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MEMORANDUM

TO: FFA Advisors

FROM: Carmen Bracey, State FFA Coordinator

SUBJECT: 2023 NC FFA State Convention

The 94th North Carolina FFA State Convention will be held on June 27-29, 2023, 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. All student names should be entered in the general attendees section, however, student names will also be entered in their respective events.

Please register by 5:00 pm on Thursday, June 1, 2023. Note the following:

Registration for this year's event will be online.

1. To register, please follow these instructions.
2. Go to www.JudgingCard.com
3. Click "Sign In" and enter your user name (the username is "NC" followed by your four-digit chapter number: "NC0001" for example) and password (The password has been preset to the same thing, with a capital "NC").
4. Click "Update My Info" to add teachers and email addresses to the account.
5. Click "Event Registration & Information," move the calendar to June and click on the June 27-29 event. Agriscience Fair registration is included in a separate form on

judgingcard.com, but Agriscience Fair participants should also be registered as a general convention attendee.

6. 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.
7. Save your information when all the applicable fields have been entered and you have printed a copy for your records (optional).
8. **After June 1, 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; but are required to pay the full registration fee if they wish to attend more than one session. For all others wishing to attend only one session, single session passes can be purchased for \$5 each. **Registrations are non-refundable once the registration form has been submitted.**

After June 1, no CDE/LDE registrations will be allowed, but all-access passes may still be purchased for \$35. If you would still like to register your chapter to attend the state convention after the June 1 deadline, please email Ms. Erin Langdale. Printed programs and materials are only guaranteed for those registered by June 1.

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 assist in receiving 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. **You must complete the parking information section of the registration form in order to receive information about bus parking.**

Convention lanyards 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.

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 will register them to participate in their respective competitions. Gator Wars finals will be conducted at convention this year. Teams must have qualified in a regional event to participate in the finals at convention.

New this year, multiple workshops will be offered on Wednesday, June 28 at 9:00am, 11:00am, and 1:00pm. These workshops will be hosted by university partners, current and past state officers, and a national officer. Leadership workshops will not require pre-registration, but are only available to registered attendees. Workshops are delivered on a first-come, first-serve basis.

A Career Success Tour at NC State University will be offered on Tuesday, June 27 at 2:30pm. The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) and the Agricultural Institute (AGI) invite you to a bus tour of the farms and field laboratories used for teaching, research and extension at NC State University. This tour provides a glimpse of a day in the life of an NC State CALs student. It will include animal and plant facilities allowing participants to see innovative and exciting experiential learning opportunities. Through trivia and facts about agriculture you will be educated and entertained. Join us for participation prizes and Howling Cow ice cream! Pre-registration is required as seats are limited for these exciting tours!

Career Success Tours with the Plant Sciences Initiative will be offered on Tuesday, June 27 at 1:00pm and 2:30pm. Pre-registration is required as seats are limited for these exciting tours!

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 carmen.bracey@ncsu.edu.

Employment Skills - June 1

Ag Communications - June 1

Ag Issues - June 1

Agriscience Fair - June 1 (submitted to the [State Submission List](#) on AET)

Prepared Public Speaking - June 10

Awards, plaques, and pins that are not picked up during convention will need to be picked up from the NC 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 carmen.bracey@ncsu.edu to arrange pick-up after convention.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, NC FFA will honor requests for reasonable accommodations made by individuals with disabilities. Please direct accommodation requests to: [Erin Langdale](#) prior to June 1, 2023.



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

