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Area I FFA Convention

Tascosa High School Amarillo, Texas May 12-14, 2016

Convention Chairmen

[Kyle Pate – Lubbock-Cooper](#) [Jay Newton – Vega](#) [Calvin Daugherty - Silverton](#) [Alan Been-Springlake-Earth](#)

Computer Operations - **Chandra Corse – AES – Questions? kccorse@hughes.net or (806)-333-2457**

Convention Host – Tascosa FFA Chapter/Tascosa High School

[Trevor Williams](#) [Alisha Lugo](#)

For pre-convention functions, times and other info, please consult the Basic Convention Schedule or Area I website.

General Information

- Before the convention:** Register on judgingcard.com in 2 places – Texas Consolidated Degree Check - June 10 and Area I FFA Convention – May 13. **Book your hotel** rooms and make travel arrangements. **Host Hotel 2016:** Comfort Suites - 12 Western Plaza Drive, Amarillo, TX, 79109, (806) 367-8880 \$99.00 ask for Area I FFA block. Current Area & State Officers will be provided a room for both nights by Area I FFA.
- Place all award applications in library.** All items for consideration must have been registered on judgingcard.com and certified by your district at degree check prior to the convention. Check students for official dress. Advisors and guests attire is business professional.
- Check in and pay for all entries.** (dance/pizza, speaking, talent, proficiencies)
- Pick up judges packet** for committee work and check revised schedule and room assignments. Chairman of the committees should be responsible for ensuring that scoresheets and placing pages are filled in correctly and returned to the library for documentation. **Chairman** of all committees will present the winners during the convention on **Saturday morning**. Winning applications will be placed separate from non-winners. **Results** will be posted on judgingcard.com and the Area I website AFTER they are announced during the convention.
- Assist your students** to the proper location for each event and component of the convention they are part of. Check at this time for official dress.
- When your committee begins work, **please be present and do your part.**
- When your committee work is complete and you are dismissed by your chairman, **enjoy the remainder of the convention.** Please remind and be responsible for the behavior of your own students. We are guests in this building.
- When the convention is adjourned for the evening, Area I provides the opportunity for students to have some fun together. We have a **DJ, pizza and bottled water** for any students and their advisors at Tascosa High School. The cost is **\$5.00** per student with no charge for advisors or other sponsors. You must please register your number for this event through www.judgingcard.com on the May 13th date. Bring your money with you when you come and checks should be made to Area I FFA Association. **Dress Code: FFA Chapter shirts, other officer shirts or a collared shirt with jeans.** Pay for those tickets in the library when you register. Only FFA advisors are to purchase tickets, please. Advisors, parents and other adult sponsors do not have to purchase a ticket.
- The convention continues on **Saturday morning**. Please be prompt in your arrival for delegates to be signed in.

10. If you have a **proposed rule change**, it is due to the Area Executive Secretary, Chandra Corse in writing by **10 am** on the **Saturday** morning of Area Convention. The Area Coordinator will notify all chapters in the area at least 10 days prior to the Area Leadership Conference and proposals will be discussed at the Area I Leadership Conference. Any other items you would like on the agenda to discuss at camp, please let the Area Executive Secretary know.

11. We will be **taking pictures** of the following chapters on Saturday morning during the convention:

- 1st place LDE Teams – please bring your banner for picture
- 1st place CDE Teams – we will be passing out banners
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd place Sweepstakes Chapters – Single Teacher and Multi-Teacher Departments – if you were a 1st place winner last year, please bring your trophy with you.
- Stars, speaking winners, proficiency winners, scholarship names announced, etc.

BE SURE TO BRING YOUR BANNERS/TROPIES FOR THE PICTURE!

If you have winners from Area Convention:

- You must be present or have another designated teacher responsible for your applications at state degree check.
- We have a block of rooms at in Stephenville for state degree check.
- Winning applications taken from the Area Convention must first be checked out. Do not take anything unless you sign it out, first. It will be your responsibility to ensure it is returned to one of the executive committee or another responsible teacher to arrive at state degree check.
- As usual, we will need judges to travel to state degree check to serve on committees. Please, please, please volunteer. It's the best way to learn how to help your students and is part of the reason you should be on an 11 or 12 month contract!

