

East Newton FFA Chapter Program Handbook

Within this handbook is information that will be referred to for many of the activities that the East Newton FFA participates in. You will find information on the different trips that we will take, fundraisers, and what the organization stands for. Our hope is that you find this information useful. For any questions that you might have please stop by, call, or email us.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Mission Statement

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agriculture education.

Motto

Learning to do,

Doing to learn,

Earning to live,

Living to serve.



East Newton FFA Chapter Dues

The yearly dues are \$12.00 mandatory. If you cannot afford to pay them talk to an advisor and we can work out a way for you to earn the money by working around the shop or building. If you would like a Chapter FFA T-Shirt the cost is \$20.00 for a shirt and T-shirt combo, or \$10.00 for shirts individually.

Dues **must be paid or other arrangement made** before you are allowed to participate in FFA activities. Paying your dues also allows for you to come to chapter cook-outs, go on trips to other places, show in fairs, and many more opportunities.

East Newton FFA Chapter Meetings

Monthly FFA meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the agriculture room unless otherwise noted. Every member is welcome and encouraged to be at our chapter meetings. We ask that you be on time, be respectful, and add thoughts and ideas because this is what meetings are for. Turn off all electronic devices. The meetings will go much smoother if there aren't any interruptions. We do opening and closing ceremonies at almost every meeting. During opening ceremonies, when the President asks "FFA members, why are we here?" All members in unison respond with,

"To practice brotherhood, honor agriculture opportunities and responsibilities and develop those qualities of leadership which and FFA member should possess"

Becoming An Officer

Every year the FFA chapter holds an election of new officers towards the end of April / beginning of May. If you are interested in running for an office you have to fill out an application and go through an interview process. Newly appointed officers will be sworn in at the FFA Banquet. It is an honor to be an FFA Officer. It will help you earn Leadership Points which are necessary to earn the different degrees and looked upon heavily when choosing scholarship recipients.

CDE's and Leadership Events

Fall

In the Fall you will have the opportunity to participate in the Fall Speaking Contest. This speaking contest covers various agricultural topics. They include: Pork, Beef, Young Farmers, Farm Bureau, Sheep, Soil and Water, and Swine.

Also in the Fall you can compete in the Grasslands CDE Contest. Mr. Loveday coaches this team and it is a great way to be outdoors, learn about how CDE's work and the different types of grasses, and have a lot of fun.

Spring

Most contests will begin in March and end in April at the State Level. The goal is to be a state qualifying team or individual in the area you are competing in so that you can be recognized throughout the state.

At districts the chapter participates in events with other chapters from the Southwest Missouri District. Members compete in career development events or CDEs at districts. Districts and State are held in April. Members can participate in many events such as: Ag Mech, Ag Sales, Agronomy, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Foods, Entomology, Farm Mgmt, Floriculture, Forestry, Horses, Livestock, Meats, Nursery/Landscaping, Poultry, Soils, Parli, Public Speaking, Creed Speaking, FFA Knowledge, Job Interview, and Ag Issues. Winning participants then may advance on to state. This is a great experience for any member and can benefit you both in your education and your future career.

Official Dress

The uniform worn by FFA members at local, state and national functions is called official dress. It provides identity and gives a distinctive and recognizable image to the organization and its members. Official Dress has been worn with pride by millions of FFA members since 1933. All members must wear official dress at State & National Convention, to the banquet, and to other activities of official FFA business.

The Official Dress for **female** members:

- Black skirt-at least knee length or black pants
- White collared blouse
- Official FFA blue scarf (may purchase when you order jacket)
- Black dress shoes with a closed heel and toe
- Black nylon hosiery
- An official FFA jacket zipped up to the top

Official dress for **male** members:

- Black slacks
- White collared shirt
- Official FFA tie (may purchase when you order jacket)
- Black dress shoes
- Black socks
- An official FFA jacket zipped to the top.

The official FFA jacket was established by the delegates at the 1933 National FFA Convention. Official Dress standards were created by the delegates at the 1973 national convention and most recently revised by the delegates at the 2002 National FFA Convention.

