



FFA

Not just farmers anymore...

What do you think of when you hear the word "agriculture"? Do you imagine cows, pigs and Farmer Brown in his overalls? What about scientists, engineers, technologically advanced machinery, veterinarians, game wardens, and landscape architects? Modern agriculture is responsible for feeding, clothing, sheltering, and beautifying the world.

We will always need agriculture to survive. Agriculture is responsible for employing more people in the United States than any other industry. In Georgia, one out of every seven employed adults works in agriculture. However, only two percent of agricultural jobs are on the farm. **That means you don't have to be a farmer to be involved in agriculture!**

BMS FFA Rabbit Show Team

The Bonaire Middle School FFA has a rabbit show team! FFA members purchase and raise one or more purebred show rabbits of their choice. The students then travel to several rabbit shows around the state of Georgia. Popular breeds are Holland Lop, Mini Rex, and Netherland Dwarf.



Bonaire Middle School FFA

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Bonaire Middle School FFA



Discovering the Opportunities

Reaching your Potential

WHAT IS FFA?

FFA is a national youth organization that strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students. Agricultural Education develops a student's potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success.

The Bonaire Middle School FFA is one of the largest student organizations on campus, with 80 to 100 members participating each year. There are over 34,000 FFA members in the state of Georgia and over 557,000 members in the United States. Why do so many students join the FFA? They join the FFA because they meet new people, participate in competitions, travel, develop leadership skills, and have lots of fun!



Who can join FFA?

Membership in the FFA is open to every student that attends Bonaire Middle School. All students that join FFA will have one semester in Agricultural Education class.

How do I join FFA?

To join the FFA simply submit a FFA membership application and \$15.00 membership dues to Mrs. Keily in room 208. Membership must be renewed each year if you want to continue in the organization. This year we will have an online registration process (please see the next page)

What if I can't attend every meeting?

Attendance is not mandatory for every meeting, unless you are a FFA officer. Of course, the more you participate the more you will benefit from your FFA experience.

What can I do in the FFA besides the monthly meetings?

There are many opportunities available to student members of the FFA. You can travel to leadership conferences and conventions, become a member of a competition team, participate in community service projects, be a part of garden club, and even attend summer camp.

How do I know when activities are happening?

All FFA activities are posted on the BMS website:

Go to www.bms.hcbe.net

Select "Campus Life"

Select "Clubs and Organizations"

Select "FFA"

Select "Calendar"

Also check out our Facebook (Bonaire Middle School FFA) and Instagram

What competition teams does our FFA chapter have?

FFA competitions are called Career Development Events (CDE). The Bonaire Middle School FFA has the following CDE teams:

- ◆ FFA Quiz (quiz bowl style competition over FFA facts and history)
- ◆ Floriculture (growing and identifying plants)
- ◆ Meats Evaluation (learn to evaluate carcasses for quality and yield grade, and identify wholesale and/or retail cuts)
- ◆ Nursery/Landscape (growing and identifying trees and shrubs)
- ◆ Poultry (grading and identifying live birds, carcasses, eggs, and poultry products)
- ◆ Public Speaking (preparing and presenting your own speech or memorizing and presenting the FFA Creed)
- ◆ Veterinary Science (equipment and breed identification, as well as handling and restraint)
- ◆ Rabbit Show Team (raising and showing a purebred rabbit)

For more information contact Agricultural Education teacher, Mrs. Cheralyn Keily, in room 208 or at cheralyn.keily@hcbe.net

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Bonaire Middle School FFA
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Dear Bonaire Middle School Students and Parents,

I am very excited that you have expressed an interest in being a part of the Agricultural Education Program and FFA at Bonaire Middle School. FFA is a national youth organization that strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students. Agricultural Education develops a student's potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success.

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The state requires that all students who join FFA have one segment (at Bonaire Middle School that means one semester) of Agricultural Education class during each school year that they are a FFA member. In order to facilitate registering these students for an Agriculture class, we need to have students sign up for FFA prior to the end of this school year. Please remember that Band and Chorus are year-long courses therefore a student cannot schedule Band, Chorus, and Agriculture (you will need to select two of the three courses).

Attached is a brochure about the Bonaire Middle School FFA chapter. Normally we would ask you to complete a paper membership form and return it with your child's \$15.00 membership dues. However, we are facing some unprecedented times right now, so we are going to ask that you complete an online registration form and the \$15.00 dues can be turned in when school starts in the fall. You can access the online registration form using QR code or link below. You can see more about our FFA chapter by checking out our Facebook (Bonaire Middle School FFA) and Instagram pages.

I look forward to working with your child!

Sincerely,

Cheralyn Kelly

Agricultural Education Teacher/FFA Advisor

Bonaire Middle School



Please use the QR code or the link below to sign up for FFA at BMS!

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=8pCcKuGIREOx-Fa-gHHqETqilrLt9VFAk_nXDP3uB_pUN09VRENRMFNVVvZMM05UR0tJUzZCMEE0VS4u