

### Professional Development Conference- Galveston July 26-30

- Hotels at conference – go to vatat website there is a link to register, many hotels are already full.
- Workshop registration – VATAT website , make sure that you pay for you workshop before you arrive at conference if you want a guaranteed spot.
- TEKS workshop – there will be workshops offered at the PDC this summer or you can receive training at the ESC.
- SBEC – Met Friday to determine teacher certification to new AFNR classes
- New TEKS online at TEA with Crosswalk information.
- The 2011 PDC will be in Arlington

### VATAT Online to pay dues and PDC Workshop fees

### Texas Agriculture Science Leadership Institute

- Register online at the VATAT Website Applications are due April 15
- Leadership institute will be in Bastrop June 23-25. It is all expenses paid.

### NAAE /VATAT Teacher Awards –

- VATAT Award Application for is online at the VATAT Website.
- NAAE Awards Applications are also online, the new VATAT Awards are geared towards the NAAE awards to encourage more participation.

Board Meeting will be in May instead of our usual April timeslot. Please bring any concerns to board members before May 20 so we can carry those forward.

### FFA Convention – July 13-16 Corpus Christi

- One registration fee for everyone. \$35 it will be an all inclusive pass to all FFA Convention activities, rodeo, dance, concert, etc.
- Housing information online at the Texas FFA website.
- Josh Sundquist, Albert Mensah will be Keynotes
- Kyle Park will be the entertainer
- State Officer Election Policy was changed to reflect campaigning online via Facebook, Twitter etc, please refer to amended policy online or with Texas FFA
- New Membership Director – Tricia Sullivan – former McNeil HS FFA member
- State Scholarship changes – Kevin Sells
- Amended Affiliation Fees Schedule, makes it a better deal to use the system, it is posted on Texas FFA website.
- Spanish Language Creed Contest to be held at convention, this is State Officer initiative to create it and have it included in the Convention. Rules are online
- Texas FFA Ford Leadership Scholars Program - 400+ students nominated, list has been narrowed down to 20 students after filling out an online application, an online test and phone interview. Now they will have the face to face interview in May to select the first 10 students to receive this honor.
- New Delegate Counts are online
- The 2011 FFA Convention will be in Lubbock

### Texas FFA online Testing for Officers

- A new testing opportunity is available from the Texas FFA to administer officer Test. For a \$50 dollar fee per event you can test all of your officer candidates online, it will randomly select

questions and grade the test for you. There are 3 levels of questions, district, area and state officers. Chapter Officer test will be available soon. Contact Tom or Blaze.

- Study guide available online at Texas FFA.

Texas FFA Foundation –

Ambassadors Program is now taking applications see the Texas FFA Foundation website for more info and registration forms