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MEMO

DATE: May 12, 2009
TO: Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Teachers/ FFA Advisors
FROM: Erin E. Noble, *State FFA Specialist*
RE: 82nd National FFA Convention Attendee and Housing Information

The 82nd National FFA Convention will be held in Indianapolis, IN from October 21-24, 2009.

The “First Edition of the Advisor’s Planning Guide” is available online to help you prepare for this event. Information is also available at: http://www.ffa.org/index.cfm?method=c_convention.convention.

National FFA Convention Participant Information Timeline

We understand that some of these dates are prior to state certifying events, however, due to deadlines of the National FFA Organization, we need your responses.

☞ **Friday, June 12 – Are you in the New Jersey Housing Block?:**

- Send an e-mail to susan.butch@ag.state.nj.us with the subject line “*Chapter Nat Con Rooms*” and in the e-mail identify:
 1. Whether or not your chapter will be staying in the New Jersey FFA Room Block.
 2. If you are staying in the room block, the number of rooms you will need.

☞ **Monday, August 3 – Convention Attendee List, Room List, Room Deposit, Signed Code of Conduct and Advisor Statement of Assurances*:**

- **Submitting these materials in advance of the deadline is encouraged. Seeking student and parent signatures before school is out will help make a less stressful summer for you.*
- Complete the “National Convention Participant” registration form available at <http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/events.htm>
 - ☞ If you **are not** staying in the New Jersey FFA Room Block, please complete tab 1 “National Convention Attendees” and then print out the Advisor Statement of Assurances for each attending advisor and/or chaperone and the Student Code of Conduct for each attending student.
 - ☞ If you **are** staying in the New Jersey FFA Room Block, please complete tab 1 “National Convention Attendees”, tab 2 “Room List” and then print out the Advisor Statement of Assurances for each attending advisor and/or chaperone and the Student Code of Conduct for each attending student.

- E-mail “National Convention Participant” file to ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us with the subject “*Chapter Name Nat Con Attendees*”
- Fax or mail hardcopy the Advisor Statement of Assurances and the Student Code of Conduct to the Office of Agricultural Education.
- If you are staying in the New Jersey FFA Room Block, submit a check for the room deposit total indicated on tab 2 “Room List” to **Treasurer, State of New Jersey**, Office of Agricultural Education, Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, NJ 08625-0330.

National FFA Convention Rooms

A block of rooms has been reserved (Tuesday, October 20 - Sunday, October 25, 2009) for the New Jersey FFA delegation at the **Marriott Indianapolis East**, 7202 East 21st Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46219. Their phone number is (317) 352- 1231. **Room rates for the Marriott Indianapolis East per day are \$164.72 (rate is inclusive of tax).** This amount will be due directly to the hotel upon arrival/departure from the hotel. The hotel’s website is <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/INDDT>

To reserve hotel rooms, a room deposit is required. Please include a check made out to: **Treasurer, State of New Jersey for \$50 deposit per room. Rooming List Registration, Advisors Statement of Assurances, and Student Code of Conducts are due by August 3, 2009.** Please use the “National Convention Attendees” form on our Event Registration webpage. Since *space is limited*, reserve rooms early. **Be sure to specify arrival/departure date, males and females and those who will room together.**

Career Development Events

Information regarding career development event certification is available online at <http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/events.htm> Please refer to the posting “2009 Career Development Event Team Certification” for deadlines and the certification procedure.

Convention Registration

Convention registration for 2009 will be online procedure. Information about registration is available at http://www.ffa.org/index.cfm?method=c_convention.registration.