**Please show your appreciation
by having your students write Thank You Notes for Area I FFA Convention 2016**

Mr. Willis McCutcheon President - Happy State Bank 3110 Olton Road Plainview, Texas 79072 (donation of water for dance)	Dr. Gordon Davis CEV Multimedia, Ltd. 1020 SE Loop 289 Lubbock, TX 79404 (Sponsors all of our banners and plaques)
Tascosa High School FFA Chapter Attn: Dr. Pulliam 3921 Westlawn Amarillo, Texas 79102 (Hosts and provides facilities for Area I FFA Convention)	Dr. Lance Keith WTAMU, Department of Agriculture P.O. Box 60998 Canyon, Texas 79016 (Assist with Area I FFA Speaking Contests, Hosts Area I FFA Scholarship Interviews, Hosts Lunch for Officers Friday of convention)
Dr. Steve Frazee Texas Tech University, Department of Ag Ed & Comm. Box 42131 Lubbock, Texas 79409-2131 (Sponsors breakfast on Saturday morning of Area I Convention)	Mr. John Weathers 1804 FM 41 Lubbock, Texas 79423 (Prepare officer convention notebooks, backstage management of convention)
Dr. Tanner Robertson WTAMU, Department of Agriculture P.O. Box 60998 Canyon, Texas 79016 (speech manuscript scoring)	Amarillo ISD attn: Stan Chatman 7200 I-40 West Amarillo, TX 79109 (use of facilities for convention)
Kevin Kelley Valley FFA Chapter 11826 Hwy 86 Turkey, Texas 79261 (speaking contest superintendent)	ESC 16 Service Center Mindy Hampton 5800 S. Bell Amarillo, Texas (use of building for speaking contests at no charge)

1. Area Officer Candidate Interview Committee

A. This committee will be trained in the interview process for our area officer selection, conduct the interview, score the officer applications and grade the writing prompt.

Meeting room - Comfort Suites - 12 Western Plaza Drive, Amarillo, TX, 79109, (806) 367-8880 (south side of I-40) in Amarillo, Thursday May 12th - 5:00 to 10 pm, Friday May 13th – 6:45 am to noon

- Amarillo District – Thomas Clay – Dalhart
- Greenbelt District – Sandra Aborn - Memphis
- Littlefield District – Andrew Hokanson – Amherst
- Lubbock District – Casey Jones - Slaton
- Plainview District – Vance Lemons - Floydada
- Top O' Texas District– Matt Whiteley- Spearman

WTAMU Sponsored Lunch

Friday, 11:30 am

Dyers Bar B Q ~ 1619 South Kentucky Street, Wellington Square (North of I-40) 358-7104

Current and Incoming Area and State Officers & their advisors, Executive Committee, Officer Interview Committee

2. FFA Speech Contest

Chairman- [Kevin Kelley - Valley](#)

Assistants- [WTAMU College Students](#)

- Judges Orientation luncheon and meeting at noon – ESC 16 Service Center 5800 S. Bell Amarillo – Friday May 13
- Judges will be selected by speaking chairman and his committee and shall include: various business & industry representatives, university professionals, FFA Advisors. If you can volunteer to judge, please contact Mr. Kelley.
- Contestants will meet to draw for order and receive instructions at noon. Contests will begin immediately following when judges are ready.
- Manuscripts can be submitted after the area contest to troberson@wtamu.edu for state qualifiers to receive assistance.

Contest Rooms: ESC 16 Service Center 5800 S. Bell Amarillo

3. Backstage during the convention:

John Weathers – backstage chairman

Backstage assistant - [Kevin Meek – Fort Elliott](#)

Sound/Lighting/General – [Trevor Williams – Tascosa](#)

<u>Area FFA President Advisor</u>	Lisa Grant - Roosevelt
<u>Area FFA 1st Vice-President Advisor</u>	Kevin Kelley - Valley

4. Voting Delegates, Official Dress Review, Balloting Committe

A. Chairman of voting delegates: [Cassie Sanders - Coronado](#)

B. Balloting Committee Members – [Cody Bonds – Adrian](#) [Katie Callaghan – Claude](#)

[Tonny Hamby – Canadian](#) [Jody Rowland - Roosevelt](#) [Danny Underwood - Dimmitt](#)

[Sid Morris - Farwell](#)

