

Denton Independent School District Request for Travel Non State-Sanctioned Activities*

I. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

Campus Braswell High School Date of Request 3/10/2017
 School Organization FFA Activity Sponsor Shannon McCuiston

II. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED TRAVEL

Destination(s)** 2017 State FFA Convention, Corpus Christi Texas
 Description of Activities or Events State Convention
 Dates of Travel July 9-15, 2017 Mode of Travel Enterprise rental vehicle
 Number of Student Participants 7 Number of Adult Sponsors/Chaperones 1
 Educational Purposes and Value Texas FFA is a dynamic youth organization that makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. Together, FFA members can continue to educate others on the importance of agriculture.

** Attach copy of proposed itinerary

III. SOURCE OF FUNDING

Source	Amount	***Description of Fund Raising Activities (if required)
<input type="checkbox"/> District Title 1	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Students (personal)	_____	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization	\$1791.41	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising Activities***	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	_____	_____
Total Cost of Activity	\$1791.41	
Estimated Cost/Student	\$223.92	

IV. ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW / APPROVAL

Principal	<u>Lesli Guajardo</u> NAME	 SIGNATURE	<u>3/10/2017</u> DATE OF APPROVAL
School Operations	 NAME	 SIGNATURE	 DATE OF APPROVAL
Superintendent	 NAME	 SIGNATURE	 DATE OF APPROVAL
Board President	 NAME	 SIGNATURE	 DATE OF APPROVAL

*Reference Policy FMG (L)



BRASWELL

H I G H S C H O O L

2017 Texas State FFA Convention Schedule - Corpus Christi, Texas

Sunday:

10am- Leave Denton ISD
6pm- Check into hotel - Corpus Christi

Monday:

8am: Fun Day (Aquarium, Fish Hatchery, USS Lexington and Baseball Game)
8pm: Return to the hotel

Tuesday:

8am: Attend Session
11am: Lunch
1pm: Attend Session
5pm: Dinner
7pm: Evening Event

Wednesday:

8am: Attend Session
11am: Lunch
1pm: Attend Session
5pm: Dinner
7pm: Evening Event

Thursday:

8am: Attend Session
11am: Lunch
1pm: Attend Session
5pm: Dinner
7pm: Evening Event

Friday:

8am: Attend Session
Noon: Leave Corpus Christi
8pm: Arrive to Denton


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Overview

The 89th Texas FFA State Convention will be held in Corpus Christi, Texas July 10-14, 2017 at the American Bank Center.

*****THIS PAGE WILL BE UPDATED AS MORE INFORMATION COMES AVAILABLE *****

Convention Housing

The 2017 housing block will open on December 7, 2016 at 12:00PM (noon). Click here for all information you need to know to make your reservations for convention. **Any chapter cancelling housing block rooms AFTER May 19, you WILL be subject to a 1-Night charge per room cancellation fee. NO EXCEPTIONS. If you need to cancel any rooms, this must be done prior to this deadline in order to avoid cancellation penalty fees. Please reference the Housing Policy on the housing page for more information.**

Convention Dress Code

Exhibits

You are invited to exhibit your company's products and services at this year's Texas FFA Convention. For more information click [here](#).

Convention Media Program

There are two different facets of the Texas FFA Convention Media program held in conjunction with Texas FFA Convention. The first is the *Texas FFA News: Convention Edition*, the official online news of the annual event that is published for FFA

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2017 Convention

July 10-14, 2017 in Corpus Christi, Texas

Links & Resources

- [Convention Sponsors](#)
- [2015 Convention Photos \(Show Champions\)](#)

members, by FFA members, found at news.texasffa.org. The second facet is *The Convention Report*, a video newscast scheduled to air during the final general session on Friday, July 14.

There are many different jobs associated with the Convention Media program such as editors, reporters and photographers. We are excited to fill these positions with hard working, responsible FFA members who are ready to learn! **Click [here](#) to apply for the 2017 Convention Media staff. The application deadline is April, 15, 2017.**

Chorus

2017 Texas FFA Chorus Application is available now! Click the heading above for instructions and more information.

Click [HERE](#) to see the 2016 Texas FFA Chorus Members.

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General Information

- Approximately 60 students will be selected for the 2017 Texas FFA Chorus
- Selection will be based on voice quality and attempting to achieve a chorus with balance
 - 1.) Ability to blend in an advanced ensemble
 - 2.) Balanced numbers of soprano, alto, tenor, and bass voices
 - 3.) It is most difficult to find altos who can sing well in upper register, low basses, and first tenors

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Instructions and Deadlines

Completed online application form must be submitted by midnight **April 3, 2017**. Advisors will receive an email link to a recommendation form in a timely fashion after the student application is submitted, but no later than April 10th and are due by **April 21, 2017 at 5:00 PM**.

