

# Farm Boys' and Girls' Educational Encampment

AT THE

## STATE FAIR OF TEXAS DALLAS

OCTOBER 14TH TO 29TH, 1916

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Under the Supervision of the Extension Service,  
Agricultural and Mechanical College  
of Texas, in Co-operation With the  
United States Department of  
Agriculture

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A WEEK OF PRACTICAL EDUCATION AND  
PLEASURE COMBINED

Free for 200 Farmer Boys  
and 100 Farmer Girls

# Announcement

This exceptional educational opportunity is offered free to the farmer boys and girls of Texas by the State Fair of Texas, as a medium whereby they may receive a short course of instruction in practical and scientific demonstration of every branch of agriculture and home industry, by expert instructors from the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas in co-operative work with the United States Department of Agriculture.

The boys and girls of the farm today are the agriculturists and housewives of the future, and it is the earnest desire of the State Fair Management to afford them educational opportunities which cannot be offered at any other time or place.

Statesmen of all ages have steadfastly pointed to agriculture as the great basis of wealth, commerce, prosperity and independence. No State in the Union possesses greater agricultural wealth, developed and undeveloped, or has a more ambitious, intelligent and healthy youth upon its farms.

The inauguration of this Annual Educational Encampment will offer additional and unequaled opportunity for study and research by practical observation, a scholarship which every ambitious boy and girl in Texas should zealously covet.

The Rules and Regulations should be carefully studied, as they will be strictly enforced.

Should any boy or girl, or parents, desire any further information, they should address either H. H. Williamson, Assistant State Agent in Charge of Boys' Club Work, College Station, Texas, or Miss Bernice Carter, State Agent in Charge of Home Demonstration Work, College Station, Texas.



Three Van Zandt County Boys, who were members of the team that won the county prize.

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## Farmer Boys' Encampment

OCTOBER 16TH TO 21ST

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### SELECTION OF BOYS

All farmer boys of Texas, who are members of the Boys' Agricultural Clubs, organized by the United States Department of Agriculture, in co-operation with the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, are eligible to compete for scholarships. Two delegates will be selected from each county, until 200 boys have been selected. These delegates will be selected upon a competitive basis, and shall be those making the best record in club work in their respective counties in 1916. The county contest will be under the direction of the county Agricultural Agent, or County Club Leader. The supervisors of the county contests shall furnish the superintendent of the encampment positive information as to their county being represented at the encampment, at the earliest date possible, and positively not later than September 1st. They shall also furnish the superintendent of the encampment with the names and addresses of successful contestants on or before October 1st. All delegates must be of good moral character, and willing to co-operate in making the encampment a success. No boy should enter this encampment unless

he intends to stay the entire week and fully comply with all rules and regulations.

### ARRIVAL AT DALLAS AND DIRECTIONS FOR REACHING THE FARMER BOYS' CAMP AT FAIR PARK

The boys who are successful in the various counties must plan their trip so as to reach Dallas Monday, October 16th. Upon arrival at Dallas, boys will be met at the railroad station by a special committee assigned for that purpose, and be taken direct to Fair Park, where they will register and receive assignment. Promptly upon arrival at Fair Park, each boy shall deposit his railroad transportation and other valuables with the superintendent of the encampment, who will place them in safe keeping, and deliver to the boy at close of the encampment.

### LODGING AND MEALS DURING ENCAMPMENT

Comfortable quarters, good wholesome meals, cots, mattresses, pillows and towels will be



LEE DENSON, Sweetwater, Texas,  
Who won first prize in the Milo Maize  
Class, producing 93.1 bushels of Milo on  
one acre, at a cost of 9c per bushel.

furnished, free of cost, by the State Fair of Texas, but each boy shall bring the following bedding, necessary toilet articles, clothing, etc:

1. Blankets, sheets and pillow slips.
2. Brush and comb.
3. Necessary clothing to last a week.
4. Sufficient money for personal incidental expenses.

## UNIFORMS

The State Fair of Texas will furnish free to each boy a good hat that can be kept as a souvenir. Each boy will be required to purchase a khaki uniform, belt and necktie, the cost of which will be guaranteed not to exceed \$3.00.

## SUPERVISION

The Boys' Encampment will be under the direct and personal supervision of Mr. H. H. Williamson, Assistant State Agent in charge of Boys' Club Work of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, in co-operation with the United States Department of Agriculture. Strict discipline will be enforced, and the conduct of the boys carefully looked after. Those not wishing to conform to the discipline and rules of the encampment, will be asked to return at once to their homes.

## INSTRUCTION AND PLEASURE

For the purpose of seeing the Fair, studying the exhibits in a systematic and intelligent manner, and receiving practical instruction, the boys will be divided into small groups each day, in charge of competent instructors furnished by the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. Special opportunity will be given to make a careful study of live stock, agriculture, horticulture, dairying, machinery, good roads, etc., all of which will be of the greatest educational value to the boys.

No boy will be permitted to leave Fair Park without a special written permit from the superintendent of the encampment. Special hours will be devoted each day to athletics and wholesome recreation, as well as to allow the boys to attend various entertainments which will be provided for their pleasure by the Fair management.

## **BREAKING CAMP**

Camp will be broken Saturday afternoon, October 21st, so that the boys may leave for home Saturday night, but in the event any of the boys cannot get home on trains leaving Saturday afternoon, supper will be served Saturday night and breakfast Sunday morning.

## **MAIL**

All mail for boys attending the encampment should be addressed care of Farmer Boys' Camp, Fair Park, Dallas, Texas. All boys will be required to write at least a postal card to their parents each day.

