



February 21, 2012

ADVISOR PLANNING GUIDE 2012

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REGISTRATION

Registration is available online at through your FFA roster under the “events” icon at www.texasffa.org. Registration cost will be **\$5/student**. Please include the names and t-shirt sizes of your students prior to **February 1, 2012**. If you need to change a students name you may do so up until February 13, 2012 - but t-shirts have to be ordered by end of business on the 1st.

AGENDA

*On-site registration and T-Shirt pick up begins at **8:00am**
Day at the Capitol activities will begin at **9:00am** and conclude at **3:00pm***

- 1) **Capitol Tours:** Chapters will have approx. 35 minutes for a self-guided tour of the capitol building. http://www.tspb.state.tx.us/spb/plan/images/capitolwalkingtour_text.pdf
- 2) **State Senator and Representative Visits:** Texas is not in a legislative session this year, we do not anticipate that senators or representatives will be present in Austin to meet with FFA members.
- 3) **Workshops:** Members will participate in workshops to enhance their understanding of the legislative process. Each workshop will be 30 minutes in length.

ATTIRE

*Students - Official Dress
Advisors - Professional Dress*

PARKING

For groups taking vans, pick-ups, or SUV's, you may park in the Visitor Parking Garage located on 12th street between Trinity and San Jacinto. Parking is about \$1 per hour with a maximum daily charge of \$8. For a map, click here: <http://www.tspb.state.tx.us/SPB/Plan/Map.htm>. Additional parking can be found at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. For additional information on parking rates, click here: http://www.thestoryoftexas.com/visit/parking_and_directions_general.html.

If you are bringing a bus, please contact our office directly, prior to February 21, 2012 so that we may assist you with bus parking. *The Texas FFA Offices will be **closed** on Monday Feb. 20th.*



STUDENT PREPARATION

It will help students to know and understand basic information about the legislative process before they arrive on February 21, 2012. A great source for students to use is:

<http://www.tlc.state.tx.us/gtli/home.html>.

Students must be in Official Dress to attend any function of Texas FFA Day at the Capitol

LUNCH/MEAL OPTIONS

Lunch is to be organized by the Advisor to fit the students' schedule. Lunch is not included in registration. Here are some possible lunch options:

Places near the Capitol (walking distance)

Capitol Grill - The Capitol Grill is reasonably priced and convenient as it is located in the state capitol. Click here for more information: <http://www.tspb.state.tx.us/SPB/exten/cafeter.htm>

*** The Capitol Grill will most likely be very busy, so you may want to look before sending all of your students inside***

South Congress Ave. - On Congress Avenue, just a few blocks south of the capitol, are a few sandwich shops including Subway.

Places near the Bob Bullock Museum

If utilizing these lunch options, please be aware that you are on a tight schedule for lunch

The Story of Texas Café - Located in the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, the café will be a good option for students; however it can be a little slow with larger groups.

http://www.thestoryoftexas.com/the_museum/cafe.html.

Intersection of Guadalupe St. and West Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd - There are several dining options in this area, and it is just a few blocks from the Capitol. These options include: Pizza Hut, Gattis Pizza, Taco Cabana, Wendy's, McDonald's, and Schlotzsky's.

OTHER PLACES TO VISIT NEAR THE CAPITOL

Other popular places students may want to see during their visit are:

- Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum: <http://www.thestoryoftexas.com/>
- LBJ Library and Museum: <http://www.lbjlib.utexas.edu/>
- Texas State Capitol Gift Shop: <http://www.texascapitolgiftshop.com>
- Blanton Museum of Art: <http://blantonmuseum.org/>

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about the registration process, or Day at the Capitol in general, please contact:

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At this time we are awaiting confirmation from government officials about their planned participation in this event. As soon as we hear from them, that information will be forwarded on to you!

