

40TH ANNUAL **SPRING BRANCH FFA SHOW & SALE**

Dear Friends and Supporters of Spring Branch FFA,

We are excited about the upcoming **40th Annual Spring Branch FFA Show & Sale** and hope you will join us for this very special event. The weekend features the Spring Branch FFA students' livestock and non-livestock projects. **Spring Branch FFA** is made up of Spring Branch ISD students from Memorial, Northbrook, Spring Woods and Stratford High Schools, Westchester Academy, and junior members from SBISD elementary and middle schools. This year we have members from 3rd through 12th grades!

FFA is a national organization making a profound difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. The 17-acre SBFFA "Ag Farm" has provided hands-on learning experiences since 1949 in its location on Brittmoore, just north of Hammerly. Our first Show & Sale was in 1978, and last year this event raised more than \$360,000. We've come a long way in the last 40 years, and we can't wait for you to be a part of our **40th Annual SBFFA Show & Sale**.

The Livestock Show is Friday, February 2, beginning at 2 p.m. and ending around 8 p.m. Student exhibitors will show their prized chickens, turkeys, rabbits, lambs, goats, heifers, steers, and pigs. They will have been raising and preparing their animals for this competition for seven weeks to two years, depending on the species.

The Sale is Saturday, February 3. It kicks off at 11 a.m. with the opening of Buyers' Registration and the Silent Auction. The Silent Auction includes various student projects: horticulture, food, 2-D art, and creative arts. The Silent Auction will also feature gift cards from local merchants and other great items. **The Buyers' Luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. and is complimentary to all Registered Buyers.** The Live Auction begins promptly at 1 p.m. All of the student livestock projects and the winners of the non-livestock divisions will be included in the Sale.

We have lots of ways you can support our chapter and students in addition to purchasing projects! Thank you for considering one or more of these!

- **"Add-On."** An "Add-On" donation is a way to support as many projects as you like for as little as \$25. You won't walk away with the project, but you will show your support to the students who have spent a lot of time and energy on their work. There is no limit to how much or how many projects you may choose to "add-on."
- **"100 Club."** Join the new Spring Branch FFA **"100 Club."** The **"100 Club"** is made up of individuals who have donated just \$100 each and will be represented by an experienced buyer bidding on behalf of the group. Each \$100 contributor will have his or her name entered into a drawing for a chance to walk away with a livestock project purchased by the **"100 Club"** at the end of the Sale! More information on the **"100 Club"** can be found on our website at www.springbranch.ffa.org.

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Your continued support of the **award-winning SBFFA** and the annual **Show & Sale** provides students with unparalleled educational opportunities, scholarship money, and the chance to explore and develop their own unique interests. Because the **Show & Sale** is sponsored by the SBFFA Alumni Association which is a 501(c)(3) organization, all purchases and contributions made in support of the **Show & Sale** are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

If you plan to attend this year's event, please complete the attached Buyer Registration Form and return it in the enclosed envelope or via email to sbffa.show@gmail.com. Also, please let us know how many will be joining us for lunch by **January 25, 2018**.

We so appreciate your support of this program and look forward to seeing you at the **SBFFA Show & Sale**. It is sure to be an exciting weekend!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristin Valicek". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Kristin Valicek

President

Spring Branch FFA Alumni