

# ALPINE FFA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

## ARTICLE I. GENERAL

The name of the organization shall be the “Alpine FFA Chapter”. This chapter shall abide by the rules and regulations in the constitution and by-laws found in the latest edition of the National Official FFA Manual.

## ARTICLE II. OFFICERS

1. The officers of this chapter will be as follows; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and Sentinel. The officers shall perform the duties of their offices as described in the National Official FFA Manual.
2. To hold an office in the Alpine FFA Chapter, the officer must be enrolled in an agricultural science class both semesters of the year that the office is being held. Failure to do so will result in officer relinquishing that office.
3. Officers will be selected based on the following criteria.
  - A. Current year involvement.
  - B. Ranking by out going Sr. Officers (1 – 6 point basis in order of precedence as stated in the manual)
  - C. Popular vote of Freshman(9), Sophomore(10), and Junior(11) grade FFA members. Each member gets 2 votes. (Graduating seniors do not get a vote)
  - D. In the event of a tie; runoff will be decided on a 1 vote per member basis and will include the Sr. officer ranking for each candidate in the runoff.

## ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

1. An active member shall be considered in good standing when:
  - A. The member is expected to attend local chapter meetings while enrolled in the school where the local chapter is established.
  - B. The member shows an interest in and takes part in the affairs of the chapter.
  - C. In order to benefit from Chapter funds, members must be active in fundraising projects.
  - D. The member must pay current National, State, Area, District and local dues regularly and acts in a manner consistent with the ideas of the organization.
  - E. Members must be enrolled in an agricultural science course to

- maintain membership.
  - F. Membership and all privileges there of may be revoked immediately by officers and advisors if a student conducts himself/herself inappropriately while participating in any FFA activity so as to bring disgrace to this chapter.
2. Honorary Chapter FFA Degrees may be confirmed each year.

#### ARTICLE IV. ANNUAL CHAPTER AWARDS GIVEN AT PARENT /MEMBER BANQUET

1. Certificates of merit will be given to members for outstanding performance in the various phases of agriculture career and technology work.
2. Eight major awards shall be given to a male and female; Outstanding Freshman (Star Greenhand), Outstanding Sophomore (Star Chapter Farmer), Outstanding Junior, Outstanding Senior.
  - a. Awards will be based upon Student involvement in FFA activities. Students will need to participate in at least 3 of the following events:
    - i. LDE Contests
    - ii. SAE Project
    - iii. CDE Contests
    - iv. Area II Leadership Camp
    - v. Area II Convention
    - vi. State FFA Convention

#### ARTICLE V. CONVENTIONS

1. Alpine FFA shall attend the District 1, Area 2, and State FFA Conventions.
2. Attendees will be selected from the active membership.
3. State convention attendees must serve in some capacity at the convention to attend or be an award recipient or a participant in some form of competition at the convention. Graduating seniors may attend the convention only if they are receiving an award or participating in a contest or running for a state office.
4. All members wishing to attend the State convention must fill out an application.
5. Attendees will be selected on the following criteria but not limited to.
  - A. Grade eligibility
  - B. Leadership Development Participation
  - C. Career Development Participation
  - D. SAE Participation
  - E. Other School Involvement
6. Attendees Responsibilities:
  - A. Attend all sessions of the convention.
  - B. Attendee must wear official dress to all sessions unless the

advisors specify different.

- C. Attendee will be representing Alpine FFA, Alpine High School, Alpine I.S.D. and the community of Alpine. Therefore, all rules that apply at school will be in effect on the trip.
- D. Attendees Failure to follow school handbook rules will result in a one - way bus ticket home. (At parent's expense) parents and school officials will be notified.

7. Convention Provisions:

- A. Travel to and from the convention will be provided by Alpine I.S.D.
- B. Motel accommodations will be paid (when possible). This does not include room service, telephone, or pay per view movies.
- C. Convention registration fees will be paid by the student.
- D. One meal a day (supper) will be paid while at the convention (funds permitting). Attendees need to plan money for other meals, souvenirs, and any other personal expenses.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

- 1. The chapter meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month with the exception of February & March when no meeting will be held do to major stock shows.  
The months of June, July, and August will not have meetings due to summer break.
- 2. The executive committee (Chapter Officers & Advisor) shall have power to act on any matters that need to be disposed of before a regular meeting.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

- 1. The proposed amendments must be approved by 2/3's of the current officers and by 2/3's of the active members of the Alpine FFA Chapter.
- 2. The proposed amendments must be posted on the bulletin board at least seven days prior to the regular meeting of the membership at which it is to be presented.