Goliad FFA NEWSLETTER

Questions? Email an Ag Teacher!
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FFA News:

- Goliad FFA Officer Meeting (4/3/23)
  - Held in Hubbells room @ 4:15 p.m.
  - Please bring a charged computer with you and/or notebook.
- Goliad FFA Meeting (4/10/23)
  - Held in GHS Cafeteria @ 6:30 p.m.
- Goliad FFA Alumni and Supporters Meeting (4/6/23)
  - Held in GHS Auditorium @ 6:00 p.m.
- Chapter Officer Interviews and Application Scoring (4/13/23)
  - If your student applied to be an FFA officer for the 2023-2024 school year, we are holding Chapter Officer Interviews and Application Scoring on April 13th, 2023. Judging will begin at 4:30 and be held in Ms. Hubbells room. Chapter officer candidates will be held in the GHS library until they are called upon for their interview. Please make sure that your student is in proper Official Dress for their interview. Order of interviews will be drawn at random and posted on Ms. Hubbells door at 4. If there is a time conflict, please make an FFA Advisor aware of the conflict and we will accommodate the necessary change.

SPRING Semester Important Dates:

- April 1
  - American FFA Degree Applications submitted through AET
- Area X CDE Contest
  - April 12th
- April 15
  - Area Officer Selection process phase 1
  - Alumni Team Roping
  - Texas FFA Scholarship application deadline for submission for area checking by 11:59 pm
- May 1
  - District Convention-
- May 5
  - Lone Star FFA Degree Application deadline for submission for area checking by 11:59 pm.
- May 8
  - FFA Alumni Gun Raffle Drawing-
- May 10
  - Goliad FFA Chapter Banquet
- May 16
  - Area X Banquet

Please see below for more info about **March** Contest Dates

March Contest Dates:

- Glen Rose/Stephenville Dairy Contest (3/22-3/23)
    - Cost to Compete: $13 per Individual (must be paid in order to compete)
  - Depart: GHS @ 7:15 a.m.
  - Return time: TBD
  - Bring Your Own Breakfast
  - Lunch: Riverhouse Grill (03/22) Cotton Patch (03/23)
- Texas State Invitational CDE Contest (3/24/23)
    - Contestants must return signed waiver to your ag teacher
    - Teams competing: AgMech, Ento, Nursery/Landscape, Poultry
    - Cost to compete: $6 per individual (must be paid in order to compete)
  - Depart: @ 5:30 a.m.
  - Return: @ 5:30-5:45 p.m.
  - Bring your own breakfast
  - Lunch: Raising Cane's on our way out of San Marcos (Bring meal $)
- Texas A&M Clinics & Invitationals (3/25/23)
    - Contestants must return signed waiver to your ag teacher
    - Teams competing: ATMS, Horse, Poultry
    - Cost to compete: $12.50/ATMS, $7/ Horse and Poultry (must be paid in order to compete)
  - Depart: GHS @ 4:45 a.m. (Subject to change based upon vehicle assignment)
  - Return: @ 5:00 p.m
  - Bring your own breakfast
  - Lunch: Layne's Chicken (Bring meal $)
- Sam Houston ATMS Invitational & Region III Wildlife Contest (3/29/23)
  - Sam Houston ATMS
    - Cost to compete: $12.50 per contestant (must be paid in order to compete)
    - ATMS Depart: @ 4:45 a.m.
    - Return: @ 5:00 p.m.
    - Bring your own breakfast
    - Lunch: Farmhouse Cafe (Bring meal $)
  - Region III Wildlife Contest
    - Region III Area Wildlife Contest
      - Depart: GHS @ 6:30 AM
      - Return: 4PM or Earlier
      - Lunch - Tuttles Woodsboro (Bring Meal $)
- Harmony FFA Online Floriculture Contest (3/29)
    - Cost to compete: $4/student (must be paid in order to compete)
  - Please plan to compete in this online contest at practice on 3/29.
- Area X Dairy Cattle Sate Qualifying Contest (3/31/23)
    - No cost to compete
  - Depart: GHS @ 6:30 a.m.
  - Return: @ 4 p.m. (subject to change)
  - Lunch: @ Shortys (Bring meal $)
- Area X Horse Judging - College Station, TX
    - No cost to compete
  - Depart: March 31st @ 2:00 pm
  - Dinner: Laynes (Bring Meal $)
  - Return: April 1st @ 4:00 pm
  - Lunch/Dinner: Fuego, Chick Fil A (Bring Meal $)
  - Hotel: Candlewood Suites College Station, TX

<u>April Contest Dates:</u>

- Area X Applied Ag Engineering Contest (4/3/23)
  - Depart: @ 5:00 a.m.
  - Return: @ 5:00 p.m.
  - Lunch: El Tapatio in Kingsville (Bring meal $)
- South Texas Invitational CDE (4/5/23)
    - Teams competing: Ento, Floral, Livestock, Nursery/Landscape, Poultry
    - Cost to compete: $10 for all contestants (Must be paid in order to compete)
  - Depart: @ 5:00 a.m.
  - Return: @ 5:30-5:45 p.m.
  - Bring your own breakfast
  - Lunch: Bill Miller BBQ in Floresville (Bring meal $)
- State Contests
  - **<u>Cotton, Entomology, Horse</u>**
    - 4/22
    - Texas Tech University
  - **<u>Dairy</u>**
    - 4/27
    - Tarleton State University
  - **<u>Nursery/Landscape, Floriculture, ATMS</u>**
    - 4/28
    - Sam Houston State University
  - **<u>Poultry, Vet Science, Livestock</u>**
    - 4/29
    - Texas A&M University
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Advisor Updates:

