

# 2018 TEXAS PORK LEADERSHIP CAMP

July 16-20, 2018

Sponsored by: Texas Pork Producers Association

Texas Pork Leadership Camp is an intense, progressive and thought provoking week, full of activities, tours and presentations featuring all aspects of the pork production industry from Farm to Fork! You'll have the opportunity to visit with world leading commercial hog operations, top Universities & industry professionals and tour large scale harvesting and pork processing plants.

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

1. 4-H or FFA members who are 16-18 years old and not in college yet.
2. Have a definite interest in the pork industry.
3. Are willing to learn, grow and be an advocate for the swine industry.
4. Interested in devoting five days of long hours to meeting interesting people and gaining a wealth of knowledge pertaining to the Texas and US pork industry.
5. Must be approved by a selection process that will include evaluation of the written application and interviews. (in-person and/or by telephone)
6. If accepted, students must complete online PQA Plus training before arriving for camp

## **SPECIAL ATTENTION:**

In order to participate, students **MUST** have at least 4 days and 4 nights, prior to arrival, down time away from any pigs, pig pens, stock shows, any other livestock or processing plants and **NOT WEAR** any shoes or clothing that have been worn on a pig farm or processing plant, especially shoes.

## **PURPOSE:**

To give participants an in-depth look at the pork industry through special tours and hands-on learning activities and to develop leadership skills to enable them to be effective spokespersons for the pork industry.

## **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT and HANDS-ON LEARNING EXPERIENCES:**

Each individual participating in the camp will be required to give individual oral presentations as well as working together as a team on projects. Each student will participate in media training and give an on camera interview. They will also be required to participate in a final discussion at the end of the camp answering questions prepared by other campers and staff. The camp leaders will provide assistance for all of these activities. Individual and team participation throughout all activities and tours. Students should not register for this camp if they are not eager and serious about learning and participating in these public speaking and meat processing activities.

## **COST:**

A \$350 fee will be required for each participant, paid upon acceptance to participate. Do not send fee with application. All other expenses, except for transportation to and from camp, will be assumed by the Texas Pork Producers Association. Participants may want some money for personal spending. If you have problems with the fee, please call your County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Instructor for a possible fee scholarship from the county 4-H or FFA program.

## **APPLICATIONS:**

An application form for prospective participants is included. Please feel free to duplicate as many as necessary to permit all interested 4-H and FFA members to apply. Candidates should fax their application directly to the Texas Pork Producers Association at 512-262-0582 or mail the application to TPPA, 151-A Kirkham Circle, Kyle, TX 78640. Applicants will also be interviewed by phone or in person prior to selection.

# APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2018

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## APPLICATION

**Deadline to submit is April 1, 2018**

**APPLICANTS INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_, TX Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE LIST YOUR CELL NUMBER) (PLEASE LIST YOUR PERSONAL E-MAIL)

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender (Check one):  FEMALE  MALE

Upcoming School Year Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

**4-H AND FFA PARTICIPATION INFORMATION**

	4-H	FFA
Number of Years of Participation		
Offices Held (Local, District, State)		
Projects/Activities (You may list up to 10)		

**SWINE PARTICIPATION INFORMATION**

Do you have or have you had a 4-H or FFA Swine Project? (check one)  YES  NO  
If so, please provide details of your project(s).

<b>Year</b>	<b>Type of Swine Project (Commercial Sows and Pigs; Show Barrows and Gilts; Breeding Stock)</b>	<b>Number of Head/ per Year</b>

**APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING**

1. Please explain why you want to participate in the Texas Pork Leadership Camp.
  - 500 to 1,000 words on a separate sheet of paper.
2. Please provide two letters of recommendation:
  - One letter of recommendation MUST be from a Pork Producer member of TPPA.
  - The other one may be from people of your choice such as - County Extension Agent, Agricultural Science Instructor or 4-H Club Leader.

**PARENTS/GUARDIAN INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail or fax application to:**

Texas Pork Producers Association  
151-A Kirkham Circle  
Kyle, TX 78640  
or  
Fax: (512) 262-0582  
Questions? Call us at: (512) 262-0595

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