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Date: September 1, 2024
To: New Jersey Teachers of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources and FFA Members
From: Jenny J. Allen, State FFA Specialist
CC: Erin E. Noble, State FFA Advisor and State Program Leader
Re: **FFA Member Leadership Series (Mission/Connect) Conference**
Saturday, December 14, 8:30 am to 6:00 pm
Cook Campus Center, Rutgers University, 59 Biel Road, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

PARTICIPANT LISTS ARE DUE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2024.

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The journey of leadership begins with self-discovery. This year's FFA Member Leadership Series topic is Connect. Students at the Connect Conference will gain new knowledge and skills that they need to be confident and capable leaders in both their chapters and beyond. This conference is geared for 7th-10th grade students and is part of National FFA's FFA Member Leadership Series. The overarching objectives include:

- Analyze why an effort to connect with others must be made.
- Discover tools and processes to cultivate healthy connections.
- Categorize the connections in their life and practice navigating unhealthy connections.
- Examine the relationships between trust and influence.
- Motivate to create change.

PARTICIPANT LISTS

Participant lists are due Friday, November 1, 2024. The form can be accessed at <https://form.jotform.com/NJFFA/MemberLeadershipSeries>. Upon submitting your form, you will receive a confirmation email with a PDF attachment of your form. If you need to make edits once you've submitted your form, please use the edit link that can be found at the bottom of the confirmation email you receive. Only name changes can be made after November 1. Please DO NOT resubmit a new list with each edit that needs to be made.

CONFERENCE FEES

The conference registration fee is **\$35.00 per person attending (including members, advisors, parents, etc.), lunch price is not included**. Boxed lunches can be purchased for \$13 per lunch or participants can bring their own lunch. Lunch options must be chosen at the time of registration. Lunches are NOT available for purchase on the day of the event. Basic Affiliation chapters can receive up to a \$140 discount and Blue Affiliation chapters can receive up to a \$280 discount. Affiliation fees do not cover the cost of lunch. The conference will begin with check-in at **8:30 a.m.** and end by **6:00 p.m.** Saturday evening. Please note the schedule is subject to change. **Official dress is required.**

DIRECTIONS

Visit <http://rumaps.rutgers.edu/?id=C71096> for directions and an interactive map.

PARKING

Students may be dropped off in front of the campus center or around to the side of the campus center. The entrance to the campus center is facing Biel Road. Further information on parking will be available closer to the date.