Hammack:

- If you are interested in constructing and showing an Ag Mechanics Project for Major Stock Shows and GCFA please contact me!!!! THE CLOCK IS TICKING!!!!!!
- Please make sure that you are updating ag mechanics project record books with regards to judge's feedback.
- ATMS, AAE, and Entomology: Please make sure that you are reviewing resources, previous exams, and test banks to prepare for contests. These are FREE points that you CANNOT leave on the table!

Hubbell:

- Floral: Please make sure that you are reviewing resources, previous exams, and QBank to prepare for contests. These are FREE points that you CANNOT leave on the table!
- Poultry: Please utilize your binder and QBank to help you study parts ID, carcasses, specific chapter questions, etc.
- Horse: Please make sure you are utilizing iCEV nationals videos.
- Cotton: Please make sure you are coming to my shop to practice with the samples
- If you are interested in participating in Public Speaking, district contest is May 1st and you need to come see me.
- If you are interested in showing a steer or heifer next year at GCFA or any Texas majors, please come and see me.
- ****NEW** FOR 2023** all state validated heifers will be tagged similar to steers. This will bring the heifer validation program in line with breeding sheep, breeding goats, and breeding gilts.
- ****NEW** FOR 2023** both steers and heifers will be charged at $25 per validation fee
- Cattle Validation Tag ordering will begin **March 1, 2023**. The deadline for tag ordering will be **April 7, 2023**.

Ross:

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Goliad FFA Alumni & Supporters:

***ALWAYS welcoming new members! You DO NOT have to be an alumni of Goliad High School or a previous FFA member to join! ***

- 10 Gun Raffle will take place on May 8th, 2023. Attendance not required. Tickets are $20/each
  - If interested in selling or purchasing tickets please let an FFA Advisor know
- 1st Annual Goliad FFA Alumni Team Roping will take place on April 15th, 2023.
  - We are seeking parent AND student volunteers that are willing to help in various ways. If you are interested in helping please contact an FFA Advisor! Students will be earning community service hours.

Advisor Updates:

- Swine Validation Tag ordering will begin April 1, 2023. The deadline for tag ordering will be April 30, 2023.
- Swine Tags: $15 -April 1st-30th, $18 May 1st- June 7th

Important Dates

- June 1 – June 30, 2023   Validation Window
- July 7, 2023   Post mark date for returning validation materials and payment.
- August 1, 2023   Deadline for submitting and uploading purebred gilt registration papers.

New for 2023 State Fair of Texas / Heart of Texas Validation

- We will be using 840 USDA Premise ID Tags for validation.
- If the pig has an 840 tag from a breeder in it's ear at time of validation, that tag will need to be removed and replaced with our program issued 840 validation tag. *** Please note that the Texas Animal Health Commission has approved the removal of 840 tags in animals that have been purchased for show purposes in Texas as our tag will be the tag of record.
- If an 840 tag is removed at time of validation, the number will need to be recorded for reference in a document provided at time of validation.
- If a validation tag is lost, it MUST be replaced with an 840 validation tag. If you replace the 840 validation tag with your personal 840 tag, or a 840 breeder tag or a veterinarian issued 840 tag, your pig(s) will be considered as NON – VALIDATED, RESULTING IN YOUR PIG(S) NOT BEING ELIGIBLE FOR SHOW.
- Recommended tagger - Datamar (Blue) Universal Tagger.
- **Lamb and Goat Validation Tag ordering will begin** March 1, 2023. The deadline for tag ordering will be **April 7, 2023.**

NEW FOR 2023 **Lambs and goats validated during the 2023 State Fair Validation Period WILL BE ELIGIBLE for 2024 Spring Major Shows. Market animals validated for the 2023 State Fair will carryover for 2024 Spring Major Shows. Once validated, the project MUST stay in the care of the exhibitor that project is validated to; if the exhibitor chooses to sell the project to a new exhibitor, the new exhibitor MUST REVALIDATE the project within the next validation period. Please see the Validation Guidelines for more details.**

- Lamb and Goat Tags: $15 per head March 1st- April 7th, $25 per head April 8th- June 24th
- Physical Validation: June 1st-30th, 2023
- Vet Science: Please make sure you are reading your chapters and working on practicum practice. You also need to be memorizing your ID list. Get with Ross with available days for practices ASAP!
- Lonestar degree applicants the deadline for submission is May 5th, so you need to be making sure your record book is up to date.
- Nursery: Please make sure that you are reviewing your resources, exams, and test banks to prepare for contest. These are FREE points that you CANNOT leave on the table.

Congratulations to all of our Goliad County Fair Exhibitors!