- C. You will be to assisting [Mrs. Sanders](#) with the voting delegate registration for your district and then making sure you get the delegates into the convention for **both** days. You will walk with the delegates from your district to the convention, **and then serve in your usual capacity as the balloting committee**. This includes helping to pass out and collect ballots for your district, checking arm bands, counting ballots, reviewing official dress of delegates and whatever else Mrs. Sanders has you do. Your job is very important for this convention to run smoothly and you need to be present for all sessions of the convention.
- D. **District Officer Orientation** will be in Room 2102 at 5:00 P.M. **Chapter voting delegates** will sign in at their respective tables in the cafeteria by district from **5:30 to 6:00 pm** on Friday and **8:00 to 8:30 am** on Saturday. Delegates should be in official dress, bring a number 2 pencil for voting by scantron, and be informed HOW to fill out a scantron ahead of time by the advisor. Alternates will sign in after regular delegates sign in is completed, but must be 30 minutes prior to start of convention. [Alan Been-Springle-Earth](#) – will be assisting this committee with computer operations.

5. Courtesy Corps - Room 2105 – 5:00 pm - This committee, please stay in/around auditorium with students during convention session to assist or answer questions. Students will be recognized as a group during _____ session.

Chairman	Alisha Lugo- Tascosa	
Members	Ross Burson- Hartley	Roy Novak – Childress, Justin Nash- Paducah
	Justin O’Rear–Levelland, Jamie McFarland - Hereford	Richard Montgomery – Abernathy, Lauren Prine Petersburg
	Meredith Coutts – Frenship, Cody Spies – Ropes	Matt Whitely – Spearman, Raylea Underwood - Pampa

6. Talent Contest

A. Chairmen: [Trent Houchin – Sudan](#) [Tommy Meek - McLean](#)

- ✓ Orientation meeting for all contestants 3:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. Contest will be held Friday during the session.

B. Practice-

4:00	Greenbelt
4:10	Plainview
4:20	Top O’ Texas
4:30	Littlefield
4:40	Amarillo
4:50	Lubbock



7. John Justin/Ryan Mott Committee:

- ✓ Room: Interviews will be held in Room 2100 at 6:00 pm – Candidates should wait in Room 2201 beginning at 6:00 pm.

Chairman: [Jim Cooper – Motley County](#)

Members: [Mike Page - Hereford](#) [Raeleigh Underwood - Pampa](#)
[Amanda Head –Caprock](#) [Darin Martinez – New Deal](#) [Meredith Ginn – Tulia](#)

8. Stars

- ✓ All stars should wait in Room 2106 beginning at 6:30 pm until a Courtesy Corp representative comes to get you. After your interview, you are free to return to the convention. Each star committee will handle all four star awards—Production, Agribusiness, Entrepreneurship, and Agriscience. (see Texas FFA website)

8A. Star Greenhand FFA Degree Committee

- ✓ Committee begins meeting at 6:00 P.M. in room 2102. Interviews will begin after committee has gone through books and applications.

A. **Chairman:** [Sean Hightower – Monterrey](#)

B. **Members:** [Jennifer Warren –Spearman](#) [Drew Taylor – Wellington](#) [Shane Sherrill – Lockney](#)
[Clay Wheeler – Texline](#) [Shelbie Reid –Levelland](#)

8B. Star Chapter FFA Degree Committee

- ✓ Committee begins meeting at 6:00 P.M. in room 2107. Interviews will begin after committee has gone through books and applications.

A. **Chairman:** [Brandon Thomason-Muleshoe](#)

B. **Members:** [Fud Robertson – Idalou](#) [Jason Miller-Sunray](#) [Robby Bow – Happy](#)
[Scott Farley – Bushland](#) [Lon Adams-Hedley](#)

8C. Star State FFA Degree Committee

- ✓ Committee begins meeting at 6:00 P.M. in room 2108. Interviews will begin after committee has gone through books and applications. This committee is responsible for checking the books/apps for actual Lone Star Degree, also. Before you go into your committee meeting, please check with Roger Green for instructions concerning checking the Lone Star Degree.

A. **Chairman** [Crystal Stewart – Highland Park](#)

B. **Members** [Michael Dawson-Plainview](#) [JW Clark - Clarendon](#)

[Scott Miller – Booker](#) [Clay Conrad – Frenship](#) [Kyle Bates – Whitharral](#)

8D. American FFA Degree and Star American Committee

- ✓ Committee begins meeting at 6:00 pm in room 2109. No interviews.

