

WHAT IS AGTROPOLIS?

OKLAHOMA
STATE FAIR



AGtropolis is a 26,000 sq. ft. exhibit within the Oklahoma Expo Hall #2, designed to attract, entertain and educate. Fun and agricultural education await both adults and children. This is a wonderful opportunity for FFA students to hone their public speaking skills as they interact with the fairgoing public while relaying the message of 'Farm to Table.' One of the most popular venues within AGtropolis is the 'Farmer for a Day' exhibit, where children will become farmers and experience the different stages of crop production, from planting seeds to the farmer's market. We count on you to assist us with this wonderful exhibit and to educate people as to the importance of agriculture in everyone's life, every day.

Shift Duties

We need **11** students per shift. Students must be at least 15 years old. Students will be expected to work the **entire shift** with a floater relieving students for any necessary breaks. During their shift, they will be on a 30-minute rotation, manning stations in the AGtropolis building. The instructor will be responsible for rotation changes. Workers needed for this year's stations include individuals to be positioned at the entrance (information booth), various animal stations, and several for the 'Farmer for a Day' exhibit. Students will be responsible for performing a variety of duties necessary for the success of AGtropolis. It is *extremely important* to keep the animals fed, watered and their exhibit areas *exceptionally clean*. The AGtropolis Superintendent coordinates the duties, and the Ag Instructor will supervise students and be sure duties are accomplished throughout their shift. When not maintaining the exhibit, students will be answering questions regarding the animals and their habitat. Students are expected to remain in AGtropolis for the duration of their shift.

Shift Times

Shift times are set assuming meals can be eaten before or after each shift. Following are the shift times:

Morning Shift	Afternoon Shift	Evening Shift
8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	12:30 - 5 p.m.	Mon. - Thurs. 4:30 -9 p.m.
		Fri. & Sat. 4:30 - 10 p.m.

Shift Dates

The Fair runs Thursday, September 12 - Sunday, September 22. We also have chapters helping us the day before the first scheduled day of the Fair (Wednesday, September 11) and the day after the last scheduled day of the Fair (Monday, September 23) from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Chapters signed up for the pre-Fair and post-Fair shift

times will help set-up the exhibit before the Fair, assist in the animal and display arrival, and dismantle and clean the exhibit after the Fair. Since the Fair is not going to be running these days, we will give the chapters that work these shifts two tickets and a parking pass per person, in advance, to be used at any time during the Fair.

We invite you to work more than one shift a day and even multiple days are encouraged! Many chapters have brought two sets of students to work back-to-back shifts. One group works a shift while the other is enjoying the Fair and/or showing their animals and vice versa. This has worked very well in the past as long as all 11 spots are filled for the entire shift. Remember to let us know what shift(s) you want to work **now**, so you have a chance of getting your preference. First-come first-served!

Chapter Stipend

Each participating chapter will receive a stipend for each shift worked. All stipends will be paid following the Fair as follows: \$75 per shift **except the four Friday and Saturday evening shifts, which will be paid \$85 per evening shift** to the chapter.

Bonus

The top two chapters that display the most excellent efforts, punctuality, work ethics, interface best with the public, are knowledgeable about all stations prior to orientation and perform duties required with a positive attitude will be selected for cash awards. Of the two, the chapter considered to be the most outstanding will receive a special award in honor of the past “Mayor” of AGtropolis: Mr. Bill Majors. The **Bill Majors Award of Excellence** will be presented to the chapter with the most dedication and superlative assistance in making AGtropolis great. Bill Majors was a great asset in the establishment and success of AGtropolis and encouraged and guided countless FFA Chapters and their leaders in their roles as AGtropolis ambassadors and representatives. We lost Bill in December 2022, but we will be forever grateful for his involvement in AGtropolis and Oklahoma agriculture. Awards for the winning chapter and runner-up are paid via checks mailed post-Fair in the amounts of \$150 and \$100.

Fair Gate Admission Tickets

Each chapter will receive **no more than** 13 tickets: one per student and one for each instructor. You will receive more detailed instructions regarding arrival times, parking and duties when we send you mail toward the end of August. You may be asked to return excess tickets if less than 13 individuals come from your chapter to assist.



Reserve your chapter's
shift choice(s) by email
sent to Marc Pankow at:
mpankow@okstatefair.com

Schedule and shift reservations will be determined
by date and time of email received/reserved.

We eagerly anticipate your presence and collaboration in the city of AGtropolis!