



## **4-H PROGRAM Registration Packet**



**In order to be considered for the 4-H program, you must complete the following forms and return them signed to the SMA Barn Manager.**

- ✓ **Acknowledgment of Animal Project Fees**
- ✓ **Student Waiver and Information Sheet**
- ✓ **Acknowledgment of Barn Rules**
- ✓ **4-H Animal Care Agreement**

## **SMA 4-H PROGRAM 4-H ACTIVITIES**

### **Animal Projects:**

- Goats
- Sheep
- Swine (pigs)
- Steers/Heifers (not available for boarding students)
- Rabbits
- Poultry/Broilers (chickens, turkeys)
- Horses (horse shows)

### **Club Activities:**

- Horses (show, judging, quiz bowl)
- Home Skills
- Arts and Crafts
- Foods
- Clothing and Textiles
- Ag Mechanics
- Photography
- Shooting/ Archery
- Livestock Judging
- Public Relations
- Community Service

**Prices and dates are different for each project/activity. Please get with the SMA 4-H & Equestrian Director for more information.**

## **SMA 4-H Program Animal Project Estimated Cost**

### **Market Rabbits (Pen of 3)**

30 day project

Validation Tags/Show Entry - \$17 per pen of 3

Price of Animal - \$125 per pen of 3

Feed Cost - \$20+

Supplements and Additives (on an as needed basis) - \$10+

Monthly Boarding Charge - \$15 rabbit (1 month = \$15)

Project Starter Kit (startup supplies) - \$30

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$220.00

(Totals are calculated using the lowest prices given)

### **Market Goats**

120-150 day project

Validation Tags/Show Entry - \$20 per animal

Price of Animal - \$400+

Feed Cost - \$150+

Supplements and Additives (on an as needed basis) - \$20+

Monthly Boarding Charge - \$30 (4-5 months = \$120-\$150)

Project Starter Kit (startup supplies) - \$40

Total Estimated Project Cost w/o supplements: \$750.00

(Totals are calculated using the lowest prices given)

### **Market Lambs**

120-150 day project

Validation Tags/Show Entry - \$20 per

animal Price of Animal - \$400+

Feed Cost - \$250+

Supplements and Additives (on an as needed basis) -

\$20+ Monthly Boarding Charge - \$30 (4-5 months =

\$120-\$150) Project Starter Kit (startup supplies) - \$40

Total Estimated Project Cost w/o supplements: \$850.00

(Totals are calculated using the lowest prices give

### **Market Swine (Pigs)**

120-150 day project

Validation Tags/Show Entry - \$20 per animal

Price of Animal - \$400+

Feed Cost - \$250+

Supplements and Additives (on an as needed basis) - \$50+

Monthly Boarding Charge - \$40 (4-5 months = \$160-\$200)

Project Starter Kit (startup supplies) - \$40

Total Estimated Project Cost w/o supplements: \$920.00

(Totals are calculated using the lowest prices given)

**\*Membership with the Hill Country 4-H Club is required to participate in any 4-H activity, including the county stock show. Annual membership is \$20 and is due on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**\*Please note that the deadline for choosing your project(s) is due by September 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**\*Parent/Guardian approval is required and must be sent via email confirmation to the Program Director (email listed below).**

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## **SMA 4-H PROGRAM 4-H Animal Project Fees**

### **Animal Project Cost:**

This is the cost of the animal itself, not to include any other related charges. All animal project's prices vary depending on species, and the quality of the animal. Please see the Animal Project Estimated Cost sheet for more detailed information.

### **Monthly Boarding Fee:**

The boarding fee will cover the care and feeding of the animal project in the absence of the student (morning feedings, weekend feedings & holiday feedings). This fee also includes transportation to and from the Hays County Livestock Show (all major shows will require additional costs). Boarding fees are on a per animal basis. Monthly boarding charges are as follows:

- Steers/Heifer \$60.00
- Swine \$40.00
- Lamb/Goat \$30.00
- Rabbits/Poultry \$15.00
- Horses: See horse boarding information

### **Feeding Charges:**

The monthly boarding fee does **NOT** account for any feed or supplement costs. All feed costs associated with the animal project will be determined on an as needed basis according to the animal's nutritional needs. Additional fees may be required. This will be determined on a case by case basis. Please see the Animal Project Estimated Cost sheet for more detailed information.