A. **Chairman:** [Austin Heck – Nazareth](#)

B. **Members:** [Sandra Aborn – Memphis](#) [Justin James - Wheeler](#) [Tracy Blount – Friona](#)
[Timberly Mercer – River Road](#) [Aaron Bednarz – Lubbock-Cooper](#)

9. Lone Star FFA Degree Committee

- ✓ Committee begins work at 6:00 P.M. (or before if the chairman is ready) in the Library. Your books and applications must be done BEFORE you arrive at the Area Convention. If your candidates meet the criteria, they will be accepted and sent on their way. **State officer candidates** must have already received the LSD or have their books and applications checked **early**. You must talk with one of the chairmen about this ahead of time.

A. **Chairman:** [Roger Green - Monterrey](#)

B. **Members**

Elizabeth Meech - Borger Scotty Wright – Boys Ranch D’arcy Roberts - Canyon Becki Koepke – Channing Becca McEndree – Dalhart Thomas Clay – Dalhart Brett Barber - Dumas	Jennifer Carter - Groom Ashley Daniel - Guthrie Darryn Perryman – Patton Springs	Allen Keys – Anton Jessica Detten – Hereford Kayle Jesco – Lazbuddie, Brandon Bowman-Littlefield Kirk Clark – Whiteface
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Kyle Stewart – Highland Park Tyler Crafton – Panhandle Curtis Hoover - Randall Lance Horseford – Stratford Brandon Snider - West Texas		
Will Edwards- Frenship Brent McFarland – Frenship Michael Collins – Idalou Arden Davis-Lorenzo Katy Harkey - Ralls Jarad Florez – Roosevelt Rob Hawkins-Shallowater Casey Jones - Slaton	Tatum Aldridge – Abernathy Vance Lemons– Floydada Roy McCoy – Hale Center Madi Thompson- Hart Gale Long – Olton David Haresnape – Plainview Stephanie James – Plainview Chelsea Miller - Plainview	Weston Born - Gruver Clifton Thorton – Higgins Tucker Long – Miami Brody Russell – Pampa JoBonney Lecompte-Perryton Travis Miller – White Deer

10. FFA Proficiency Awards

✓ Begins at 6:00 P.M. in room 2220

A. **Chairman:** [David Howell-Cotton Center](#)

B. **Members:** [Jeff Klose –Canyon](#) [Andrew Hokanson – Amherst](#) [Kamy Whatley – Groom](#)
[Jimmy Morgan – Kelton](#) [Donald Gillit – Smyer](#)

11. Golden Horizon, National Chapter, Superior Chapter, Honorary Degrees

✓ Begins at 6:00 PM in room _____

A. **Chairman:** [Jett Mason - Canyon](#)

B. **Members:** [Zach Wynn – Follett](#) [Jim Daniel – Muleshoe](#) [Shane Miller - Spur](#)

[Ben Stokes – Crosbyton](#) [Olivia Schniers – Abernathy](#)

12. Pizza Set-Up Committee

✓ Committee begins meeting at 6:30 P.M. in library. Set up tables, plates, napkins, water bottles, trash cans, meet pizza delivery man and coordinate entry/exit of students to get pizza. After you have set up, please enjoy the rest of the convention and/or assist with Lone Stars in the Library.

A. **Chairman:** [Kendra Martin - Stratford](#)

B. **Members:** [Jason Adkins – Shamrock](#), [Sheldon Franks –Morton](#), [Adam Westbrook – Slaton](#), [Laci Vogel – Dimmitt](#), [Jarod Noble – Darrouzett](#)

- ✓ ALL FFA MEMBERS at dance will assist with cleanup of trash. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE advisors – you must assist with cleanup for your own chapter and DO NOT expect someone else to “take care” of your students. Please read #8 on first page. Remind students to respect the property as we are guests of at Tascosa. Leave it better than you found it. If you are not staying for the dance, please ask the courtesy corps advisors or Tascosa advisors for something you can do to assist with cleanup.

Texas Tech University Sponsored Breakfast
 Saturday, 7:00 am Host Hotel – Comfort Suites – South side of I-40 behind Burlington Coat Factory
District Presidents, Current & Incoming Area & State Officers & their advisors, Executive Committee

Post Meeting – Backstage immediately following closing ceremonies of Saturday AM session
 Newly Installed Area Officers, State Officer Candidates & Advisors, Execs, any parents who are interested.