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Dear Parent/Guardian of a Santa Ynez FFA Fair Exhibitor(s),

Greetings from the Santa Ynez Valley Union High School Agriculture Department! It is that time of year when students are planning and preparing for the Santa Barbara County Fair and we are looking forward to another successful year!

In anticipation of the 2017 Santa Barbara County Fair, we would like to remind students and parents that there is a **MANDATORY exhibitor and parent meeting Tuesday January 24th at 6pm in the Little Theater**. The Santa Barbara County Fair held July 8-17th, 2017 has implemented a new restriction on exhibiting all livestock species this year due to limited space availability. Also, it is a newer requirement with the fair that new exhibitors (that have not shown before) attend a Mandatory Quality Assurance Training before May 15th. Information regarding the trainings are provided in this mailer. It is extremely important that you and your student read the new Santa Ynez FFA Fair Requirements carefully to ensure eligibility. By having one parent/guardian present plus your student, we can ensure that all parties involved are aware of the commitments and rewards involved when raising a market animal for the county fair.

There are a few requirements and thoughts students and parents/guardians should consider when taking an animal to the fair. We have included the information enclosed to assist you in the preparation of the 2017 Santa Barbara County Fair and a preview of the expectations we have for your student while participating at the fair (you and your student will sign these documents and turn them at the Mandatory Meeting on January 24th). Please, look through the information and have a discussion with your family about the time, money and commitment it takes to raise a livestock project. We will explain expectations further and answer your questions so you and your student can make an informed decision about exhibiting at the fair.

Agriculture courses prepare students for premier leadership, personal growth and career success and we hope that your student continues their learning journey by participating in the 2017 Santa Barbara County Fair. Please feel free to email us with your questions.

Sincerely,

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# Sign Up for Remind Text Reminders for Fair For Students and Parents



## Sign up for important updates from Ms. Clement.

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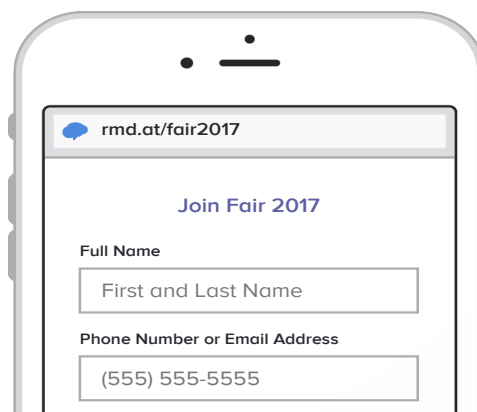
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On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

[rmd.at/fair2017](http://rmd.at/fair2017)

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



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# 2016-2017 FFA ACTIVITIES

Activity	Date	Location	Level
August FFA Meeting	8/24	SYHS	Chapter
Home Football Game- Sell Sandwiches	9/2	SYHS	Chapter
September FFA Meeting	9/20	SYHS	Chapter
Home Football Game- Sell Sandwiches	9/23	SYHS	Chapter
Opening and Closing Ceremonies Competition	10/1	San Luis Obispo	Sectional
Home Football Game- Sell Sandwiches	10/7	SYHS	Chapter
Chapter Officer Leadership Conference (Officers Only)	10/8-10/9	Hollister	Regional
Greenhand Conference (Freshmen Only)	10/14	Paso Robles	State
October FFA Meeting	10/13	SYHS	Chapter
Home Football Game- Sell Sandwiches	10/21	SYHS	Chapter
National FFA Convention	10/19-10/22	Indianapolis, IN	National
Home Football Game- Sell Sandwiches	11/4	SYHS	Chapter
Best Informed Greenhand Competition (Freshmen Only)	11/16	Nipomo	Sectional
November FFA Meeting	11/17	SYHS	Chapter
Morning Wave	11/22	SYHS	Chapter
December FFA Meeting	12/6	SYHS	Chapter
St. Helena Vine Pruning Contest	1/5-1/7	St. Helena	State
January FFA Meeting	1/10	SYHS	Chapter
Dinuba Vine Pruning Contest (tentative)	1/13-1/14	Dinuba	State
Local Job Interview Contest	1/26	SYHS	Chapter
Made for Excellence & Advanced Leadership Academy (Sophomores and up)	1/27-1/28	Monterey	State
State FFA Degree Scoring (App due January 30th)	2/1	Santa Maria	State
Proficiency Award Application (App due January 30th)	2/1	San Luis Obispo	Regional
Vine Pruning State Finals	2/3-2/4	Fresno	State
Arbuckle Field Day	2/3-2/4	Arbuckle	State
Sectional Public Speaking Competition (Manuscripts/Resumes due January 31st)	2/15	Arroyo Grande	Sectional
Regional Officer Screening (Sophomores and up)	2/19-2/20	San Luis Obispo	Regional
February FFA Meeting	2/23	SYHS	Chapter
National FFA Week Activities	2/20-2/24	SYHS	Chapter
UC Davis Vet. Science Contest	3/3-3/4	Davis	State
Sacramento Leadership Experience (Seniors Only)	3/7-3/10	Sacramento	State
March FFA Meeting	3/8	SYHS	Chapter
Spring Regional Meeting	3/17	King City	Regional
Modesto Vet. Science Field Day	3/24-3/25	Modesto	State
State FFA Degree Ceremony	4/2	Arroyo Grande	State
Chapter FFA Officer Screening	4/4	SYHS	Chapter
April FFA Meeting	4/6	SYHS	Chapter
Morning Wave	4/7	SYHS	Chapter
Cal Poly, Pomona Vet. Science Contest	4/7-4/8	Pomona	State
State FFA Conference	4/20-4/25	Fresno	State
Fresno State Vet. Science Contest	4/22	Fresno	State
Hanford Vet. Science Contest	4/29	Hanford	State
Animal Care Clinic Vet. Science Contest (tentative)	4/30	San Luis Obispo	State
FFA Awards Reception (tentative)	5/2	Santa Ines Mission	Chapter
Vet. Science State Finals	5/6	San Luis Obispo	State
Sectional Officer Screening (Sophomores and up)	5/9	Santa Maria	Sectional
Project Competition	5/18	Santa Ynez	Sectional

