

Aggie Terminology

- **Add/Drop**: The process during registration whereby courses are added and dropped; only lasts for the first few days of class
- **Aggie Honor Code**: All students are expected to adhere to the code that “*An Aggie does not lie, cheat or steal, or tolerate those who do.*”
- **Aggie Spirit**: Indefinable until you experience it, but essentially it is the overwhelming feeling of pride and unity that Aggies (current, former, and future) feel for each other and for their university.
- **Aggieland**: (1) Home of the Fightin’ Texas Aggies; (2) Texas A&M’s yearbook
- **All-U Night**: All-University Night - the first Yell Practice of the semester; this event includes introductions of men’s and women’s intercollegiate athletic teams, coaching staff, and yell leaders. Usually held on the evening of the first day of classes.
- **Association of Former Students**: The alumni association - there is no such thing as an ex-Aggie; there are only Former Students. You don’t even have to graduate to join the Association. Once an Aggie always an Aggie.
- **Bad Bull**: Anything that does not promote the Aggie Spirit.
- **The Batt**: *The Battalion*, Texas A&M’s student newspaper.
- **The Big Event**: The largest one-day student-run service project in the nation. The Big Event takes place on a Saturday morning in the spring semester. Thousands of students go out into the Bryan/College Station community to perform various service projects to say “thank you” for all of their support.
- **Dead Elephant**: Any senior student during the spring semester. They are “dead” once they have participated in Elephant Walk.
- **E-walk**: The junior class’s version of Elephant Walk. E-Walk was originally put in place to keep the juniors distracted and out of the seniors’ way during Elephant Walk.
- **Elephant Walk**: A tradition in which seniors celebrate their place in A&M’s history by walking together to various important places on campus like dying elephants.
- **Fish Camp**: A four-day student-led orientation program that teaches freshmen the traditions of A&M, prepares them for college life, and gives them the opportunity to meet fellow freshmen as well as the upperclassmen who run it.
- **Fish**: A freshman.
- **Fish Pond**: The fountain across the street from the All Faith’s Chapel. Fish Pond is involved in a few of Texas A&M traditions.
- **Foundation**: The Texas A&M Foundation matches donors and their interests with the university’s priorities. Our donors provide the resources that help faculty excel in their fields and students become confident professionals. The Foundation’s wise management of these generous gifts fuels Spirit and Mind. SM It helps Aggies leave their mark on the world in productive and inventive ways, and ensures a bright future for Texas A&M.
- **Gig ‘Em**: Both a saying and the official hand sign of Texas A&M. The hand sign is made, usually in conjunction with the saying, by current and former students of Texas A&M as a sign of affiliation.
- **Good Bull** - Anything that promotes the Aggie Spirit.
- **G. P. R.** - Grade point ratio. (G.P.A.)
- **Hiss**: An Aggie sign of disapproval. Aggies do not “boo” as it is not classy. Also, Aggies never hiss another Aggie.
- **Howdy!**: The official greeting of Texas A&M. “Howdy” is what sets Texas A&M apart as the friendliest campus in the world! If someone says “howdy” to you, you are expected to return a “howdy.”
- **Howdy Camp**: A student-led orientation program for new Aggies planning to attend Texas A&M in the spring semester.
- **Hullabaloo** - The first word in the Aggie War Hymn
- **Hump it**: During a yell, students bend over and place their hands on their knees to maximize the crowd volume.
- **MSC**: Memorial Student Center. At the heart of campus, it serves as a living memorial to those Aggies who have served and are currently serving our country in a war.
- **Mug**: Kissing your date when the lights go out at midnight yell, when the team scores, or whenever else you feel like it.
- **Muster**: Held annually on April 21, Aggies “muster” (come together) to honor those Aggies who have died in the last year. The largest Muster ceremony takes place in Reed Arena in College Station, but hundreds of smaller ceremonies are held worldwide on that day.
- **“Off the Wood”**: During sporting events, Aggies step off of the bleachers when players on any team are injured, and during the Aggie War Hymn.

