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Sealy FFA Activities

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. Many of these activities are contingent on academic eligibility, and other criteria established for the particular activity or event.

Animal Projects Supervised Agriculture Experience Program Students have the opportunity to raise cattle, hogs, sheep, goats, poultry, colt and rabbits and compete at the Austin County project show held in October and statewide major livestock shows such as HLS&R. This is done at the student's financial expense under the supervision of the Agri-science teacher. SISD does not currently have a facility available for students to keep animal projects.

Leadership Development Events Students compete at the District, Area, State and even National level depending on the placing in twelve different contests. Contests are designed to develop student's leadership skills in a variety of areas and challenge them on agricultural and FFA knowledge, parliamentary skills and speaking ability. Jr. / Sr Chapter Conducting, Jr / Sr Quiz, Jr. / Sr. FFA creed speaking, Jr. / Sr. Skills demonstration, Public Relations, Agricultural Issues, FFA Radio, and Job Interview are the LDE contests. Students may participate in two LDE events each year. The LDE team training and contest take place in the Fall.

Career Development Events Classroom instruction is transformed into a competitive event against other FFA members in many different areas of Agriculture. These CDE contests, also known as Judging teams include but are not limited to, Livestock, Land, Range, Poultry, Dairy Cattle, Floriculture, Meats, Horse, Forage and Wildlife. These contests are held all over the state and throughout the year but primarily take place in the spring. Multiple practice contests prepare the team for the Area contest in which students must qualify for the state contest and perhaps earn the opportunity to compete at the national level.

Speaking Event- CDE contest held in spring include SR/ Jr. Prepared Public Speaking, Sr / Jr extemporaneous Speaking, Sr. / Jr. Soil Stewardship Public Speaking. With the assistance of Advisors students will present speeches to judges and could compete at the local, district, area and state levels.

Scholarships- Sealy FFA actively participates in scholarship programs offered through ACF, Austin Co Go Texan, Farm Bureau, SISD, National and State FFA. Students academic achievement, participation in extracurricular activities, test scores, commitment to their future, often interview and application are considered as well. It is also the goal of SHS FFA to develop a strong, diversified and accomplished FFA resume that reflects student accomplishment and success in many FFA activities.

Ag. Mechanics /Supervised Agriculture Experience Program Students will have the opportunity to compete in areas of Ag. Mechanics. Under the Agri-Science teacher supervision students may develop projects which may be exhibited in these areas.

Tractor Tech / Ag Mech / Tractor restoration – Students may approach the Advisors with possibilities of how to be involved with FFA activities related to Tractors.

FFA Officers & Committees FFA members are presented the opportunity to develop premier leadership through many activities. Students may be selected to serve by a three phase election process in a variety of positions at the local level and above. FFA members may also serve as a member or chairperson of a committee within the chapter POA.

Camps, Conventions and Chapter Meetings FFA members throughout the year have the opportunity to meet as a group at the local, district, area, state and national level. Many activities and benefits are a result of these activities hearing speakers, participating in FFA decisions, receiving and exchanging information, developing leadership skills, practicing personal growth, preparing for career success and receiving recognition for achievements.

Community Service Throughout the year under the direction of the student leadership, SHS FFA members will participate in multiple community service projects. FFA members will seek to be an integral part of the community by giving back through various activities.

Public Relations FFA members will have the opportunity to develop and present a strong program of activities that seeks to develop awareness and understanding of agriculture and the FFA. These activities will be conducted throughout the school and community in order to inform others of the importance of the organization. FFA members individually will also be expected to follow the FFA Code of ethics as a part of the chapter Public Relations campaign. A few Activities featured yearly will be Tour guiding at HLS&R, 8th grade recruitment trips, parades and participation in school activities.

Recreational Activities FFA members will be asked to work hard and play even harder, by participating in fun, healthy activities. FFA members reward themselves for a job well done in the classroom, show ring and other FFA activities by conducting Chapter recreational activities throughout the year.

Fundraising Activities Financial stability is an essential to a successful FFA chapter. In Order, to conduct activities and participate state wide the membership must have a strong financial standing. This will be accomplished by motivated FFA members participating in Fruit/ Meat Sales, Coke stand participation, program sales and other opportunities that arise for the membership.