*Rank your preference of special interest classes by placing 1 next to your top choice, 2 next to your next choice, and so on.*

**2019 Special Interest Classes**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Agricultural Careers** - Participants interested in non-production careers in agriculture should find this class interesting and informative. A representative from one of the State Universities will teach agricultural careers class on a rotational basis.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **The Great Outdoors** - This exciting "hands-on" class taught by The Division of Forestry professionals has an emphasis on general forest management and discusses how trees benefit the environment along with careers in forestry. Wildlife management is also taught.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Emerging Agriculture Technology** - This class will explore some of the technologies that are currently being used in the agriculture industry that is trying desperately to feed a growing global population. Time will be spent on subjects including:

Discuss ways to implement GPS technology into field equipment to improve efficiency.

Discuss and demonstrate drone applications

Discuss how heat signatures, through satellite imagery, help evaluate crop production.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Going to College** - This practical course will help those considering college. Bring your concerns and questions about going to college to this course. Topics to be discussed include: college selection, finances/scholarships, housing, roommates, selecting a major, grades, time management, selecting a fraternity/sorority, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Agriculture Advocacy/Public relations** - Basic principles of photography, taking video, tweeting, blogging, and Facebook posts will be discussed. Reporters will find this class particularly useful. Participants must bring their camera and/or video camera.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE)** - This practical class will help FFA members plan and implement their SAE. Participants will learn ways to identify sources of “start-up” money and explore ways to make their SAE beneficial and profitable. The relationship between SAE, classroom instruction, and FFA (e.g. FFA Degrees, 47 proficiencies, FFA Career Development Events) success will be explored. SAE support grants may be earned in this class.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Conservation -** This exciting “hands-on” class taught by NRCS professionals with emphasis on person involvement in wise natural resource use and conservation.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Ag Issues** - What’s the Problem? This class will focus on Agriculture Issues affecting agriculture entities in America. Content will be based on extemporaneous topic of the National FFA CDE. Students will identify the problems and discuss possible solutions and outliers.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Wilderness Survival** - This class will provide a basic introduction to survival training. Topics will include:

The Back Pack - items to include and where to find them - includes first aid

 Plant Life - plants that can be beneficial and plants to avoid

How to Find and/or Build a Temporary Shelter

Orienteering

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Communication Skills** - One of the most popular classes and taught by Kentucky State FFA Officers. **Class is limited to two (2) Chapter members per class period.** We will be offering this course twice each period for a maximum chapter participation of (8).

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Parliamentary Procedure** - Elements of parliamentary procedure will be introduced as well as a summary of contest preparation. **(Limited to two (2) students per chapter per period).**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Beginning Archery** - The rudiments of archery will be taught. A Teacher of Agriculture will teach archery. **Class is limited to one (1) Chapter member per class period.**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Advanced Archery** – Advanced methods of archery will be taught. **Class is limited to one (1) Chapter member per class period.**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Livestock Judging** - Participants will be instructed on how to judge and give oral reasons in any judging/CDE activity. Participants are expected to have previous experience in judging. **Class is limited to two (2) Chapter members per class.**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Welding –** This class will be taught by KWI instructors. Novice students will be taught the basics of welding. Students with welding experience will be given the opportunity to improve their skills**. Class is limited to only one student (1) per chapter. Student will take this class both morning and afternoon for their Special Interest.** Advisor will need to choose an alternate in case the class is not full. Alternates will be chosen from a drawing by the LTC Director. Welding supplies and equipment will be furnished. Students may bring their own, however the LTC will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Tractor Driving** - Tractor safety and operations will be emphasized in this course. Elimination leading to the State Tractor Driving Contest will be held weekly as a portion of this class. Two drivers with the best scores from each week will advance to compete in the State Tractor Driving Championship Contest held on Friday of the last week of FFA Leadership Training. A two-wheeled trailer will be used in both weekly and final contests and the "FFA Tractor Driving Contest" rules will be applied. **Class is limited to ONLY one (1) Chapter member.** Plaques and reward check will be given to the FFA Tractor Driving winner. An FFA Member may participate in Tractor Driving only one time.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **High Ropes** – This course is for one SENIOR member only per chapter. There is a $20 additional fee for this course. The student will have the opportunity to complete 4-5 high ropes elements during their three day special interest course. It is essential that the student be on time – all of the time to ensure completion of the elements in a timely fashion. This class will take 1 ½ hours. The course will start at 11-12:30pm. The students will gather for lunch with their ropes instructor and debrief during the remaining 30 minutes of lunch.