

El Capitan FFA Barn Contract 2024-25

Student Responsibilities

- 1) Students will be scheduled to feed and clean **4 days per week**. Every work day they are responsible to FEED the animals in the barn and to CLEAN the barn in coordination with other students, as well as, the drains in the barn, the surrounding area of the barn and clean/return tools to their proper location after school. All waste from the pens must be placed in a dumpster. Students are also required to work daily with their animal on showmanship in preparation for the fair. Because of these requirements students playing sports after school in the spring are **highly advised** to keep their project elsewhere.
- 2) All animal pens **MUST** be cleaned directly after school each day (Directly after school even on minimum days and 8am-10am on non-school days/holidays and weekends. The advisor will try to accommodate schedule conflicts but the **6 hour** minimum must be reached weekly. Students with multiple conflicts or scheduling issues due to transportation and/or extracurricular activities are highly encouraged to **NOT** keep their project at school. Conflicts not resolvable with the advisor or students not fulfilling their time requirement will result in the removal of the project from the school farm.
- 3) Students are not allowed to feed animals or be in the barns without prior approval from their ag teacher outside of barn hour times.
- 4) Students are required to come care for their project on holidays including over the two week spring break. Spring Break and holiday hours will typically be in the morning between 8-10am but may be subject to change depending on barn manager and advisor schedules.
- 5) If a student cannot make their scheduled feeding/cleaning day for ANY REASON, it is *their* responsibility to inform the advisor of their absence. Missed days must be made up to avoid falling behind in hours. In the event that a student does not fulfill their 4 days in a given week they will be deficient in their barn duty hours. **If your student falls more than 6 hours behind you will receive an email stating that you have 1 week to catch back up. If the student is not caught up after 1 week you will receive a second email either asking you to remove your project from the school farm or your project can be sold back to the department at commercial market price.** Missing multiple cleaning days is not acceptable, **it is your project and your investment!!!** If you are sick, have an appointment, have a game, etc, you still need to meet the obligations of this project.
- 6) Students must check in with one of the Barn managers or the advisor of the barn on the "Barn Duty List" **BEFORE** beginning work and **AFTER** they have finished for the day. **Failure to check in or out with the barn managers will result in no hours of credit for that day!**
- 7) Students are expected to be respectful of the school farm, the Agriculture teachers, the farm managers, the parent volunteers, as well as the other students and the animals. Unsafe or cruel behavior towards animals or other students will not be tolerated. Students will follow rules in accordance with all department, school and district policies. If a student is caught doing something unsafe or harmful to other students, the animals, or damaging to school property, their animal will be removed from the grounds immediately and they will lose the right to show at the ESDCJF. Students who have problems getting along with other students, barn managers or the advisor may be removed (remember it is a privilege to use school facilities, not a right).
- 8) Students keeping animals on the school farm must follow all Barn rules set by the advisor and all school rules at all times. Student's who do not follow the rules, cause problems or miss more than 6 days of scheduled barn duties without prior approval from the advisor may have their animals removed from the school farm and may lose the ability to show their animal at the fair.
- 9) If students are deficient hours at the start of the fair, they will need to make them up prior to receiving their fair check. **No fair checks will be distributed to students until after they make up all required hours in the barn.** Additionally, if students are deficient at the start of the fair, they will not be permitted to raise an animal on campus in future years.
- 10) The agriculture department provides the tools and most of the equipment necessary for students to maintain their project including: scrapers, shovels, wheelbarrows, hoses and other tools. Students who willfully damage equipment or school property will be charged for damages and may be removed from the farm depending on the situation. Students will need to provide some of their own personal equipment such as boots and show sticks (pigs) and halters (lambs). They will also need a show uniform, feed pan and brush/rags for the fair.
- 11) A \$200 deposit is required to secure your animal. This money is non-refundable for any reason. Students must pay the entire cost of the animal prior to picking date (TBD) in order to pick your animal.
- 12) All animal(s) must be entered as a market animal for exhibit at the fair and will not be allowed to remain on the farm premises after the onset of the Eastern San Diego County Junior fair.

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We have read and understand the contents outlined above in the El Capitan School Farm Contract. We understand that the agriculture teacher(s) have the right to remove the student's project from the school farm if they (the student) fail to care for and manage their project to the satisfaction of the teacher/advisor. We also understand that the agriculture teachers have the right to refuse signing the student's entry form(s) for the fair or not allow an animal to be shown at the fair, if animals have not been cared for properly.

Please fill out all information and return it to the Finance Office with your \$200 down payment starting November 12th, 2024.

Student Name (print)

Student Signature

Date

Cell Phone Number

Email Address

Animal Species (pig, sheep, chickens)

Parent Name (print)

Parent Signature

Date

Cell Phone Number

Email Address

Please List your Agriculture courses you have this year:

Class(s)

Period

Teacher(s)
