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MEMO



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To: 94th National FFA Convention & Expo Attendees

From: Kristianne M. Goodenough, State FFA Specialist

Re: 94th National FFA Convention & Expo Details

The 94th National FFA Convention & Expo will be held in Indianapolis, IN from October 27-30, 2021. 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/2021NJState> . **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 \$154.00 (NOT including tax) and \$154 (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 15 at 6:00 pm EDT through Monday, October 4, 2021 at :00 pm EDT. The following registration fees have been set for the 2021 National FFA Convention & Expo

\$70 – for chapters that register before October 4 and use the housing block.

\$90 – for chapters that register and are NOT staying within the National FFA Housing Block and/or register after October 4.

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 30, 2021 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 15, 2021 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 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 29 at 1 pm EDT. Concert and rodeo tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster starting September 15 at 6 pm EDT. To purchase a ticket for the concert or rodeo, you must be a registered attendee.

New Jersey FFA Breakfast – RSVP by Wednesday, September 27, 2021

The New Jersey FFA Breakfast will be held on **Wednesday, October 27, 2021 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 27, 2021 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 27 to request suite tickets. Tickets will be distributed on a first come first served basis.

State Photo

State photos will not occur in 2021.

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. Ivan Moore, State FFA Vice President will work with the Woodstown FFA Chapter, the 1st place Hall of States team and Cali Foote and Lydia DeHart (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 27 – 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- Thursday, October 28 – 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Friday, October 29 – 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/>.

New Jersey State Housing Block Hotel Shuttle

Hotel Shuttles will not operate in 2021. For alternative transportation options while in Indianapolis, visit <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/participate/cdes> (click on respective event at the bottom of this page). All CDE & LDE participants are required to complete and submit a National FFA Organization Participation Waiver in order to compete. Waivers must be electronically submitted to National FFA by October 1 by clicking here <https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/5ac2338d6ca4f/web/>.

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

Attire

Official dress is required at all sessions for the 94th 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>.

Casual clothing needs to be selected for the trip with attention 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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