FOR NEW TEXAS FFA CHORUS MEMBERS ONLY:

A recorded audition must be submitted via email by April 3rd or postmarked by April 3rd and sent to:

Jeanna Baibos

21427 Hadrian Dr. Katy TX 77449

Emails may be sent to:

Jeanna.baibos@cfisd.net

PREVIOUS MEMBERS OF THE TEXAS FFA CHORUS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO SEND A RECORDED AUDITION

Student Responsibilities

- If selected, the student must attend ALL rehearsals in Corpus Christi, TX.
- The first rehearsal is Sunday evening before the convention week
- Chorus members are required to stay through the closing convention session on Friday
- If there is a conflicting award activity (i.e. Lone Star Degree recipient), the student must get permission from the Chorus Director by Monday afternoon of convention
- The student is responsible for the cost of travel to/from Corpus Christi, a portion of the lodging, and Official Dress
- If participating in the Texas FFA Chorus is cost prohibitive for any member, please note that on the application form and we will TRY to make arrangements for those members

Provided for Chorus Members

- State Convention Registration
- Meal tickets for lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

How to Record Your Audition

- This audio audition is a requirement in the application for the Texas FFA Chorus for NEW MEMBERS ONLY.
- Recording is simple, and allows the director to properly place you for this prestigious chorus.
- If you want to use a higher quality recorder that will be fine, but a simple recorder with a built in microphone is adequate. This includes electronic devices.
- If you choose to use a cassette tape or CD, make sure that it is of high quality. If the tape is of poor quality, there could be problems with play-back or mechanical difficulties. Audio files (i.e. mp3s) should be emailed to Jeanna.baibos@cfisd.net. Audio files are preferred, but not mandatory.

Cassette/CD Recordings

- Print your name and address, plus your voice part, on side one of the cassette or the front of the CD. Also, be sure your full name and return address are on the mailing package. The online form must be submitted by April 3rd and the audition recording must be postmarked by April 3rd. Audition recordings will not be returned, and will become the property of the Texas FFA

Association.

Electronic Recordings - iDevices

- To record an audio file on an iDevice, recording the audition using the voice memo feature. Once you are satisfied with the recording, from the voice memo screen, click the link that takes you to your list of voice memos. Select the voice memo you want to share and press the share button. Select email and send to Jeanna.baibos@cfisd.net with FFA Audition as the subject.

Audition Components

- At the very beginning of the recording, slowly announce your name and address. Repeat your name, and then give your voice part (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass).
- Starting on any comfortable pitch, sing (unaccompanied) the song "America" (Oh beautiful, for spacious skies, etc.) Sing one verse expressively and accurately without scooping in and out of pitches. You are auditioning for an ensemble, not a solo.
- Start with the lowest note you can sing, and on each note of the continuous major scale going up to your highest note, please sing the sentence "This is the Texas FFA Chorus Audition." If you have access to a piano, you can play the pitch before singing each note, but when you sing the words, you should sing unaccompanied. For this part of the recording, do not sing softly, but sing with a full voice at each note. Sing the entire sentence on each note of the ascending major scale. You can sing these words with any rhythm that you choose, but sing them slowly on each pitch. You should sing through register breaks with beautiful tone throughout your range. All singers should demonstrate they can use their upper register.
- OPTIONAL: If you would like to record additional singing, you may do so AFTER the required audition. It is not important to the membership in the Texas FFA Chorus that you do anything with this part of the audition. This is strictly optional.

Checklist for Application

Did you?

- Complete and submit the online application found below in its entirety prior to the April 3rd deadline.

- Send the audition recording via email (electronic) or mail (cassette/CD) to the Texas FFA Chorus Coordinator by the April 3rd deadline. (NEW MEMBERS ONLY!!)
- Make sure your advisor received the link to the advisor recommendation form and that he/she completed it by the April 21st deadline. (Links will be sent after all applications are received)

Application

The 2017 Texas FFA Convention Chorus Application is now available and can be found at:

[2017 Texas FFA Convention Chorus Application](#)

NOTICE: If you are selected for the 2017 Texas FFA Chorus, your chapter will be billed \$250 to their Roster account, which your Advisor must agree to for participation. This fee will include your hotel, food, Chorus pin and t-shirt, and registration to Texas FFA Convention in Corpus Christi.

National FFA Chorus

- This is NOT the National FFA Chorus application
- Those who wish to apply for the National FFA Chorus should access the application through their FFA.org account.
- Texas FFA will NOT forward all National chorus applications on to National FFA

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