TRADITIONS:

1. When was A&M founded?

* 1876

1. When was the beginning of the 12th Man?

* 1922

1. What is the Aggie Code of Honor?

* *“Aggies do not lie, cheat, or steal, or do they tolerate those who do.”*
* The first known honor pledge here at TX A&M was in the year 1877. Professor Louis Lowry McInnis had his students sign the pledge:

*“I pledge my sacred honor, that I neither gave nor received any assistance during the examination on English Grammar on Monday last”.*

* In 1953, there was a campus wide vote to adapt the Code:

*“I hold my honor above all other personal considerations. In observance of this, I pledge on my honor, that in this section; I will not lie, cheat, nor steal, nor will I condone them. I will not take unfair advantage of my fellow student nor of the teacher.”*

1. What are the A&M Core Values?

* \*Excellence \*Integrity\*Leadership\*Loyalty\*Respect\*Selfless Service

1. The Aggie student body was referred to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the 1900’s?

* “Farmers” (Farmers Fight, Farmers Fight)

1. Aggie War Hymn:

* Written by JV “Pinky” Wilson while standing along the Rhine River shortly after WW1, it is the essence of the Aggie Spirit

1. Bad Bull:

* Anything that goes against the Aggie Spirit

Good Bull:

* Anything that supports the Aggie Spirit

1. Hullabaloo! Canek! Canek!

The beginning phrase of the Aggie War Hymn. It is supposedly an onomatopoeic representation of the sound of a cannon being loaded, or the sound of a train rolling through town since there is a train track that splits the campus.

1. Century Tree:

* Found in Academic Plaza, tradition has it that if a couple walks under the branches of this tree then they will eventually marry. If the proposal is under the tree, the marriage is supposed to last forever!
* October 19th, Dandy Duffie ’78 speaker

1. Maroon Out:

* Though maroon shirts are worn to every football game by Aggie supporters, a particular predetermined football game is determined as “Maroon Out” where everyone is encouraged to wear maroon – however, it is easily seen at every game and event.
* WHITE OUT: Similar in theme to the Maroon Out, but instead with White t-shirts at a basketball game.

1. Mug Down:

* Another name given to kissing one’s date commonly after a score at an Aggie football game or after Midnight Yell Practice.

1. Muster:

* A ceremony held annually on April 21st to honor any current or former student who died during the previous year.
* Over 300 Musters take place around the world with the largest on campus at Reed Arena. A Roll Call for the Absent takes place where a family member or friend says “Here” and lights a candle when the name of the deceased is called in order to signify that his/her spirit will last forever.

1. Silver Taps:

* Ceremony held monthly on the first Tuesday of the month to recognize deceased current students. Information of the student is place on a card at the base of the flagpole in Academic Plaza.
* At 10:15 p.m. all lights on campus are extinguished and Albritton Tower begins the chime hymns. Students gather silently in front of the statue of Sul Ross.
* At 10:30 p.m. the Ross Volunteers fire a 21-gun salute. Six buglers at the top of the Academic Building play a special rendition of Taps called “Silver Taps”, played 3 times, to the north, south, and west, but never to the east because the sun will never rise for that Aggie again.

1. What is First Yell?

* A&M’s first yell dates back to 1896. Five Yell Leaders span the sidelines in front of the 12th Man (Student Body” to lead the Aggies, as they have for more than 100 years.
* Each academic class has its own ending to a yell, or “wildcat”
* Freshman: AAAAAAAAAAA!
* Sophomores: A-A-A-A-A!
* Juniors: A-A-A-WHOOP!
* Seniors: A-WHOOP!

1. Today’s First Yell!

* Started by the Yell Leaders in 1999 as a way to welcome all Aggies, current and former students back to campus to begin the new school year. This happens on the weekend of the first home football game.

1. Midnight Yell!

* This Tradition began in 1931 and continues today. Fans and student body gather just before midnight to practice changes and yells for the next day’s game. A massive pep rally?