SAE

SAE stands for Supervised Agriculture Experience. An SAE is a “learning by doing” tool in agriculture education. All students are required to conduct an SAE, which reflects agriculture interests and career goals. Through these individual programs, some paid and some unpaid, you can receive hands-on training in goal setting, planning and record keeping.

Two types of SAE programs for which you can qualify for proficiency awards are:

- **Entrepreneurship**-Operate your own business that is agricultural related, like a lawn mowing service or growing and selling vegetables.
- **Placement**- Get a job or internship on a farm or ranch, agriculture business, school laboratory or community facility.

You can receive recognition at the chapter, area, district, and state levels for your record books. **Record books are a mandatory part of being in an Agricultural Class.** When nearing the end of December, you should make sure that you have looked through your receipts, expenses, and capital purchases so that you can earn the most points for your SAE. Earning your Greenhand, Chapter, Area, State, and American Degree's is only possible if you have kept a very good record over your SAE. Scholarships (approximately \$2 million each year through the National FFA Organization in addition to scholarships that are given locally) rely highly upon you keeping a good record book, having a detailed SAE, and participating in Agricultural Activities.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

A rewarding part of the East Newton FFA Program is the many opportunities to travel throughout the United States. Members are encouraged to participate in Leadership conferences, Career Development Events, National Convention, State Convention, Fairs, Livestock Shows, Summer Tours, and many other field trips and activities. The following opportunities are at the heart and soul of the East Newton FFA and have been long standing traditions of the program. While the opportunities listed are mainstays for the Program of Activities, we are not limited to just these activities. As other activities/opportunities become available we will continue to do our best to provide the members with the opportunity to participate in them and information will be given during class to inform each member.

National Convention

Each year the East Newton FFA teams up with the Sarcoxie FFA to attend the National FFA Convention at the end of October. We alternate transportation between the two schools to help eliminate some of the cost of traveling. The National FFA Convention is the largest gathering of FFA members in one location. Over 50,000 FFA members proudly wear their Official FFA Dress and enjoy a week of participating in general sessions, listening to keynote speakers, attending the largest career fair available to high school students, touring agricultural businesses and industry and hopefully competing in career development events. The East Newton FFA selects members from each class grade to represent the chapter at this event. The chapter will take 4 Freshmen, 2 Sophomores, 2 Juniors, and 2 Seniors. The members are

selected through an interview process and each member may only attend the National FFA Convention once through this selection process.

FFA Members can attend the National Convention more than once by qualifying through career development events (must be on a State winning team or Leadership Conference), the local fruit and meat sales competition, or as a Freshman Ag I student 2 members can earn their spot by being the first to recite the creed when the time comes. The first two members to sell 150 items from the fruit sale fundraiser will also have the opportunity to represent the chapter at the convention. Each member representing the East Newton FFA Chapter at the National FFA Convention must sell a minimum of 25 items to attend and have sold in the Labor Auction. If a member does not meet this requirement they will be excluded from the trip and the alternate for their grade will fill their spot.

State FFA Convention

During April of each school year the Missouri FFA Association holds their State Convention in Columbia on the campus of the University of Missouri. The East Newton FFA will send two delegates to represent the chapter during this event. FFA members and delegates must qualify through one of the 24 Career Development Events available. If no members qualify through a CDE then the Chapter will send two delegates to be chosen from interviews.

Members earning their State FFA Degree and/or receiving a Proficiency award are not guaranteed to be eligible for the trip (at advisors discretion). These students will be excused from school to attend the session upon which they are to receive their award but will be required to find their own transportation to and from the convention. Your best bet to go to state convention is to qualify on a team!!!!

Greenhand Conference

Each year chapter greenhands have the opportunity to attend motivational conferences designed for first year members. One conference will be at the area level hosted by the area officers (September) and the second will be at the district level hosted by the State FFA Officers (December). Members will begin their journey of personal development training. All greenhands are eligible to attend if they have paid their FFA dues and meet all other requirements set forth by the high school policy.