\*Events and times are subject to change. Please talk to your FFA Advisor for the most current information.

Updated 7/1/2016

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Species: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Farm: \_\_\_\_\_ Buy from Instructor/On Own: \_\_\_\_\_

## Santa Ynez FFA Fair Requirements

Requirements	Met Requirement
Attend at least 70% (7 out of the 10) of <b>monthly FFA meetings</b> including the FFA banquet	
Participate in at least one <b>sectional level or above leadership activity</b> (see FFA Activities for Sectional and above FFA Activities) by <b>April 1st</b>  Planned Sectional Activity: _____ (Public Speaking Competition, Award Application, Leadership Conference, or Judging Team)	
Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors must be enrolled and earn a 60% D or above in the <b>ROP Livestock Management</b> class during the spring and summer.	
<b>Added Points Beyond Requirements by February 1st</b> (added points determines who shows a hog and picking order)	<b>Your Points</b>
<b>Highest grade in agriculture class (only one class)</b> (A= 4, B= 3, C= 2, D= 1)	
<b>Valid sectional and above chapter level activities</b> (National= 5, State= 4, Regional= 3, Sectional Competition/Leadership= 2, Sectional Social Activities= 1)	
<b>Valid chapter activities</b> (Community service, fundraising, other activities= 1)	
<b>Years enrolled in an agriculture class</b> (4 yrs= 4, 3yrs= 3, 2 yrs= 2, 1 yr= 1)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	

**See reverse for points and level of activities**

# FFA Fair Project Expectations and Agreement

Santa Barbara County Fair July 8-17th, 2017

## Before you purchase a fair project:

-Santa Ynez Valley Union High School, the agriculture department and its instructors or students assume no responsibility for the loss or death of any animal. The student assumes the responsibility and financial risk. Insurance against death is available through the FFA program. It is the student's responsibility to inquire about and pay for insurance.

-To be a member in good standing in Santa Ynez FFA, students are required to attend at least seventy percent of all regular monthly FFA meetings. Students must also participate in an approved Sectional level or above leadership activity by April 1st. Please see Santa Ynez FFA Activities for approved activities. Students are also required to attend project meetings/practices and must attend the Mandatory Fair Meetings prior to the fair. Students who fail to meet this requirement will not be exhibiting their project at the fair. Students must also maintain and update their FFA Record Book on a regular basis.

-Project Advisors strongly discourage first year FFA members from exhibiting two large livestock animals simultaneously at the fair. It is extremely difficult for a first year FFA member to give full attention to each animal at the fair. Project Advisors must meet with the student's parents and approve of two animals exhibited at the fair by a first year FFA member.

-Students who are sophomores or above during the 2016-2017 school year are required to enroll and attend the summer ROP Livestock Management class. Classes will be held once a week from March until Fair. Students will receive high school credit for their participation in this class. Freshmen are required to attend these meeting as well, but will not receive high school credit.

