



North Carolina FFA Association

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MEMORANDUM

TO: FFA Advisors

FROM: Shelby Robertson, State FFA Coordinator

SUBJECT: 2025 North Carolina FFA State Convention

The 96th North Carolina FFA State Convention will be held on June 24-26, 2025, at the Raleigh Convention Center (500 S Salisbury St, Raleigh, NC). Students from across the state will have the opportunity to participate in competitive events, leadership workshops, and the Career Show & Expo.

It is critical that registration is completed in a timely manner. The number of participants significantly impacts planning.

Please visit judgingcard.com to register for the state convention. Waivers should be completed for every student attending convention on theaet.com. All students, advisors, and guests should be registered as a general convention attendee in Judging Card. Students participating in the delegate process, competitive events, or leadership workshops should also be registered in their respective areas. Student names should be listed under **both** the general attendees section **and** their respective event categories.

Please register by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, June 3, 2025.

Registration for this year's event will be online. To register, please follow these instructions.

1. Go to www.JudgingCard.com
2. Click "Sign In" and enter your username and password.
3. Click "Update My Info" to add teachers and email addresses to the account.
4. Click "Event Registration & Information," move the calendar to June and click on the June 24-26 event. Agriscience Fair registration is included in a separate event on judgingcard.com. Agriscience Fair participants must also be registered as a general convention attendee.
5. Register for the event. Students with completed waivers and submitted membership can be selected from a dropdown list. A completed and signed waiver form must be on theaet.com for students to be eligible for registration.
6. Save your information when all the applicable fields have been entered and you have printed a copy for your records (optional).
7. **After June 3, the site will close and no more CDE/LDE registrations will be taken.**

Registration is \$30 for each participant; this includes advisors, students, and guests. Parents of members may attend any one session for free; however, they are required to pay the full registration fee if they wish to attend more than one session. **Registrations are non-refundable and non-transferrable between chapters once the registration form has been submitted.**

After June 3, no CDE/LDE registrations will be allowed; however, general convention registration may still be purchased for \$40 per attendee. If you would still like to register your chapter to attend the state convention after the June 3 deadline, please email [Ms. Brooke Francher](#). Printed programs and materials are only guaranteed for those registered by June 3.

Please have your hotel accommodations booked prior to registering for state convention. We must collect this information to assist the Raleigh Convention & Visitors Bureau to receive our convention grant funds. This information will be collected in [judgingcard.com](#). Housing block information can be found on our [website](#).

Parking information will also be collected in registration. Please complete all of that section in [judgingcard.com](#) so that parking can be provided to you. Buses will have assigned lots this year, and that information will be shared after registration closes. In addition, a parking map is included for personal vehicle parking. Personal vehicles or vehicles smaller than a mini bus are not permitted in the bus lots. **You must complete the parking information section of the registration form to receive information about bus parking.**

Convention lanyards and badges will be provided to all registered attendees. These lanyards must be worn during the entire convention and will serve as proof of admission for convention center security. Every attendee must be registered to receive a lanyard. If a badge is lost during convention, there will be a \$20 replacement fee per badge.

As a reminder, students advancing from regional competitions MUST be registered for the state competition by advisors. You must register these students to attend the convention and you must also register them to participate in their respective competitions. Gator Wars finals will be conducted at convention. Teams must have qualified in a regional event to participate in the finals at convention.

Multiple workshops will be offered on Wednesday, June 25 at 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 1:00 pm. These workshops will be hosted by industry professional, university partners, current and past state officers, and a national officer. Leadership workshops do not require pre-registration; however, they are only available to registered convention attendees. Workshops are delivered on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Career success tours will be offered on Tuesday, June 24 at 9:00 am and at 3:00 pm as well as on Wednesday, June 25 at 9:00 am and 12:30 pm. Pre-registration is required as seats are limited for these exciting tours! Please see the draft schedule for more information and descriptions of the tours being offered.

Materials are required for some competitive events prior to convention (please reference event [guidelines](#) for more information). Below are the deadlines for those materials to be submitted as PDF documents to bmfranch@ncsu.edu.

- Employment Skills – June 3
- Ag Issues – June 3
- Agriscience Fair – June 3 (submitted to the State Submission List on AET)
- Prepared Public Speaking – June 3

Awards, plaques, and pins that are not picked up during convention will need to be picked up from the North Carolina FFA Association office by a chapter advisor. Please double check that awards, plaques, and pins are correct before leaving the convention center. If you are receiving an award for a previously held event, but are not planning to attend the convention, please work with bmfranch@ncsu.edu to arrange pick-up after convention.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, North Carolina FFA will honor requests for reasonable accommodations made by individuals with disabilities. Please direct accommodation requests through the CDE/LDE Accommodation Request [Form](#). If the accommodation can be made for all and/or doesn't provide an unfair advantage, then every effort will be made to provide the accommodation. Requests can be accommodated more effectively if notice is provided at least 10 days before the event.



Major parking areas in close proximity to the

RALEIGH CONVENTION CENTER

CONVENTION CENTER ADDRESS:

500 S. Salisbury St.

Raleigh, N.C. 27601

Use these addresses on GPS.

A Wake County Parking Deck
216 W. Cabarrus St.

B Gale Street lot
430 Gale St.

C Salisbury Parking Lot
400 S. Salisbury St.

D Cabarrus Deck
436 S. Salisbury St.

E Performing Arts Parking Deck
128 W. South St.

F One City Plaza Parking Deck
434 S. Salisbury St.

G Convention Center
Underground Deck
1 W. Lenoir St.

H Charter Square Deck
502 S. Wilmington St.

I Performing Arts Parking Lot B
10 W. South St.



J Blount Street Deck
314 S. Blount St.

K Red Hat Tower Public Parking
100 E. Davie St.

L City Center Deck
429 S. Wilmington St.

M Cabarrus Street Lot
100 E. Cabarrus St.

Metered parking is also available in downtown Raleigh.

Visit Raleigh's Map Explorer gives you easy-to-navigate tools on your phone or other devices to help you find your way around.

For details about visiting downtown Raleigh, to go

visitRaleigh.com/mapexplorer

