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MEMO



September 1, 2022

To: 95th National FFA Convention & Expo Attendees

From: Erin E. Noble, State FFA Advisor

Re: 95th National FFA Convention & Expo Details

The 95th National FFA Convention & Expo will be held in Indianapolis, IN from October 26-29, 2022. Advisor planning information is available online to help you prepare for this event. This memo highlights several items you should be aware of regarding the convention. Information is also available at <https://www.ffa.org/events/conventionandexpo>. I encourage you to use this resource as you prepare for convention.

Participant Lists, Advisor Statement of Assurances, and Student Codes of Conduct

If you have not submitted your Participant List, Student Codes of Conduct, and the Advisor Statement of Assurances, please submit them to the Office of Agricultural Education immediately. The Participant List can be found here: <https://form.jotform.us/NJFFA/national-convention> and the Student Code of Conduct and Advisor Statement of Assurances can be downloaded from JotForm. The Advisor Statement of Assurances and Student Codes of Conduct should be uploaded to your Participant List.

National FFA Convention & Expo New Jersey Room Block

The New Jersey FFA delegation will be staying at the **Hilton Garden Inn Downtown** – 10 E. Market Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 (<https://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/indiana/hilton-garden-inn-indianapolis-downtown-INDDHGI/index.html>). Rooms must be reserved by 5 pm EDT on September 8 using this link: <https://book.passkey.com/go/NJState2022>. **Please note: the hotels will NOT have your information until October 1.* Please do not contact the hotel prior to October 1. **Room rate for the Hilton Garden Inn Downtown per day for a Standard Double or Queen is \$157.00 (NOT including tax) and \$157 (NOT including tax) for a Standard King.** This amount will be due directly to the hotel upon arrival/departure from the hotel. ***You will need to contact the hotel to get the balance of your hotel expenses for the week, confirm your arrival and departure dates and identify any special room needs. DO NOT contact the hotel before October 1.***

Registration Fees (as per National FFA Organization)

Early Bird Registration opens Wednesday, September 14 at 6:00 pm EDT. Standard registration begins Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 8:00 pm EDT. The following registration fees have been set for the 2022 National FFA Convention & Expo:

\$70 – for chapters that register before October 5 and use the FFA housing block.

\$90 – for chapters that register and are NOT staying within the National FFA Housing Block and/or register after October 5.

\$95 – for chapters that register on-site starting October 25.

If you are not in the New Jersey Room Block, the National FFA Chapter Housing Block has limited housing available. For more information on the National Housing Block, please go to <https://convention.ffa.org/planning/housing/>. Housing will close on September 28, 2022 at 5:00 pm EDT.

Courtesy Corps

The National FFA Convention Courtesy Corps is a great way for FFA members to volunteer their time and go behind the scenes at convention. Members will assist convention staff in fulfilling responsibilities in many areas including career development events, proficiency awards, FFA newsroom and more. Find out more about what Courtesy Corps does at <https://convention.ffa.org/planning/courtesy-corps/>.

Registration for Convention

Registration will open on September 14, 2022 at 6:00 pm EDT.

- a. You must have a www.ffa.org account to register.
- b. More information regarding convention registration is available at <https://convention.ffa.org/planning/registration/>

All National Convention participants will have to complete a COVID-19 and Event Participation Release and Waiver form. Be sure to include housing and emergency contact information on your registration. All name badges must be picked up at the Indiana Convention Center, Hall A starting on Tuesday, October 25 at 1 pm EDT. Concert and rodeo tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster starting September 22 at 6 pm EDT. To purchase a ticket for the concert or rodeo, you must be a registered attendee and receive an Offer Code. Your Offer Code is the middle six digits of your Registration Code found on your National FFA Convention & Expo registration confirmation email after you complete a registration transaction.

COVID 19 Reminder:

All attendees **must** complete the digital [COVID-19 and Event Participation Release and Waiver](#) to receive a badge.

New Jersey FFA Breakfast – RSVP by Wednesday, September 28, 2022

The New Jersey FFA Breakfast will be held on **Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at the Indiana Convention Center (100 S Capitol Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46225) from 6:45 – 8:15 a.m.** Breakfast will begin at 6:45 am. Please arrive promptly at 6:45 am, you may leave as your schedule permits, but it is important that you arrive by 6:45 am. Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at <https://form.jotform.us/NJFFA/NatConRSVP> with the number of attendees you will have at the breakfast and the approximate time of your arrival. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

State Suite

A limited number of tickets for each session are available in the state suite. Please submit the form at <https://form.jotform.us/NJFFA/NatConRSVP> by September 28 to request suite tickets. Tickets will be distributed on a first come first served basis.

State Photo

State photos will not occur in 2022.

State Booth – Hall of States

The New Jersey FFA Association will have a booth in the Hall of States at the Career Show highlighting New Jersey agriculture. Lexi Stretch-Huff, State FFA Treasurer, will work with the Allentown FFA Chapter, the 1st place Hall of States team and Aaron Foote (Woodstown FFA), National Convention Scholarship recipients in coordinating the booth. We encourage chapter members to visit the booth during convention. Career show hours are:

- Wednesday, October 26 – 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- Thursday, October 27 – 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Friday, October 28 – 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Transportation and Parking

Ground and air transportation arrangements should be made by individual chapters to meet your needs and to take full advantage of low-cost travel and most convenient arrival and departure locations. An FFA member will not travel to the National Convention without his/her FFA advisor/chaperone, who is responsible for members at all times.

Parking can be purchase directly through National FFA. Parking information is available at <https://convention.ffa.org/planning/travel-planning/>.

Parking Information

Parking passes are sold by vehicle type (cars, buses, passenger vans, etc.) by various parking vendors in Indianapolis. See the Travel Planning Page for prices and locations: <https://convention.ffa.org/planning/travel-planning/>.

Indiana State Fairgrounds Shuttle

A free shuttle between the Indiana Convention Center and the Indiana State Fairgrounds is provided for all registered convention and expo participants.

Career/Leadership Development Events

CDE Team Orientation Packets and Schedule of Events are available online - <https://www.ffa.org/cdes/cde-and-lde-status/> All CDE & LDE participants must have a completed convention registration, which includes their waiver.

Refer to your team orientation packet for event locations including photos, award ceremonies, team meetings, etc.

Attire

Official dress is required at all sessions for the 95th National FFA Convention & Expo. It is important to maintain the professional, positive image that FFA has earned. Proper official dress lends members a unique identity. Refer to page 28 and 29 of the Official FFA Manual for Official Dress Guidelines <https://ffa.app.box.com/s/z6bkjdmqd7e329a58a27e5xn1fzcqeqq>.

When selecting casual clothing, attention should be given to presenting the proper image for New Jersey FFA and the school district you are representing.

National FFA Day of Service

Registration for National Days of Service is available through the convention online registration. Go to <https://convention.ffa.org/planning/national-days-of-service/> for more information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 877-AgEd FFA.

The New Jersey FFA Association is a resource and support organization that does not select, control or supervise local chapter or individual member activities except as expressly provided for in the state FFA constitution, bylaws or policies."

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