## While you have your fair project:

-It is the sole responsibility of the student (not parents or friends) to care for and manage their project. Students are expected to clean, feed, water and care for their animal everyday, twice a day. The student needs to make arrangements on their own for the care of their animal if they are absent or unable to manage their project. Students who keep their project at the School Farm must sign, agree and follow the School Farm Contract. There is limited space at the School Farm for projects. Students must meet with the Santa Ynez Agriculture Department and get permission to house their animal at the School Farm.

-Students are responsible for the purchase of the animal, feed, supplies and medications for their project. No loans will be given through the Santa Ynez Agriculture Department. Students are responsible for veterinarian bills incurred by their own animal.

-Students are responsible for writing buyers letters to encourage community members/individuals to bid on their project at the Junior Livestock Auction. Project Advisors do not guarantee specific auction prices.

## During the fair, students are responsible for:

-Personal transportation to and from the fair daily

-Feeding, watering and caring for their project twice a day, every day at the fair

-Paying for all entry fees on time, bedding, show supplies, and FFA uniform\*

\*It is the student's responsibility to turn in DNA kits and entry forms/fees on time, purchase show supplies and have a FFA Uniform

-Attending all assigned barn duty times

-Participating in their projects Set Up/Move-In, Weigh-In, Market Class, Showmanship, Junior - Livestock Auction and Tear Down\*

\*Students who fail to make weight, pass veterinary inspection, care for their animal daily or attend their weigh-in, fail veterinary inspection or miss their Market Class WILL NOT qualify to sell their project in the Junior Livestock Auction. It will then be the student's responsibility to remove the animal from the fair immediately. Projects disqualified from the fair will not be returned to/housed at the School Farm without signing a new School Farm Contract at the discretion of the Project Advisor. It is not the responsibility of the Project Advisor to make arrangements for the transportation or selling of disqualified animals.

-Providing adult supervision after fair feeding and show hours. Project Advisors are NOT responsible for supervising students between the hours of 7pm and 6am during the fair. Project Advisors also are NOT responsible for supervising students who choose to camp at the fair camp grounds.

-Maintaining a high level of sportsmanship, professionalism and responsibility before, during and after the fair. Students will be respectful, responsible and reliable representatives of Santa Ynez FFA and Santa Ynez High School. Failure to respect all school and agreement rules will result in the removal of the student and project from the fair at the student's expense and the suspension of participation with Santa Ynez FFA at the fair.

### **After the fair, students are responsible for:**

-Paying any outstanding balances, returning borrowed equipment or uniforms from the Santa Ynez High School Agriculture Department or banking institutions.

-Writing and submitting a professional, high quality buyer's thank you letter to the Project Advisor by the last day of the fair (Sunday by 12pm). The Project Advisor must submit the buyer's thank you letter to the Santa Barbara County Fair Livestock Office. Students are responsible for addressing the letter and envelop with a stamp to all of their buyers. The student will not receive their fair check until a thank you letter has been seen by the Project Advisor and sent to the buyer by the Santa Barbara County Fair Livestock Office. Students with multiple buyers are responsible for writing a separate buyer's thank you letter for each buyer.

-Participating in the tear down and clean up of the project area at the fair on Monday July 17th, 2017.

**The student and parents listed below have fully read and understand these conditions and agree to all.**

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agriculture Instructor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# School Farm Expectations and Agreement

Any student regularly enrolled in and successfully passing a year long agriculture education course/s may use the school farm facilities to house animals (excluding horses), provided there is room for the animals and that the student adheres to the following requirements. These animals must be a portion of the student's Supervised Agriculture Experience Program.

The student must obtain the agriculture teacher's permission to place an animal(s) at the school farm and sign this written agreement at least five (5) days prior to the animal being placed at the school farm. This agreement explains the responsibilities and conditions under which the facilities are to be used.

Santa Ynez Valley Union High School, the agriculture department and its instructors or other students assume no responsibility for the loss or death of any animal. The student assumes the risk, just as if they housed the animal on personal or other properties. Insurance against death is available through the FFA program. It is the student's responsibility to inquire about and pay for insurance.

Any student using school property to house animals will have their animals and property protected to the best of the school's ability from adverse conditions or harassment by other people. Gates and doors are to be kept closed and/or locked at all times. We have had problems with dog attacks and people harassing livestock in the past: gates must be locked when you leave the farm area. Students, parents, or community members may not just "hang out" at the School Farm. The School Farm curfew is 8pm and the drive through gates will be locked. During the summer or holiday time the gates will be locked when the last staff member leaves the facility. Students who bring guests or family members to the School Farm are responsible for explaining all rules, expectations and safety precautions to their visitors. They are also liable for the actions of their guests. Again, teachers are not responsible for the sickness, injury or death of an animal.