### **Transportation/Hauling Fee:**

This fee may be implemented for any additional transportation/hauling of students/animals to and from 4-H events (examples include but are not limited to: major livestock shows, 4-H events, training and vet clinic visits). Prices will vary depending on the situation and distance of the event.

**Fees are subject to change at the discretion of SMA 4-H & Equestrian Director.**

**SMA 4-H PROGRAM**  
**Animal Project Program Fees Acknowledgment Form**

I acknowledge that I have received and read the San Marcos Academy 4-H Animal Project Fees sheet.

I understand that I have a responsibility to myself and to the wellbeing of my animal(s) to accept any necessary charges that may be applied to my account. I also understand that if I violate any part of the boarding fees contract, or for non-payment, that there will be an appropriate consequence to my actions and/or that I will be removed from the program. I understand that all fees/costs associated with an animal project(s) are subject to change depending on my animal's nutritional needs.

I understand that at any time the 4-H and Equestrian Program Director can amend these rules.

\_\_\_\_\_  
4-H & Equestrian Program Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**SMA 4-H PROGRAM  
Student Waiver and Information Sheet**

4-H Club Name: Hill Country 4-H Club at San Marcos Academy

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergy/Health Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Every precaution will be taken to provide a safe experience, but Hill Country 4-H Club at the San Marcos Baptist Academy (HC4-HC-SMA) cannot be responsible should an accident occur.

I understand and agree that HC4-HC-SMA and all its employees will not be responsible for any accident or injury that may occur. I hereby release HC4-HC-SMA and its employees from all claims, actions, judgments, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses relating to use of HC4-HC-SMA, and I further agree to hold HC4-HC-SMA and all its employees harmless and unaccountable against any legal proceedings, claims, actions, judgments, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses relating to any such accident or loss.

**I have read all of the above, agree to, and understand its content.**

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# SMA 4-H & EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM

## Barn Rules

### Barn Sign In

- All students and visitors **MUST sign-in** when they arrive at the barn.

### Barn Hours

- Monday 4:00pm to 7:00pm
- Tuesday 4:00pm to 7:00pm
- Wednesday 4:00pm to 7:00pm
- Thursday 4:00pm to 7:00pm
- Friday 4:00pm to 7:00pm
- Saturday: By appointment only
- Sunday: CLOSED
- Arrangements may be made and are based on the student's situation. Please see the Director for more details.

### Supervision

- A SMA 4-H & Equestrian Barn staff member **MUST** supervise all students and visitors when at the barn.

### Behavior

- No threatening behavior (verbal or physical) is permitted.
  - This behavior may result in being banned from the SMA 4-H & Equestrian Barn for the remainder of the semester.
- No smoking in the barn is permitted.
  - This behavior may result in being banned from the SMA 4-H & Equestrian Barn for the remainder of the semester.
- No cursing/ foul language is permitted.
  - First incident: the student will receive a verbal warning
  - Second incident: the student will receive a consequence at the discretion of the SMA 4-H & Equestrian Barn Staff
  - Third incident: the student will be banned from the barn for three days.
  - Fourth incident: the student will not be allowed to return to the barn for one month.
- No consumption of alcoholic beverages allowed on the property associated with the barn.
- No running or yelling in the barn, especially when horses are present. The SMA 4-H & Equestrian Barn cannot be responsible for injury, accident and/or death associated with spooking an equine or farm animal due to inappropriate behavior.
- Students are expected to comply with the perimeters set forth by the Director of the 4-H & Equestrian Programs. Failure to comply with the perimeters can result in the revocation of all privileges at the barn.