## **BOYS' AGRICULTURAL CLUB DAY**

Saturday, October 21st, has been designated as Boys' Agricultural Club Day at the Fair, which will mark the greatest gathering of farmer boys ever held, at any time or place. Special programs for their entertainment will be announced at a later date, and every effort will be made to make this day one long to be remembered.

## **PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST AFTER THE FAIR**

Upon returning to their homes after the Fair, each boy will be given an opportunity to write an essay of not less than 600 or more than 800 words on the subject of "What I Saw and Learned at the State Fair, as a Member of the Farmer Boys' Educational Encampment." These essays are to be forwarded to W. H. Stratton, Secretary, State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Texas, on or before December 1st, 1916. Upon receipt they will be judged by a special committee; the winner of first prize to receive a diploma and gold medal; the winner of second prize to receive a diploma and silver medal.

## **NOTICE TO PARENTS**

The State Fair Management will exercise the utmost care in looking after the welfare of the boys while in camp. Good quarters will be provided in a large, roomy building, especially provided for their accommodation. A special kitchen and dining room will be installed for the use of the boys, where good, wholesome food will be provided. The management will

not be responsible for accidents, loss or damage to articles; in the event of sickness or accident, quick and prompt attention can be given at the Emergency Hospital on the Fair Grounds.

It is expected to have a camp of good, healthy, ambitious farmer boys, who will hereafter be an honor and an asset to Texas agriculture, and to their parents.

The management wants the farmer boys of Texas to know the real worth of the State Fair, and have taken this means of giving 200 boys a week's outing at this great annual exposition. They will be under the constant supervision of the superintendent and his corps of assistants.

Address all communications regarding the Boys' Encampment, to H. H. Williamson, Superintendent, College Station, Texas.



Willie Haworth, leaving home for the State Fair  
of Texas.

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## Farmer Girls' Encampment

OCTOBER 23D TO 28TH

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### SELECTION OF GIRLS

All farmer girls of Texas, who are members of the Girls' Clubs, organized by the United States Department of Agriculture, in co-operation with the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, are eligible to compete for scholarships. Four delegates will be selected from each county where there is an organized club, until a total of 100 girls have been chosen. These delegates will be selected upon a competitive basis, and shall be those making the best record in club work in their respective counties in 1916. The county contests will be under the direction and supervision of the lady agents in charge of Canning Clubs and Home Demonstration Work. The supervisors of the county contests shall furnish the superintendent of the encampment positive information as to their county being represented at the encampment at the earliest date possible, and positively not later than September 1st. They shall also furnish the superintendent of the encampment with the names and addresses of successful contestants, on or before October 1st. No girl should enter this encampment unless she intends to stay the entire week, and fully co-operate with the superintendent in making the encampment a success.



## **SUPERVISION**

The girls of the encampment will be under the personal chaperonage and supervision of Miss Bernice Carter, State Agent in charge of Home Demonstration Work for the United States Department of Agriculture, in co-operation with the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and her selected corps of assistants.

### **ARRIVAL IN DALLAS, AND DIRECTIONS FOR REACHING THE FARMER GIRLS' CAMP AT FAIR PARK**

The girls who are the successful contestants in the various counties, should plan their trip so as to reach Dallas Monday, October 23d.

Upon arrival at Dallas they will be met at the railroad station by a special committee of ladies assigned for that purpose, and taken direct to Fair Park, where they will register and receive assignments in the Girls' Club Building. Promptly upon arrival, each girl shall deposit her railroad transportation and other valuables with the superintendent of the encampment, who will place same in safe keeping, and return to the girl at the close of the encampment.

### **LODGING AND MEALS DURING THE ENCAMPMENT**

Comfortable quarters, good wholesome meals, cots, mattresses, pillows and towels will be furnished each girl, free of cost, by the State Fair of Texas, but each girl shall bring the following bedding, necessary toilet articles, clothing, etc.:

1. Blankets, sheets and pillow slips.
2. Brush, comb and other toilet articles.
3. Necessary clothing to last a week.
4. Sufficient money for personal incidental expenses.

Any girl who desires, may send these articles by prepaid express to Miss Bernice Carter, care of Farmer Girls' Encampment, State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Texas.

## **UNIFORMS**

The State Fair of Texas will furnish free to each girl, a nice uniform hat, which will be

worn during the encampment and retained as a souvenir, after the encampment. Each girl will be required to provide herself with a navy blue serge sailor suit uniform, made according to instructions of the lady County Agent.

### **INSTRUCTION AND PLEASURE**

For the purpose of seeing the Fair, studying the exhibits in every department of woman's work in a systematic and intelligent manner, and receiving practical instructions, the girls will be divided into small groups each day, in charge of competent instructors and chaperones, selected by Miss Bernice Carter, State Agent in Charge of Home Demonstration Work. Detailed routine of instruction will be given in the various departments each day, all of which will be of the greatest educational value. Special hours will be devoted each day to wholesome recreation, and for the enjoyment of special entertainments which will be provided for their pleasure by the Fair Association.

### **BREAKING CAMP.**

The encampment will be broken Saturday, October 28th, so that girls so desiring, may start for home Saturday night, but in the event it is not convenient for anyone to leave on the evening trains, they will be cared for until Sunday morning.

### **MAIL**

All mail for girls attending the encampment, should be addressed care of the Farmers Girls' Camp, Fair Park, Dallas, Texas. Each girl will be required to write at least a postal card to her parents each day.

### **GIRLS' CANNING AND POULTRY CLUB DAY**

Saturday, October 28th, has been designated as Girls' Canning and Poultry Club Day at the Fair. A special program will be prepared for the general entertainment of the thousands of farmer girls that are expected to visit the Fair on that day.

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Address all communications regarding the Girls' Encampment, to Miss Bernice Carter, State Agent, College Station, Texas, who will cheerfully give any further detailed information that may be desired.

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