# Martinez Middle School - Aquaculture Team

## **Schedule**

## Feeding/Cleaning

- 1. Each child will be responsible for the care of their tank. This can consist of mornings before school and/or afternoons after school.
- 2. You will be responsible for feeding your fish everyday unless other arrangements have been made.
- 3. Each child will be responsible for cleaning their tank including water changes and filter cleaning.
- 4. Most tanks do well over a 3-day weekend, but should NOT be the norm.
- 5. Each child will need to purchase an extended-release feeder.
- 6. ALL tanks are to go home AFTER Florida State Fair (FSF).

### **Team Training**

Team members should arrive Friday mornings by 8:00am. Advanced notice is required if you have a conflict and you're not able to attend.

# **Minimum Requirements**

### **Competitions/Shows**

Full participation is required for the Florida State Fair Youth Show in February. This also includes the seminar and setup/teardown for this event.

#### Aquaculture

- 1. It is your responsibility to PRINT out competition expectations from the HCF and FSF websites.
- 2. If you do not find a container onsite that you like, it is your responsibility to secure a container.
- 3. Students are responsible for registering their projects at shows and meeting all deadlines.
- 4. It is your responsibility to get your tank to and from the Florida State Fair.

## Cost

### Aquaculture Project Fees

A project fee of \$25 payable to Martinez FFA Alumni will be due upon joining the team. If you're already on the team, this fee will be due the first week of school. These fees will be used to order team shirts and purchase shared items.

#### Food

You will be responsible for purchasing and storing the food and water treatment solutions for your tank.

#### **Additional Cost**

All show fees are the responsibility of the individual member.

Parent/Guardian Signature	Student Signature	Date

## **Photo Release**

As a member of FFA, students will participate in many events throughout the year including activities on the land lab where there is video and photographic evidence of student activity. These photos may be used in the year book or other promotional materials such as grant/award applications. Additionally, there are cameras around the land lab for the purpose of monitoring the well-being and safety of the animals. If you do not wish for your child to be photographed, please inform the advisor in advance.

## **Infractions**

Failure to complete these obligations will result in the following:

- 1. First infraction warning
  - a. Your first major mistake, such as, but not limited to not feeding, cleaning, etc. is considered a mistake.
- 2. Second infraction removal of the animal from the farm
  - a. The second major mistake is considered negligence and subject to removal from the farm within 72 hours.

We have read and understand the fees, expectations and obligations of joining and being a part of the Martinez FFA Aquaculture Team. In addition, I authorize for my child to be videoed and photographed.