## **Responsibility**

- All students are responsible for the daily care of the SMA 4-H & Equestrian Barn facilities.
- Daily chores will be issued for students to complete.
- Students must keep the aisles clean of tack, brushes, and halters. Hoof pickings or manure needs to be swept and picked up.
- If you turned on a light, turn it off when you finish using that area.
- Students who are boarding horses are responsible for the care and exercise of their animal(s). \*See horse boarding contract for more details.
- All wheelbarrows are to be put up before leaving.
- If a wheelbarrow has any manure in it, please dump the wheelbarrow on the manure pile. DO NOT leave a full wheelbarrow sitting inside or outside the barn.

## **Safety**

- No cell phone use is allowed while riding or working the animals (horse, farm animals, etc.). All cell phones are to be put in tack room or tack trunks when arriving at the barn and WILL NOT be used until your work is complete.
- All animals must be haltered when they are being worked (walked etc.) No animals are to be led with just a rope around their neck (except pigs).
- Do not ride without a helmet.
- All students must be appropriately dressed to work with their horse or other livestock animal(s). Inappropriately dressed students may be asked to return to the dorm to change or may not be allowed to participate in the day's activity.
- Do not ride or lead animals on properties not designated as riding/working areas.
- Always mount and dismount inside the arena unless directed otherwise by a barn staff member.
- Bicycles or motorized vehicles are not permitted inside the barn.
- Glass items are not permitted anywhere within the 4-H & Equestrian facilities.
- Do not tie your horse with your reins. All horses are to be tied at the tie post with a halter and lead rope.
- Always check your tack before riding/working with your animal and do not use any unsafe or damaged equipment.
- Do not give treats to any animals other than your own unless you have verbal permission from the barn staff and/or owner of the animal.
- Only approved students and visitors are allowed to enter pastures, paddocks, arenas and stalls with horses or farm animals. The SMA 4-H & Equestrian Program Director can give the approval.
- All injuries, accidents and damages must be immediately brought to the attention of the Director/Barn Staff.
- Never sit or kneel when grooming under a horse or working on their legs or feet.

***The San Marcos Academy 4-H & Equestrian Barn may make changes to the Barn Rules at their own discretion. A copy of amendments will be sent out.***

**SMA 4-H PROGRAM  
Barn Rules Acknowledgment Form**

I acknowledge that I have received and read the San Marcos Academy 4-H Program Barn Rules.

I understand that I have a responsibility to myself, fellow students and the program to uphold these rules. I also understand that if I violate any of the rules that there will be an appropriate consequence to my actions.

I understand that at any time the 4-H & Equestrian Program Director can amend these rules.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Name (Print)

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# SMA 4-H PROGRAM

## Student Animal Project Care Contract

I \_\_\_\_\_ agree to help feed, water and exercise my animal project(s) at least **four** times a week and help keep the pen clean each day that I am out at the barn. I agree to respect and care for all animals, facility and equipment at the SMA 4-H & Equestrian Barn. I will not harm, damage, or hurt any equipment or animals on the property. I agree to treat my animal(s) properly, following all ethical guidelines set by the barn staff.

I understand that it is my responsibility to notify the SMA 4-H & Equestrian Program Staff if I cannot make it out to the barn to care for my animal(s). I also understand that there must be a legitimate reason for my absence. All absences must be confirmed by SMA 4-H & Equestrian Program Director.

I understand that any violation of the above agreements or any apparent neglect of my animal(s) or school property will result in a warning being issued. A maximum of three warnings will be issued. All warnings will be sent to parents/guardian and if appropriate, the dorm staff. After the third warning the SMA 4-H & Equestrian Program Director has the right to request that my animal(s) be removed from the property and my removal from the 4-H program. I also understand that if I am not tending to my animal(s) care that I may be issued demerits for not abiding by this contract or barn rules.

If I am asked to leave the program all monthly, expenses (examples include but are not limited to: boarding fees and veterinary costs) will continue to be charged to my school account until the animal is removed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Barn Manager / 4-H Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date