

# Martinez Middle School - Dairy Goat Team

## Schedule

### Feeding/Cleaning

1. Each child will be responsible for multiple shifts during the week. These can consist of mornings before school and/or afternoons after school. They will need to fill the hay feeders, make sure they have fresh water and clean all of the goat areas.
2. You will be responsible for feeding your goat it's grain every weekday (except non-student days) unless other arrangements have been made.
3. Each family will be responsible for a rotating weekend coverage. The frequency will depend on the number of participants on the team. This requires both the student AND parent to be up at the land lab to feed and clean TWICE a day (in the morning before 9am and again in the evening after 5pm) on both Saturday and Sunday. Students must send a text message to the group letting them know feeding and cleaning has been completed on weekends, holidays and non-student days.
4. Additional weekend duties must be completed by the family that is scheduled each weekend. These duties include washing all buckets, refilling minerals/baking soda, raking paddocks and pasture areas, and cleaning up the shed and tack area.
5. Coverage will also be assigned for holidays, non-student days and summer break.
6. We will attempt to work around any scheduling conflicts the best we can. If you are scheduled for a day or time that you are unable to make, it is your responsibility to notify the team as soon as possible and switch with someone to ensure the goats are being cared for. Use GroupMe for communication.

### Team Training

Team members should arrive Thursday mornings by 8:00am for team training. 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 Hillsborough County Fair in November and the Florida State Fair Youth Dairy Goat Show in February. This also includes the seminars and setup/teardown for these two events.

### Goats

1. All dairy goats must breed and be in milk prior to their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday to be eligible for competitions. Exceptions must be submitted in writing along with veterinary support and approved by Mrs. Hessel.
2. CAE test results taken within the last 12 months must be provided prior to any new goat(s) being brought on property. If the goat is less than 6 months of age, both dam and sire results will be required.
3. Any new goats that come on property will be quarantined until CAE test results are provided. These must be obtained AFTER you take possession of the goat.
4. If the full team is not attending a show, goats returning must quarantine for 48 hours to ensure they are healthy and not exhibiting any abnormal symptoms/issues.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Student Signature

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Date

## Cost

### Goat Project Fees

A project fee of \$225 payable to Martinez FFA Alumni will be due prior to your animal coming onto the land lab. If your animal is already on site, this fee will be due the first week of school. These fees will be used to order team shirts, purchase a pre-determined list and quantity of shared items, assist with show transportation costs and help with the general maintenance of the goat areas.

### Grain

You will be responsible for purchasing and storing the grain for your goat. A small refillable container may be kept at the land lab with your tack box (size restrictions apply).

### Hay

Hay is shared by the group and will be purchased on a rotating schedule. When it is your turn, you'll be responsible for a set number of items that you will need to purchase and deliver to the land lab.

### Additional Cost

1. Additional funds may be requested if other items are needed such as testing, pen materials, tarps or other supplies needed for fairs and shows. These will be discussed as a group prior to any purchases being made.
2. All personal items such as ADGA membership/registration, show fees, individual buckets, collars, goat wear, hoof trimmers, clippers and medications will be the responsibility of the individual member.
3. Any vet bills/vaccinations will incur additional costs and the individual member will be responsible for payment to the person providing those services.

## 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 Dairy Goat Team. In addition, I authorize for my child to be videoed and photographed.

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