Because our Farm is an Educational Facility an advisor may use your project for educational or teaching purposes. If you are not okay with this then don't keep your project at the School Farm. All projects are kept here at your own risk.

Students agree to drive at a maximum of 10 miles per hour on "Aggie Lane" and in a safe manner at all times. If a student drives recklessly, "spins out" or "spins donuts" in their vehicle at the school farm or on "Aggie Lane", they and their animal will be evicted immediately.

Students (NOT parents or friends) will feed and clean stalls/pens and alley ways twice a day, every day! NO EXCEPTIONS! Students will feed, water and care for their animal twice a day, every day. If the student is ill, they can call another student that has an animal at the facility. Parents can also care for the student's animal ONLY when there is a conflict.

Students will keep their feed and equipment clean and orderly. The school, agriculture department and its instructors assume no responsibility for lost or stolen feed or equipment. Students will keep the barn and alley ways clean and free from trash, including feed sacks, soda cans and hay. Students are responsible for removal of the trash.

Dirty hay and feces will be placed in designated areas daily. Wheel barrows will be emptied every time they are used and tools put away properly. Students will keep tools and equipment in their proper location and in usable condition. If anything is damaged or broken, report it to the instructor immediately.

Students are responsible for the purchase and delivery of their own feed. It is suggested that a barrel or box be obtained to ensure that feed can be locked and is not used by other students.

Students are responsible for veterinarian bills incurred by their own animal at the school farm.

Any student who abuses the facilities, and/or fails to adhere to the listed requirements' will permanently lose the privilege of using the school farm facilities and will be moved out immediately at the student's expense. Students will also be financially responsible for the misuse or damage of equipment (including the cost of fixing clogged drains due to lack of cleaning pens properly)

If a student fails to comply with the above conditions, the student will be informed of the infraction. This will be a meeting with the agriculture instructor to explain exactly where the problems occurred. The second violation will include a meeting with the student, their parents, the agriculture instructor and an administrator. The third violation of the conditions will result in the student and their animal being removed from the facility within 72 hours. It will be the responsibility of the student to secure housing for their animal. Documentation will be recorded below for each meeting. Animals not removed within 72 hours of notification will be sent to auction at the owner's expense.

The listed requirements are to help ensure a well organized school farm area which ultimately benefits all students involved. The facilities are an asset to the Santa Ynez FFA and its members. We have a model farm and displaying pride and self-respect will guarantee a positive experience for everyone.

The student and parents listed below have fully read and understand these conditions and agree to all in return for the use of the Santa Ynez High School farm facility.



# Santa Ynez High School School Farm

## FARM LABORATORY USE CONTRACT

The student and parents listed below have fully read and understand conditions list on pages 5-8 and agree to all.

### AGREEMENT:

(Please Print Neatly)

To provide a basis of understanding this agreement is established on \_\_\_\_\_ and is  
(Date)

Effective until \_\_\_\_\_. This agreement covers the student's SAE in  
(Ending Date)

\_\_\_\_\_ and is between:  
(Project Type)

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Student's name) (Teacher's name)

### PLEASE INITIAL ONE INSURANCE OPTION BELOW:

\_\_\_\_\_ I will purchase liability insurance to protect my SAE project housed at the School Farm through Santa Ynez FFA.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will not hold liability insurance for my SAE project and realize that Santa Ynez FFA and Santa Ynez Valley Union High School will not be responsible for any loss, theft, or damage to my SAE project or personal property.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student Signature) (Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent Signature) (Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Teacher Signature) (Date)

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address City Zip

# Santa Ynez High School School Farm

## FARM LABORATORY USE CONTRACT

### THREE STRIKES FORM

DOCUMENTATION OF VIOLATIONS:

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

#### STRIKE 1

_____	_____	_____
Date	Project Name	Advisor
Description of Violation and Corrective Action Taken		
_____		
_____		
_____		

#### STRIKE 2

_____	_____	_____	_____
Date	Project Name	Advisor	Parent
Description of Violation and Corrective Action Taken			
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_____			
_____			

#### STRIKE 3

_____	_____	_____	_____
Date	Project Name	Advisor	Parent
	_____		
	Administrator		
Description of Violation and Removal Dates from School Farm			
_____			
_____			
_____			

The Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, or national origin in admission or access to and treatment of employment in its programs and activities as required by Title VI, Title IX and Section 504.