Crowder Jr./Sr. Day

Junior members of the FFA Chapter are encouraged to attend the Crowder College Jr./Sr. day. This activity provides our members with the insight of a college education. You may be wondering why we only take Juniors? Juniors are at a point in their high school careers they must begin to start thinking about their future after high school. We want to help our members understand early what information and paperwork is required in order to attend college. Some members may get that spark to attend college after having never thought about it before. To attend these members must have paid their FFA dues and meet all other requirements set forth by the high school policy.

Farm Fest

Opportunity for members to visit with industry leaders about new and innovative equipment, production systems, and information needed to be a leader in the agricultural industry. Students will have the opportunity to attend Farm Fest if they are selected as the top 25 by a panel of judges in an essay contest. To attend these members must have paid their FFA dues and meet all other requirements set forth by school policy.

Fall Trip- One Day Reward

This trip is designed to reward those who show their dedication to our chapter. The reward trip will be to a place decided upon by those who qualify to go on it. It will take place before Christmas break (weather permitting). Qualifications: Paid Member, sell 25 fruit/meat items, and either sell in labor auction or sell \$200 worth of BBQ dinner/ raffle tickets. Roaring River fishing trip, Silver Dollar City, ----. Group Choice.

Fairs

Livestock shows and fairs are a great way to develop responsibility and learn about an animal of interest to you. The animal can range from a chicken or rabbit to a steer or heifer. You can show at just the local county fair all the way to the State Fair in Sedalia. Not only will you develop a relationship with your animal, you can meet fellow showmen that have similar interests and you can learn a lot just from working with and feeding your animal. It is a great opportunity.

Fairs also allow members to show off talents in taking pictures, drawing, and your horticultural talent. If you have something you would like to enter or more information, PLEASE ASK- we are here to help!!!

Summer Trip

This is a reward-type trip for those that participate in our program and help to build it up. Students that will be allowed to go on this trip will show their dedication to our program by participating in our fundraisers, supporting the activities that we do and go to, and being the most active in our chapter. We will only take the top 15 students in terms of points from the point chart. This chart will be located where all students can see it, and updated only by the Chapter Secretaries. On this trip we will go on agricultural tours of places in other cities and states. This year we are planning to head towards Tennessee. It is a 3-day trip that will be scheduled directly following the end of the school year, according to when snow days are made up, etc. Just ask the students that went this past year- it is a blast and definitely something worth earning. You can look to see how to earn points using the Points Chart Reference on page 9.

FUNDRAISERS

The East Newton FFA strives to be one of the top FFA Chapters in the County, State, and Nation. It is up to the members and officers of our East Newton FFA Chapter to design a Program of Activities (POA) that will be challenging and rewarding for those who are willing to dedicate time and effort to be involved with the world's greatest youth organization. The POA requires that funds be raised in order to conduct these Activities. It is very important that every member of the organization play a role in the raising of these funds. Not only do these fundraisers provide money for our chapter activities, they provide the community a service. **Students are required to participate in these fundraisers to help offset course and activity fees.**

Fruit Sales

The fruit sales are conducted in the Fall of each school year. FFA Members are asked to sale items of fruit, meat, and peanuts to members of the community. The Chapter Financial Committee works hard to find the best prices for the fruit, meat, and peanuts in order to provide a high quality product at affordable prices. The profit margin is very minimal which requires a large volume of sales in order to have enough funds available to finance the chapter's budget. To insure that each member carries their part of the fundraising efforts every member is required to sell a minimum of seven items or pay for the profit of those seven items based on a \$4.00 profit margin (7 items X \$4/item= \$28.00). Members wishing to sale above the seven item minimum will be rewarded for their efforts based on a rewards program to be decided upon by the chapter officers each year. Certain activities have a minimum number of items that you must sale in order to be eligible to participate in them.