- **Ol' Army** - Like it "used to be" at A&M.
- **Parent's Weekend** - A University-wide activity set aside to honor Aggie parents, usually held in the spring semester. Also, that Sunday the Aggie Parents of the Year are chosen and academic, Corps, and spirit awards are presented
- **Pass back**: A hand signal that informs students which yell to perform.
- **Pulling Out**: To perform the wildcat of a class above you. Pulling out one class above (for example, freshmen doing the sophomore wildcat) is considered good bull. Pulling out more than one class above (for example: sophomores doing the senior wildcat) is considered bad bull. Pulling out will probably result in an upperclassman requesting that you "push."
- **Push**: To do push-ups after pulling out.
- **Q - drop** - The process of dropping a course after the designated add/drop period without penalty.
- **Red Ass**: One who exemplifies the Aggie Spirit. One may be deemed "red ass" for things like pulling out, or anything that involves the person going out of his or her way to promote the Aggie Spirit.
- **Replant**: One of the largest student-run environmental service projects in the nation. Thousands of trees are planted each year by hundreds of student volunteers from A&M and the Bryan/College Station area. Trees are planted at local parks, schools, and other public land properties.
- **Reveille**: The official mascot of Texas A&M. She is the highest-ranking member of the Corps of Cadets and is a Five-Star General.
- **R.V.'s**: Ross Volunteers. They are members of the military honor company named for Lawrence Sullivan Ross. It is the oldest student organization in Texas. The Ross Volunteers also serve as the official honor guard for the Governor of Texas.
- **Silver Taps**: A ceremony held in Academic Plaza on the first Tuesday of every month to honor graduate and undergraduate students who have died in the previous month. Students gather at the Sul Ross statue while the Ross Volunteers march into the Plaza and fire a 21-gun salute. Buglers then play a special rendition of Silver Taps three times for the fallen Aggies.
- **Sully**: Short for former Texas A&M president, Lawrence Sullivan Ross, the term usually refers to the statue of Ross that stands in Academic Plaza. Students typically place a penny at his feet for good luck on exams.
- **T.A.**: Teaching Assistant. A graduate student who instructs one or more classes.
- **T-Camp**: A student-led orientation program designed to welcome transfer students to Texas A&M.
- **Tea-sip**: A student at t.u.
- **t.u.**: The Aggie term for the University of Texas
- **Twelfth Man**: The entire student body. The 12th man represents the spirit of readiness to support and serve their team. This is why students stand during the football games; we are ready to be called upon if needed.
- **Two percenter**: A student who does not display the true Aggie Spirit. This includes not participating in traditions.
- **Uncover**: To take off your hat. Usually this happens during a yell, a school song, or before entering the MSC.
- **Walk**: When your class is cancelled or your professor/instructor/T.A. fails to show up for class
- **Whipping out**: The way Corp members greet one another, usually with a handshake and a "Howdy!"
- **Whoop!**: An exclamation of approval or excitement. Juniors and seniors are the only classes allowed to "whoop."
- **Wildcat** - another Aggie expression of approval; each academic class has its own wildcat:
 - **Freshman**: AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!
 - **Sophomore**: A-A-A-A-A!
 - **Junior**: A-A-A-WHOOP!
 - **Senior**: A-WHOOP!
- **Wrecking Crew**: The defense of the football team.
- **Yell Leader**: Texas A&M does not have cheerleaders. Instead, we have yell leaders who are the official spirit organization of the university; they lead Aggie fans in "yells" during athletic events and other school events.
- **Yell Practice**: Held at Kyle Field at midnight the night before a home football game, and at the Quad arches the Thursday before an away game. The yell leaders lead the crowd in old army yells, the school's songs, and tell fables of how the Aggies are going to beat the everlivin' hell out of our opponent. Finally, the lights go out, and Aggies kiss their dates. If they don't have a date, all they have to do is "flick their Bic [lighter]." The flames make it easier for two dateless people to find a kiss!
- **Zip**: A senior.