

NC STATE UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: FFA Advisors

FROM: Carmen Bracey, State FFA Coordinator

SUBJECT: MEGA Conference

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MEGA Conference will be held March 25-26, 2023, at the Greensboro-High Point Marriott Airport. The hotel is located at: 1 Marriott Drive, Greensboro, NC 27409. This year's MEGA will have four leadership development conferences to help students grow personally and develop their leadership potential.

Green & Growing (Grades 7-9) – This conference is focused on first-year FFA members. Topics in this conference will focus on developing a positive self-image, making smart decisions, setting goals, exploring career options in agriculture, managing your online personal brand, and developing character. **(Limit 75 participants)**

The Leader Within (Grades 10-11) – This conference is designed for second- and third-year FFA members. This conference will challenge students to develop critical thinking, develop a positive self-image, create and maintain appropriate personal and professional relationships, create growth habits, and identify mentors for continued growth and development. **(Limit 150 participants - divided into 2 sections of 75 participants)**

Elevate (Grade 12) – This conference is dedicated to senior FFA members who have been involved in FFA for multiple years. The advanced content in this conference will focus on the power of influence, developing trust, collaboration with others, creating and maintaining a positive image, and understanding what's next in personal growth and leadership development. **(Limit 60 participants)**

Spring Training – This conference is for members who are genuinely interested in running for State FFA Office in June 2023. The State FFA Officer selection process as well as the duties of a State FFA Officer will be explained. The main focus of this conference will be on personal development and understanding how to leverage our own unique strengths and talents. **(Limit 30 participants)**

Pricing

Student Registration - \$125.00 (includes lunch and dinner on Saturday, refreshment breaks, social, conference materials, and t-shirt)

Advisor/Chaperone Registration - \$125.00 (includes lunch and dinner on Saturday, refreshment breaks, conference materials, and t-shirt)

Please register team members via <http://www.judgingcard.com> Registration closes on **March 3, 2023 at 5:00 PM**. Please be advised that workshops often fill up quickly—there is no guarantee that all workshops will still be available on March 3!

Please note, judgingcard.com is being used **ONLY** for registration purposes. An invoice will be sent by email directly from NC FFA after registration. Registrations are NON-REFUNDABLE after March 3 regardless of attendance. Please do not bring payment to the event.

To register:

1. Go to <http://www.judgingcard.com>
2. Sign in using your username and password.
3. Click "Update My Info" to add teachers and email addresses to the account.
4. Click "Event Registration & Information," select the March 2023 calendar, and click the NC FFA MEGA Conference on March 25-26.
5. Register for the event. Students are 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).

JudgingCard accounts have been created for every FFA Chapter in North Carolina. To sign in, the username is 'NC' followed by their 4-digit chapter number: "NC0001", for example. The password has been preset to the same thing, with a capital "NCxxxx". If you don't know your login information, please contact elangda@ncsu.edu.

Housing

Housing is **NOT** included in conference registration fee. Advisors are responsible for booking their own hotel accommodations for all students and advisors.

The Sunday morning breakfast at the Marriott will only be available for guests who stay at the Marriott on Saturday evening.

The Greensboro-High Point Marriott Airport has a special block of rooms for MEGA Conference participants. **The last day to book rooms is Friday, March 3, 2023.** Please book your rooms using the link below to ensure that you receive the special group rate of \$154.00 plus taxes.

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1670437237638&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Waivers

Waivers are **required** for each student to attend the conference. Signed waivers should be completed on theaet.com. Instructions to complete waivers can be found [here](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the dress code for the event?

Student participants are asked to wear official dress to all sessions. Students may wear their MEGA conference t-shirt to the social. Advisors and chaperones are asked to wear business casual clothing.

What if my student has special needs or dietary concerns?

Please notify elangda@ncsu.edu of any dietary restrictions by March 3, 2023.

What if I need to change my registration after I have already submitted it?

Please email elangda@ncsu.edu if you need to make changes to your registration. **Registrations are non-refundable after the deadline of March 3, 2023.** Any cancellations after March 3 are non-refundable and the chapter will be responsible for paying the full registration fee, regardless of attendance. Additional registrations may be permitted as space allows after March 4—please check with the state office regarding availability.

Will my students get the t-shirt size they want?

T-shirts will be ordered based on the sizes provided by advisors in the online registration form. Chapters who submit registration after the deadline or substitute students at the last minute are **not** guaranteed a t-shirt.

North Carolina FFA Association
MEGA Conference
Tentative Schedule
March 25-26, 2023

Saturday, March 25, 2022

10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Registration & Group Photos
12:00 pm	Plated Lunch
1:00 pm	Opening General Session
1:30 pm	Leadership Training Session #1
3:00 pm	Break
3:30 pm	Leadership Training Session #2
5:00 pm	Break
5:30 pm	Dinner & Keynote
7:00 pm	Leadership Training Session #3
8:30 pm	Break
9:00 pm	MEGA Social
10:00 pm	Reflections
10:30 pm	Lights Out

Sunday, March 26, 2022

7:00 am	Breakfast (Marriott guests only)
7:45 am	Reflections
8:00 am	Leadership Training Session #4
9:10 am	Break
9:20 am	Leadership Training Session #5
10:40 am	Closing General Session