Labor Auction

The labor auction is conducted during each school year. The auction is held in conjunction with the Young Farmers/Farm Wives Organization Scholarship Fund BBQ Dinner. The labor auction is an opportunity for FFA members to exhibit their skills and work ethics to the local community. Members are purchased by local patrons and required to work for a 4 hour work period. During this time students will have the opportunity to show the buyer their abilities to complete jobs and follow directions. Students from former labor auctions have turned these opportunities into full time employment during their high school careers making extra money for themselves and their SAE programs.

Members will sign a contract agreement to sell and parent signature will also be required. When the student signs a contract and then fails to sell, the student will be required to pay \$45 (average sale price). Members will be required to complete their work period by April 1st of the current school year. Members will be given an evaluation sheet for each buyer to fill out and sign in order to fulfill his/her contractual obligations. Members not returning an evaluation sheet will be considered as negligent in fulfilling contractual duties and be required to refund the buyer his/her purchase price. Members cannot always be available to participate in the actual labor auction event and have three alternative avenues to fulfill their obligations: 1) Go into the community and pre-sale at the base price set by ag teachers, or 2) Pay the buyout price of \$45, or 3) Sell their way out of the auction sale by selling \$200 worth of BBQ supper tickets for the Young Farmers/Young Farm Wives dinner.

Points Chart Reference

Points Chart

The points chart will be tallied and kept up to date by the Chapter Secretaries. **It is your responsibility to make sure that if you participate in an activity your name is recorded so that you can be counted for points.** The points chart will be located at a place where all students can see how they are doing. The top 15 students will be invited on a 3-Day Summer Trip. On this trip we tour Agricultural facilities, farms, and learn about the agriculture in other states while having a lot of fun and relaxing. It is a great reward! You can learn more by coming to a Chapter Meeting where we will discuss this past year's trip and plans for this year's trip.

Fairs- Max 15pts each fair

Local, District, & State:	5 pts livestock species	2.5 pts each veg/craft
+5 for Showmanship	Outside Local: 5pts total	
State Fair Judging Contest: 5 pts		

Chapter Events-

- Ice Cream Social: 15pts
- Chapter Meetings: 10 pts
- Chapter Barnwarming: 10pts
- Committees (set-up, decor, clean-up, etc) : + 5pts
- Hay/Straw: +15
- Farmfest: 10pts
- Fruit Sale: 1 pt each item over 7 sold (max 50)
- Labor Auction: 35pts (can be added twice if you sale twice)
- If you pre-sale before the Labor Auction for a reasonable cause, you can earn 25 points.
- Young Farmers Dinner: 15pts for helping
- Food For America: 15 pts
- Veteran's Day Preparation: 10 pts
- FFA Parents Night: 15pts
- Christmas Party: 10 pts
- FFA Week: 5 pts/day
- FFA Community Breakfast: 10pts
- EN Leadership Jackpot: 25pts for helping
- EN CDE Invitational: 30 pts for helping
- Chapter Banquet: 10 pts

Area Events:

Area Barnwarming: 10 pts
Area Greenhand Conference: 10 pts
Area Ag Olympics: 10 pts
Area Fall Commodity Speaking Contest: 15 pts
State Degree App: 15pts
Proficiency App: 15 pts
Area Banquet: (attend) 10 pts (award) 10 each
CDE's: 5 pts each
Spring LDE's: 15 pts
Area Officer Interviews: 10 pts

District Events:

District Fall Speaking Contest: 20 pts
District Greenhand Conference: 15 pts
District CDE Contests: 15 pts
District LDE: 20 pts

State Events:

State Degree Award: 25 pts
State Proficiency Award: 25 pts
State CDE: 25pts Group 1 rating: +15pts On Stage: +20 pts (max 50)
State LDE: 25pts Group 1 rating: +15pts On Stage: +15

National Events:

National Convention: 20 pts
National CDE or LDE: 75 pts (Applied to Year of Qualification)

Career Development Events / MOASK

Missouri Agriculture Skill and Knowledge Certification:

All students enrolled in agriculture education must participate in an industry recognized certification assessment as part of their course requirements. Missouri Agriculture Education has opted to use the various Career Development Events (CDE's) as the assessment method of choice. If a student chooses not to, or is unable to participate in the said assessment, they may participate in an alternative route by taking the 'NOCTI Job Ready Assessment' (typically around \$30.00). After the student has completed the selected assessment, his/her performance will then be incorporated into their final grade for the respected course.

