

Allen FFA Chapter Handbook

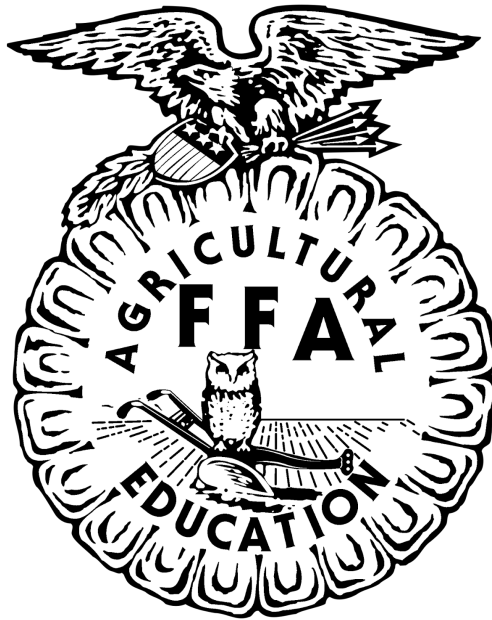


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Welcome to the Allen FFA Chapter Handbook

This handbook serves as a reference guide for the Allen FFA Chapter. This handbook should answer any questions you may have about the FFA Chapter and all the opportunities available for the school year. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact the Agriculture Education instructor and FFA advisor, Amber Horton via email at ahorton@allenschools.org.

Program of Activities

(subject to change)

September

11th - Husker Harvest Days @ Wood River

14th - District Tractor Driving contest @ Pierce

October

2nd - Area Land Judging contest @ TBD

10th - Fruit sales begins through Nov. 10th

23-26 - National FFA Convention

November

15th - Parents Night / Degree Night

20th - District LDEs @ Summerland

January

22nd - District Livestock Judging contest @ Norfolk

29th - District Proficiency Review & State Degree Interviews @ TBD

February

17th-21st - National FFA Week

19th - Farmer's Breakfast @ Allen Ag Shop

25th - District CDEs @ Norfolk

March

13th - Labor Auction @ Allen school gym

April

2nd - 4th - State Convention @ Lincoln

May

5th - Banquet @ Allen school gym

Point System

This system is in place in order to determine the most active members for awards programs and for eligibility to attend State Convention. Members must accrue at least 100 points (June thru March) by attending chapter meetings, district competitions, fundraising, etc. no exceptions.

Chapter Activities

Monthly meeting	5 points
Highway cleanup	10 points
Husker Harvest Days	10 points
Fruit Sales (all items delivered)	25 points
Parents Night/Degree Night	10 points
Farmers Breakfast	10 points
Labor Auction (worked for buyer)	25 points

District Activities

Tractor Driving contest	20 points
Land Judging contest	20 points
National Convention	20 points
LDE contest	20 points
Livestock Judging contest	20 points
CDE contest	20 points

FFA Contests

District Tractor Driving - A competition that challenges a student to complete a two-wheeled implement obstacle course, four-wheeled implement obstacle course, safety exam, parts identification, safety inspection, and operator's manual worksheet.

Area Land Judging - A competition that requires students to understand soil structure and land evaluation. Participants will learn to recognize the physical features of the soil, determine land capability for crop production, and evaluate management practices needed for proper stewardship.

Leadership Development Events (LDEs)

Agricultural Demonstration (2-5 member team) - A competition that requires students to accurately explain a process through demonstration of the skills required while making a verbal presentation. Emphasis is placed on the importance of agricultural technology and the skills required for a changing industry.

Conduct of Chapter Meetings (7th-9th grade: 7 member team) - Students will be able to demonstrate parliamentary procedure to conduct an orderly and efficient meeting, communicate and participate effectively as a team member, demonstrate critical thinking, and use teamwork for effective decision making.

Cooperative Speaking (Individual) - An individual student event which requires the student to write and present a speech about cooperatives as a method of doing business in the agricultural industry.

Creed Speaking (Individual; first year freshman or sophomore only) - Students learn public speaking skills and develop the ability to interpret and express the FFA Creed.

