

Department of Animal Science

Aggie REPS

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I. Goals & Objectives

To facilitate the Department of Animal Science recruitment and public relations efforts through written and oral correspondence, personal appearances, and campus activities.

To communicate the scope of all academic majors and disciplines within the Department of Animal Science to prospective students and their parents, teachers, and leaders.

To provide prospective students a contact at Texas A&M University who cares and is available to assist with the transition from “prospective student” to “Aggie.”

II. Structure of the Group

- A. **Leadership**-All Aggie REPS will be equal in rank and authority. REPS will work under the supervision of the administrative coordinator. Each year there will be approximately 20 Aggie REPS. The group may also create working committees for different activities throughout the year.
- B. **Group Recognition**- The Department of Animal Science Aggie REPS will not be a student “club.” The Aggie REPS will be designated as the student representative group for the department.
- C. **General Requirements**
 - ⇒ Aggie REPS must be Animal Science or Dairy Science majors.
 - ⇒ Aggie REPS will maintain a minimum cumulative GPR of 2.00 to participate and/or travel.
 - ⇒ Aggie REPS must be able to attend monthly meetings and limited travel if necessary.
 - ⇒ Aggie REPS must have knowledge of clubs, courses, and activities of the department.
 - ⇒ Aggie REPS should have a working e-mail address that is frequently checked.
- D. **Selection**- Aggie REPS will be selected by written application and an interview process. Applications will be taken in April 2007 for the upcoming year.
- E. **Semester Evaluations**- Each semester, Aggie REPS must attend 80 percent of the scheduled meetings, at least 5 official group activities (i.e. new student conferences, t-shirt sales, hosting functions, etc) and one recruitment trip/student tour. REPS who do not meet these requirements will be put on probation for the next semester. If they do not meet requirements for the semester they are put on probation, they will no longer be a part of Aggie REPS.
- F. **Meetings**- Regular meetings will be held once a month during the fall semester and spring semester unless otherwise announced. Committee meetings may be held frequently when needed.

II. **Activities**

- A. Aggie REPS will handle all correspondence for his/her designated area, such as Texas Cooperative Extension Service personnel, science, Ag science, and home economics teachers in their respective districts.
- B. Each REP will be assigned a small number of freshman/transfer students per year to serve as a “student mentor” and to assist with any questions these students may have for the upcoming school year. The REP will serve as a personal contact for new students should they have any questions (i.e. housing suggestions, where to buy books, etc.)
- C. Aggie REPS will coordinate and clear activities and appearances with the coordinator.
⇒ It is mandatory to participate in one recruiting trip or on-campus student tour per semester. Recruiting trips may include visits to high schools, industry events, FFA/4-H conventions, stock shows, etc.
- D. Aggie REPS will enhance the image of Texas A&M University, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and the Department of Animal Science by assisting prospective students with campus visits, assisting new students during summer conferences with class scheduling, and by planning/conducting special programs in conjunction with departmental faculty and staff.
- E. Aggie REPS will serve as host/hostess at official departmental activities such as Judging Team Reunion, Rosenthal Lecture Series, AggieFest, Beef Cattle Short Course, Sheep Sale, etc. .*** **NEW**
- F. .*** **NEW** Aggie REPS will form committees in charge of coming up with new events and carrying them out. Examples include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Christmas cookies for faculty, new student picnic
 - ii. Mentor group for freshmen
 - iii. Question and Answer on Website
- G. .*** **NEW** Aggie REPS will be available as needed to assist with sales and fundraising activities for the group. Examples of these activities include:
 - ⇒ T-shirt Sales – Mandatory to work at least 4 hours per semester on sales in the Kleberg Atrium table. (Once at the beginning of each semester)
 - ⇒ Booths will also be set up at various functions including: S&S futurities, Beef Cattle Short-course, Judging Team Reunions, judging clinics, etc. These will be announced periodically throughout the semester.