FFA T-Shirt Order Form

T- Shirt orders will be taken up to August 20st, (the day following the FFA Ice Cream Social 3:30pm.) Members, parents, and guests are encouraged to order a shirt if they would like. The cost is \$10.00, and if members would like to combine membership and t-shirt the cost will be \$8.00 shirt + \$12.00 (mandatory membership cost.)

Shirt Color: voted on by the chapter at the ice cream social

Print Color: depends on shirt color

ORDER AMOUNT:

Membership & Shirt: \$20.00 Size _____

Extra Shirt _____ x \$10.00 Size _____

Extra Shirt _____ x \$10.00 Size _____

Extra Shirt _____ x \$10.00 Size _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PURCHASE: _____

Check or Cash (Circle)



Time to Order FFA Jackets!!!

Although it is not mandatory, it is recommended that every student have an FFA Jacket. Certain occasions will require students to have Official Dress and the Jacket and tie/scarf will be required. Re-lettering an older FFA Jacket is possible and acceptable. If you know of a former member that would like to sale or give away their FFA Jacket, we would encourage you to explore those options. If we can help you in any way, PLEASE give us a call at 472-6150.

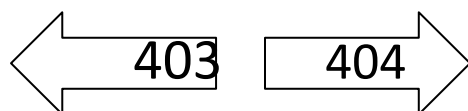


Order Deadline is Tuesday, September 2nd - to have them for Greenhand Conference

Cost: \$65/jacket comes with Tie or Scarf and covers shipping and handling. Must be paid before jackets will be ordered, we would be able to hold the check for a week if that helps get to pay day.



Males have two choices of ties!



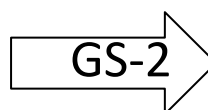
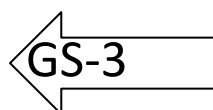
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Print Name exactly as you want it to appear on the Jacket:

Females have three choices of Scarf's!

Circle One



Contacting Service- As FFA Members and students, there is often a lot going on in your schedules. We have set up a way to be able to contact you for reminders and in case something has changed last minute. If you would like to be able to receive communication from us, please sign up by following these easy steps.

How to sign up for Mrs. Dockins's East Newton FFA messages:

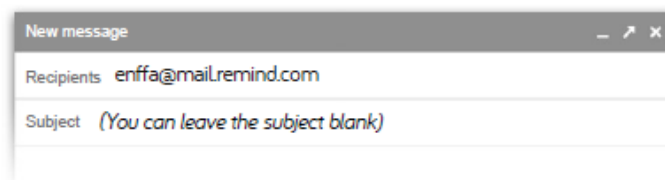


To receive messages via text, text @enffa to (573) 475-4864. You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe @enffa'.



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Handbook Agreement Form

We would appreciate having this Signed and Returned prior to participating in FFA activities

(First activity August 19th) Ice Cream Social

By signing this form, you agree that you have read and agree to all of the information contained within this handbook. Additional activities and information about activities will be discussed at FFA Chapter Meetings, in class, and they are posted on the High School Calendar on the school website.

Student: (Print) _____ (Signature) _____

Date: _____

Parent or Guardian: (Print) _____ (Signature) _____

Date: _____

A special Note to Parents

We would like to invite you to our Young Farmers Meetings. We are planning to hold them every month following the FFA Chapter Meetings at 6:30pm. At most meetings we will have a guest speaker that will talk about an area of interest and a potluck style supper. The first meeting will be following the Ice Cream Social which is scheduled to be held on August 19th. You will receive more information that will be sent home with your child. **If you write your address or email and contact information on this form we will mail a letter to your house before meetings providing you more information about the speaker and further details.**

Thank You,

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