

## NC STATE UNIVERSITY

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### MEMORANDUM

To: FFA Advisors

From: Jason Davis, State FFA Coordinator

Re: MEGA Conference

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On March 23-24 2013, the MEGA Conference will be conducted at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Greensboro, North Carolina. This year's conference will have five leadership development workshops to help students to develop their potential for premier leadership:

**212:** This leadership development strand is focused on 1<sup>st</sup> year FFA members (grades 7-9). 212 degrees is the temperature at which water boils. At 211°, water is extremely hot, but just one more degree takes it up another level and changes its state. The 212° conference challenges students to push past their limits to the boiling point of leadership. The overarching objectives for 2013 are:

- Discover that passions pave our path but virtues direct it
- Define virtues and explore how to use these
- Distinguish how decision-making skills chart the map of a virtuous life
- Evaluate the culmination of passions, virtues and decision making skills to define our character
- Attach SMART goals to our decisions
- Create a personal growth plan

(Limit of 50 participants) (National FFA Staff Presenters) The 212 tract is sponsored by Syngenta and CPS.

**360 Leadership:** This leadership development strand is focused primarily on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year FFA members (grades 10-12). 360° takes students full circle through chapter leadership development. Attendees will learn how to develop action plans for their chapters from every angle. The theme for this conference is influence, and the overarching objectives for 2013 are:

- Define vision and understand what it means to be visionary
- Create a vision plan that addresses a chapter need
- Outline a plan for moving our vision forward
- Discover strategies to recruit followers of the vision
- Identify ways to work persistently and overcome obstacles
- Discover strategies and tools used in evaluation

(Limit of 100 participants) (National FFA Staff Presenters) The 360 tract is sponsored by Syngenta and CPS.

**Over the Top:** This leadership development strand is for students in their senior year who are interested in developing their professional skills for career success. Topics presented in this tract will include:

- Transitions from high school to college and the work force
- Resumes
- Career Planning
- Professionalism
- Alumni & other agricultural organizations
- FFA programs for graduates including ICAL & Global Programs
- Success tips from graduates

(Limit of 50 participants)

**Chapter Presidents Conference:** This workshop is for chapter Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries or other chapter officers. The workshop will kick off the delegate process for our state convention. Members in attendance may submit an issue to be considered. Members in attendance will select the top four issues for the delegate committees during the state convention in June. Members in attendance may also participate by serving as committee chairs, secretaries, etc. at the state delegate meeting. Members attending this tract will also receive training in parliamentary procedure, current trends and issues in agricultural education, and leadership styles.

**Spring Training:** This workshop is for members who are interested in running for State FFA Office in June 2013. The workshop will focus on explaining the State FFA Officer selection process and the duties of a State FFA Officer. It will utilize practical communication and leadership skills as a way to prepare for running for State FFA Office. (Limit of 30 Participants)

This year we are offering the following price packages:

Student Registration - \$160.00 (includes lodging, meals (lunch, dinner, breakfast) refreshment breaks, social, conference materials, and T-shirt).

Advisor/Chaperone Registration - \$190.00 (includes lodging (2 per room), meals, refreshment breaks, conference materials, and T-shirt).

## **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 conference T-shirts provided by the staff to the social. Advisors and chaperones are asked to wear business casual clothing.

*When will rooms be ready?*

Typically most rooms at the conference center are ready at 3pm. Advisors may pick up keys for students at the conference registration desk. An area will be provided and secured so that students may store all luggage.

*What if my student has special needs or dietary concerns?*

Please make a special note on your registration information so that proper care may be taken to ensure your student has the most enjoyable event possible.

*Will there be activities for advisors to attend?*

During the conference there is a meeting for NCATA in which all members can attend, a state officer reunion, and an area for sharing "best management" strategies with others for professional growth.

\*Registration fees are non-refundable but may be transferred to another student.

Please submit the enclosed registration form and deposit no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> 2013. Space is limited and will be reserved as we receive registrations.

Thank you for your leadership and service to FFA members in our state. I look forward to seeing you in March!

Attachments: Conference Schedule

# **MEGA Conference**

## **Tentative Schedule of Activities**

March 23-24, 2013

### **Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013**

10:00 am -12:00 noon	Registration
12:00 noon	Lunch Buffet
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 Address
7:00 pm	Leadership Training Session #3
8:00 pm	Break
8:10 pm	Leadership Training Session #4
9:10 pm	Break
9:30 pm	MEGA Social
11:00 pm	Reflections
11:30 pm	Lights Out!

### **Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

7:00 am	Morning Devotions
Immediately Following	Breakfast
8:00 am	Leadership Training Session #5
9:10 am	Break
9:20 am	Leadership Training Session #6
10:40 am	Closing General Session

# MEGA Conference Student/Advisor Registration Form

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Registration Costs

Registration includes: Lodging (4 per room for students and 2 per room for adults); meals (lunch, dinner, breakfast); refreshment breaks; conference materials, and T-shirt. The total amount can be paid in full prior to the conference or at the conference check in.

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 160.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Students  
Attending the Conference

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 190.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Advisors/  
Chaperones attending the Conference

## Deposit

A deposit of \$70.00 per student and adult is required by March 1, 2013.

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 70.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Students and Adult  
Chaperones Attending the Conference

## Attendance Roster

Please complete the reverse side of the form and include t shirt sizes. Registrations or changes to registrations after March 1, 2013 may result in desired t shirt size not being available.

## Payment Information

Please make all checks payable to the North Carolina FFA Association.

List any special needs you may have on a separate page and return it to us with this form.

***For cancellations after March 1<sup>st</sup> 2013, the FFA Chapter is responsible for paying the full cost of registration for this conference.***

Please return to:  
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Campus Box 7654 NCSU  
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Members attending *Over the Top!*

Participant Name	Grade 10-12	Gender	T-Shirt Size

Members attending *Chapter Presidents Conference*

Participant Name	Grade 11-12, College	Gender	T-Shirt Size

Members attending *Spring Training*

Participant Name	Grade 11-12, College	Gender	T-Shirt Size

Advisors/Chaperones Attending

Advisor/Chaperone Name	Gender	T-Shirt Size