Employment Skills (Individual)- Students demonstrate their ability in completing a job application form, writing a letter of application, preparing a resume, interviewing, and completing a follow-up letter.

Extemporaneous Speaking (Individual) - Students present a speech about an agricultural topic chosen at the event with 30 minutes to prepare.

Junior Public Speaking (Individual; freshman or sophomore only) - Students write a speech in advance of the contest about an agricultural topic. Students recite their prepared speech and answer questions.

Natural Resources Speaking (Individual) - Students write a speech about a natural resources topic in advance of the event. Students recite their prepared speech and answer questions.

Parliamentary Procedure (6 member team) - Students will be able to demonstrate knowledge of parliamentary procedure in order to conduct an orderly and efficient meeting; and transact business and present logical, realistic, and convincing discussion.

Senior Public Speaking (Individual) - Students write a speech in advance of the contest about an agricultural topic. Students recite their prepared speech and answer questions.

Career Development Events (CDEs)

4 member teams

Ag Biotechnology - Students explore the diversity of the Biotechnology Industry, in terms of basic knowledge, skills and applications of biotechnology to the workplace.

Ag Communications - Provides members with basic communication skills necessary to take advantage of career opportunities in agricultural communications.

Ag Issues - Members can develop critical thinking, problem solving and formal communication skills by researching the pros and cons of an agricultural issue and presenting their findings and theories to a panel of judges.

Ag Sales - Provides members with the basic skills to take advantage of the career opportunities offered in the agricultural sales field.

Agriscience - Provides first year students with a practical and applied career experience in a competitive environment.

Agronomy - Provides interest and promotes understanding in agronomy by demonstrating skills and proficiencies in crop production and identification.

Farm Business Management - Provides knowledge, proficiency, understanding, and application in various economic principles and business management concepts involved in the operations and management of a farm or ranch operation.

Floriculture - Designed to promote the interest and study of the production and marketing of flowers, plants, and foliage. Students create a specific floral arrangement and take a floriculture knowledge test.

Food Science - Designed to promote learning activities in food science and technology related to the food industry and to assist students in developing practical knowledge of principles used in a team decision-making process

Junior Livestock Evaluation - Students identify, evaluate, and discuss relative differences in breeding and market livestock by placing 8 livestock classes and delivering a set of oral reasons.

Senior Livestock Evaluation - Students identify, evaluate, and discuss relative differences in breeding and market livestock by placing 8 livestock classes and delivering 3 sets of oral reasons.

Livestock Management - A team of 5 students will work together to complete six different species practicum exams, includes beef, dairy, horse, poultry, sheep, and swine.

Marketing Plan - Students develop practical skills in the marketing process through the development and presentation of a marketing plan.

Meats Evaluation - Students identify cuts of meat from beef, pork, and lamb, take a written exam, and complete a lab practicum.

Natural Resources - Students complete an exam about habitat management, food webs, and ecosystem properties, as well as a group practicum focused on species identification skills, invasive species, and native fish and wildlife.

Nursery and Landscape - Students will identify landscape plants, insects, and diseases, identify equipment, integrated pest management practices, and problem solving.

Veterinary Science - Students will develop technical knowledge and practical skills in veterinary medicine.

Welding - Students will learn basic welding skills in four different welding types, weldment joints, different welding positions and how to read welding blueprints.

Fundraisers

Fruit and Cookie Dough Sales - Every member will be required to participate in all fundraisers including the selling of fruit and cookie dough. Any member who does not meet the minimum sales requirement for Fruit and Cookie dough sales will not be eligible for the State FFA Convention in April.

Concession Stand - Members will be required to help with one concession stand during the school year. Members not participating in the sport which is playing that evening will need to help cover for those playing sports.

Labor Auction - Every member will be required to participate in the Labor Auction as a way to raise funds for his/her trip to the National Convention when he/she is a senior. Any member who does not participate in the Labor Auction will not be eligible for the National Convention trip.

Contact the Advisor

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Student and Parent Signatures

I, _____ (student name) and _____

(parent name), have read the Allen FFA Chapter Handbook and agree to all of

the conditions and requirements of being an Allen FFA member.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____