity of agriculture. The FFA has evolved from an organization focusing primarily on production agriculture, to a broader-based organization that addresses the needs and interests of students in urban and suburban schools in addition to the rural communities from which FFA rose. Today, nearly one half-million student members are engaged in a wide range of agricultural education activities to develop their own unique talents and explore their interests in over 300 different career opportunities. We are still the Future Farmers of America, but we are the Future Biologists, Future Chemists, Future Veterinarians, Future Engineers and Future Entrepreneurs of America, too.

We hope that you will take full advantage of the FFA and become involved in our local chapter! Clear Brook FFA has something for everyone and we believe that it can be a life-changing experience for you. Our chapter is very diverse and offers a variety of opportunities and experiences for members to develop leadership skills and grow as individuals. All agriculture students have the opportunity to become an FFA member by paying their yearly FFA dues of \$30.00 and submitting the attached membership form to an Agricultural Science Teacher by October 2nd, 2018.

Please be sure to visit our website, <u>www.clearbrook.ffanow.org</u>, for more information about our chapter as well as a calendar of events. Please do not hesitate to contact one of us or a member of our FFA officer team if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Ms. Nicole Nosrat

Mr. Allan Cranfill

Ms. Marlo Lamb

Get Involved in Clear Brook FFA!

Leadership Development Events (LDEs) - August through December

Leadership Development Events 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. Team and individual events are used to reinforce what is taught in agricultural science classrooms. All LDE events have elimination rounds at the district and area before the state level competition. https://www.texasffa.org/lde

Examples: Chapter Conducting, Creed Speaking, Radio Broadcasting, Public Relations, Job Interview

Career Development Events (CDEs) - August through April

Career Development Events build on what is learned in agricultural classes and encourage members to put their knowledge into practice. 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. CDEs answer the question, "When will I use this knowledge in the real world?" Many CDEs offer scholarship opportunities. https://www.texasffa.org/cde

Examples: Livestock Judging, Meats Evaluation, Nursery/Landscape, Range, Veterinary Medicine

Speaking Events - April through June

Speaking Development Events are 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. https://www.texasffa.org/speaking-events

Agriscience Fair

Students use the scientific process as they reinforce skills and principles they have learned in agriscience courses. They conduct research projects and prepare a scientific report and display for judging at the state level. State winners in each category and division are awarded \$1,000 scholarship and advance to the National FFA Agriscience Fair held in conjunction with National FFA Convention. https://www.texasffa.org/agriscience-fair

Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE's)

SAE's are hands-on career preparation experiences tied to agricultural science curriculum, student aptitudes, interests, career and educational goals and to the agricultural industry. Types of SAE's:

- Entrepreneurship: Own and operate an agricultural business with the goal of earning a profit. (e.g. raise animals or livestock, operate a lawn care service, poinsettia production and sales.)
- Placement: Gain experience/knowledge through paid or unpaid internships. (e.g. working at a farm supply store, florist shop, or riding stable or volunteering your time through an ag internship)
- Research: Plan and conduct a scientific experiment using the scientific the scientific process. (e.g. Determine
 whether the phases of the moon affect plant growth, or test and determine the efficacy of different welding
 methods.)
- Foundational: Designed primarily to help students become literate in agriculture and/or become aware of possible careers in the AFNR career cluster and results in the development of a plan to begin an SAE.

Livestock Projects (Entrepreneurship SAE's)

Raising a livestock project is both a huge time and financial commitment, but can be an extremely rewarding experience that teaches student responsibility, time-management, and record-keeping skills. Most Clear Brook FFA members that raise livestock projects exhibit their animals at the Clear Creek ISD Livestock Show and Auction in January. Students also raise animals for our county livestock shows in September and April. Additionally, students may exhibit animals at major livestock shows such as the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and San Antonio Livestock Exposition. Students interested in showing at county or major shows should talk to an ag teacher for more information. CBFFA members raising livestock projects are eligible to house their animals at the Clear Creek ISD West Agricultural Facility in Webster. Information about raising an animal for the 2019 CCISD Livestock Show & Auction will be discussed at our meeting on September 4th at 6:00 pm at the West Ag Barn – 2155 W NASA Blvd Webster, TX 77598.

- Mr. Cranfill Steers, Swine
- Ms. Nosrat Heifers, Poultry
- Ms. Lamb Lambs, Goats, Rabbits



CLEAR BROOK FFA MEMBERSHIP FORM 18-19

Please return this form to an Ag teacher by <u>October 2nd</u>. The information below is needed for your FFA registration. FFA dues are <u>\$30.00</u> and can be paid in cash or money order. You will receive ONE tshirt with your paid dues that will be delivered at a later time.

Student Name:			Grade:			
Address:						
Phone #:	Emai	1:				
Parent/Guardian Name(s):						
Phone #1:	Pho	ne #2:				
Email #1: Email #2:						
T-shirt size for included t-shirt:		M	L	XL	2XL	
	Student In					
Ag Classes enrolled in:			Years in FFA:			
Are you interested in raising an animal in the future?			Yes	No		
Species:	Show:	CCISD	PLSR	GCFR	Majors	
Are you interested in joining LDE or (CDE's?		Yes	No		
Team/Contest:						
Other FFA activities are you interested	l in (ex: calf scran	nble, speaking	contests, talen	t, etc.):		
Do you give Clear Brook FFA permiss	sion to put your (s	tudent)		,		
picture on the CBFFA Website/Facebook/Instagram/Twitter?			Yes	No		