# **Mandatory Quality Assurance**

## **Dates and Additional Information (2017)**

The Santa Barbara County Fair will again be requiring all Market and Breeding Livestock Exhibitors (small and large) to attend a Quality Assurance & Ethics Awareness Training to be eligible to enter market and breeding animals in the fair.

This will be required of all Beef, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Rabbit, Cavy and Goat (meat, dairy and pygmy) exhibitors.

The following training classes will be offered at the Santa Maria Fairpark:

### **March 5, 2017**

2:00 P.M.

Fountain Pavilion

Santa Maria Fairpark

### **March 25, 2017**

11:00 A.M.

Fountain Pavilion

Santa Maria Fairpark

If an Exhibitor did not attend the local classes that were offered, they can still attend any Quality Assurance & Ethics Awareness Training Classes that are approved by the California State Fair and listed on their website.

All training must be completed prior to May 13, 2017 to be eligible to enter Market or Breeding Livestock at the 2017 Santa Barbara County Fair.

If an exhibitor has previously attended one of the California State Fair's APPROVED Quality Assurance & Ethics Awareness Training class within the past 4 years, they are not required to attend training this year.

Once an exhibitor has completed training for 2017 they are qualified for a five year term.

For any questions please contact Joe Brengle at [jbrengle@santamariafairpark.com](mailto:jbrengle@santamariafairpark.com) or at (805) 925-8824 Extension 104.

# Budgeting for Your Fair Project

Item	Market Hog	Market Lamb/ Meat Goat	Market Steer	Heifer
Purchase Price	\$350	\$350.00	\$1,500	\$1,600.00
Feed	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$1,500	\$1,000.00
Medication/ Supplements	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Fair Entry Fees	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
FFA Uniform	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
Show Supplies	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$100	\$100
Other	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$825.00</b>	<b>\$650.00</b>	<b>\$3235.00</b>	<b>\$2835.00</b>
Average Auction price/lb	\$7	\$8	\$3	\$2,700
Average weight lbs	250	130	1200	Sold per head (~1,200 lbs)
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$1750</b>	<b>\$1040</b>	<b>\$3600.00</b>	<b>\$2,700</b>
<b>PROFIT (Total Income- Total Expenses)</b>	<b>\$925.00</b>	<b>\$390.00</b>	<b>\$365.00</b>	<b>-\$135.00</b>

**These are anticipated expenses, income and profit, not a guarantee**

# TENTATIVE 2017 Livestock Meeting Schedule

Date	Activity
Tuesday January 24th	Mandatory Exhibitor and Parent Meeting 6:00pm Little Theater
Wednesday March 8th	Livestock Meeting/FFA Meeting 6pm Little Theatre (Heifer DNA kits due in fair office by March 11 by 5pm)
Wednesday March 15th	Livestock Meeting 3:30pm S1
Wednesday March 22nd	Livestock Meeting 3:30pm S1
Wednesday March 29th	Livestock Meeting 3:30pm S1
Wednesday April 5th	Livestock Meeting 3:30pm S1
Wednesday April 19th	Livestock Meeting 3:30pm S1
Wednesday April 26th	Livestock Meeting 3:30pm S1 (work on fair entires?)
Tuesday May 2nd (TBD)	Livestock Meeting/FFA Awards Reception 6pm (DNA kits due in fair office by May 5th by 5pm)
Wednesday May 10th	Livestock Meeting 3:30pm S1 (online entries due May 12th by 11:59pm)
Wednesday May 31st	Showmanship Practice
Wednesday June 7th	Showmanship Practice
Wednesday June 21st	Showmanship Practice
Wednesday July 5th	Showmanship Practice/Clipping/Shearing
Friday July 7th (TBD)	Mandatory Exhibitor and Parent Meeting 5:30pm Little Theatre
<b>Santa Barbara County Fair</b>	
Saturday July 8th	Tack Move In
Sunday July 9th	Animals Move In
Monday July 10th	Weigh In
Tuesday July 11th	Swine showmanship, Sheep/goat show
Wednesday July 12th	Swine show, sheep/goat showmanship, beef show
Thursday July 13th	Beef showmanship
Friday July 14th	Heifer show and auction
Saturday July 15th	Auction
Sunday July 16th	Last Day of Fair, Thank you Letters Due
Monday July 17th	Clean Up and Move Out

**\*These are tentative dates and subject to change. Please keep in contact with FFA Advisors for most current information**

**\*ALL students are required to attend meetings, practices and fair days.**