

Martinez Middle School - Poultry Team

Schedule

Feeding/Cleaning

1. Each child will be responsible for feed shifts over weekend, holidays and non-student days. These can consist of class time or weekends. They will need to give feed and fill water for the chickens.
2. You will be responsible for feeding the chickens before 5pm on any day you are scheduled.
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 water once a day before 5pm on the days that you're scheduled. Students must send a text message to the group to advise that the chickens have been fed and watered on weekends, holidays and non-student days.
4. Coverage will also be assigned for holidays, non-student days and summer break.
5. 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 chickens are being cared for.
6. Use GroupMe for communication.

Team Training

Team members should arrive Tuesday mornings by 8:15am to assist with cleaning and feeding before team training starts. 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 Poultry Show in February. This also includes the seminars and setup/teardown for these two events.

Cost

Poultry Project Fees

A project fee of \$120 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 feed/shared items, assist with show transportation costs and help with the general maintenance of the poultry areas.

Feed

Feed is shared by the group and will be purchased and picked up by Mrs. Hessel. Please post on GroupMe when the feed is getting low to notify her that more is needed soon.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature

Date

Additional Cost

1. Additional funds may be requested if other items need to be purchased such as medications, tests, coop materials and other supplies needed for fairs and shows. These will be discussed as a group prior to any purchases being made.
2. Any vet bills/vaccinations will incur additional costs and the individual member will be responsible for payment to the person providing those services.
3. All show fees are the responsibility of the student.

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 Poultry Team. In addition, I authorize for my child to be videoed and photographed.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature

Date