Communication Authorization

CCISD policy allows only a teacher, trainer, or other empextracurricular activity to use text messaging to communicate activity. By signing this authorization, you are granting poinformation to you and/or your student at the number you only as necessary and only to communicate information of Concerns about any inappropriate communication by any principal.	cate with students/athletes who participate in the ermission to the coach/sponsor to call or text important provide on this form. Text messaging may be used lirectly related to the sport/extracurricular activity.
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I,, agree tha, agree tha	ll phone to communicate important team, group and/or
Student Name:	
1. Appropriate phone number(s) for communication:	
Parent Signature:	Date:
FFA Member & Par	cent Expectations
1. Communication with teachers: teachers may be contapm. Any other hours please email questions and/or concepermission has been given. Be polite and respectful in all animal emergencies.	rns, unless there is an emergency or previous
2. Communication with other students/parents: treat of issue with another student or parent please address it with communications.	thers how you would like to be treated. If you have an an ag teacher. Be polite and respectful in all
3. Behavior at FFA functions: be dressed appropriately present.	for the event. Be polite and respectful to everyone
4. Calendar: it is the students/parents responsibility to ke online calendar, the calendars in the classrooms, or by che	eep up with chapter activities by either checking the ecking in with the teachers/officers on a regular basis.
I understand the expectations listed and as a Clear Brook	FFA member/parent I agree to follow them.
Parent Signature	Date:
Student Signature	Date:

2018-2019 CCISD Livestock Show Purchase Prices

All money is due September 6, 2018. Please provide a cashier's check or cash for the purchase of your project. See your Agriscience instructor for details. Read the following information carefully because there have been some changes. The \$20 entry fee has been included in the total.

Please Note: Whether you are paying in cash or with a cashier's check, we need for the cost of the animal to be separated from the cost of pen rent. (Ex: Steer = one cashier's check for \$1970.00 for the animal/entry and one cashier's check for \$200.00 for pen rent)

Steers -

Cost: TBD for 2019-2020

Arrival: May 2019 @ East Barn

- 3:30 p.m. view time for FFA student
- 4:30 p.m. start time for selection

Pen rent: \$200 per feeding period

Total: TBD (2018-2019 total was \$2170)

Lambs (1st)

Cost: \$375 (includes \$20.00 for the CCISD Livestock Show and Auction Entry Fee)

Arrival: September 24th @ East Barn

- 3:30 p.m. view time for FFA student
- 4:30 p.m. start time for selection

Pen rent: \$100 per feeding period

Total: \$475.00

Goats (2nd)

Cost: \$375 (includes \$20.00 for the CCISD Livestock Show and Auction Entry Fee)

Arrival: September 24th @ East Barn

- 3:30 p.m. view time for FFA student
- 4:30 p.m. start time for selection

Pen rent: \$100 per feeding period

Total: \$475.00

Pigs

Cost: \$320 (includes \$20.00 for the CCISD Livestock Show and Auction Entry Fee)

Arrival: October 8th @ East Barn

- 3:30 p.m. view time for FFA student
- 4:30 p.m. start time for selection

Pen rent: \$100 Total: \$420.00

Turkeys -

Cost: \$6.00/bird, may purchase in groups of 10 or 15

(Includes \$20.00 for the CCISD Livestock Show and Auction Entry Fee) = \$80.00 / \$110.00

Arrival: Estimated arrival Late September – Early October

Pen rent: \$75 per feeding period

Total: \$155.00 / \$185.50

Broilers

Cost: \$2.00/bird, must purchase 25

(Includes \$20.00 for the CCISD Livestock Show and Auction Entry Fee) = \$70.00

Arrival: 12/14/18

Pen rent: \$75 per feeding period

Total: \$145.00

Rabbits

Cost: You must purchase your own rabbits (cost will vary depending on how much you want to

spend)

Breed: Californians

Entry Fee: \$20.00 for the CCISD Livestock Show and Auction Entry Fee Suggested Breeding Dates: Between October 20 - October 27, 2018

Tattoo Date: January 7, 2019 from 3-5 pm in the CSHS Ag Shop (tattoo all of your babies)

Pens: Animals must be kept at home.

Total: \$20.00 (Entry Fee)

For each project, the student is responsible for securing feed and ensuring the animal is cared for. Eligibility check will be completed for the 2nd Nine Weeks grading period, January 15, 2019 (the "No pass, No play" rule is in effect). If an ineligible student has a project in the barn, the animal will have to be removed from the barn by January 21, before the start of the 2019 CCISD Livestock Show and Auction. You must be enrolled in one agriscience course to be eligible to exhibit a project.

Purchase of a livestock project(s) is not required of a student to be enrolled in an agricultural course or to participate in the CCISD show and auction. Students may also enter Ag. Mechanics, Floriculture, Horticulture, Visual Arts and Food Science projects to be a participant of the show and auction. Each exhibitor must be a paid FFA member in good standing with their respective chapter.

In addition to the payment of the project, students need to turn in an entry form, a W-9 with **student information**, a signed show rule agreement, a signed animal health care guidelines, and a signed barn rule agreement (if the project is kept in the barn) to their ag science instructor prior to selection.

Please note that if you plan to participate in the CCISD Livestock Auction, you will need to have official dress in order to Auction. Please see your Ag. teacher for details.



CLEAR BROOK FFA APPAREL ORDER FORM 2018

Chapter T-	-Shirt: Red letterin	g with white outlin	ne. \$15 for sizes S-XI	L. \$17 for 2XL.
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You will			order is ready to be p Friendswood, TX 7	oicked up from the CB. 7546.

YOU'RE INVITED TO

THE 7th ANNUAL CLEAR BROOK FFA

MEAT & GREET



THURSDAY
SEPT. 6
6:00 PM

\$10 TICKETS

BBQ PLATE, LIVE MUSIC, BARN TOURS, & CASH TICKET RAFFLE

TICKETS SOLD BY CBFFA MEMBERS A LIMITED NUMBER TO BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

2155 W NASA BOULEVARD WEBSTER, TX 77598