

Martinez Middle School - Rabbit Team

Schedule

Feeding/Cleaning

1. Each child will be responsible for multiple cleanings 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 rabbit's cage and/or enclosure.
2. You will be responsible for feeding your rabbit everyday unless other arrangements have been made.
3. Additional duties must be completed each week. These duties include washing all bowls and cleaning up the supply area.

Team Training

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

Minimum Requirements

Competitions/Shows

Full participation is required for the Hillsborough County Fair in November and the Florida State Fair in February. This also includes the seminars and setup/teardown for these two events.

Rabbits

1. Regularly check ARBA (American Rabbit Breeders Association) website for local shows.
SMALL show benefits: Judges will give opinions on coat, color and weight.
2. Housing options: You may check with other teachers to house rabbits in their rooms.

Cost

Rabbit 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.

Feed

Judges and professional breeders recommend Blue Seal Show Hutch Deluxe and Kalmbach Best in Show.

Hay & Minerals

Give Alfalfa Hay for rabbits under 6 months of age and Timothy Hay once they're over 6 months old. A mineral lick is optional. They will need chew toys since their teeth don't stop growing.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature

Date

Additional Cost

1. All personal items such as ARBA membership/registration, individual food and water bowls, etc. will be the responsibility of the individual member.
2. All show fees are the responsibility of the student.
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 Rabbit Team. In addition, I authorize for my child to be videoed and photographed.

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Date