**97th Annual South Carolina FFA Convention**

**Information Sheet**

**General**

Convention activities will take place June 18-20, 2024, at the Greenville Convention Center. (Address:1 Exposition Drive. Greenville, SC). All local and school district policies for field trips and overnight activities must be adhered to for this activity. Your local policies must be followed, and your district should maintain responsibility for any students as in any other school event.

**Registration** *(Must be submitted no later than May 24, 2024)*

Pre-registration of delegates, award recipients, CDE participants, other FFA members, advisors and chaperones is necessary for the convention staff to prepare your chapters programs, t-shirts, and supplies for participants prior to your arrival. **T-shirts will be guaranteed to those who pre-register**.

**Fees**

Full convention registration fee is $50.00 per attendee and must be paid before the start of convention. Every participant, both FFA member and adult, must pay the registration fee. Full registration receives all convention activities and programming for the entire convention, plus a t-shirt and gift. Convention buttons must be always worn.

Daily Registration is $15 per day per person. Daily registration must be paid before the start of the convention. Daily registration will include that specific day's events but does not include a t-shirt or gift. Each day, a different colored band will be used to identify as a daily registration (instead of a convention button). Bands must be worn and will be checked prior to each activity.

***After May 24, 2024, the registration fee will be non-refundable.***

**Meals**

 No meals will be provided during the convention.

**Parking**

Free parking for cars and buses are available for all convention attendees adjacent to the Convention Center.

**Hotel**

 A number of hotels around the convention center are offering deals for FFA Chapters attending the convention, including free shuttles to and from the convention center and downtown. It is the responsibility of each individual chapter to book and pay for their hotel rooms. See the list of hotels on the SC Ag Ed website.

**Convention Attire**All FFA members are expected to be in proper official dress at all times during the State Convention; this includes no hats, appropriate length skirts and black shoes. If your FFA member is walking across the stage to be recognized, remember that they are representing you and your chapter - please make sure they are dressed appropriately and professionally. Official Dress attire description can be found at ffa.org.

Advisors are to wear professional attire during sessions and events at the convention center, especially If you are walking across the stage to be recognized.

**Convention** **Behavior**

The 97th SC FFA Convention will be the first in-person convention experience for many of our FFA members. Please reiterate to attendees the need for appropriate convention behavior and observance of the FFA Code of Ethics.

**Convention Packet Pick Up**

Registration packets and t-shirts can be picked up in the lobby of the convention center. Registration will open on Tuesday, June 18 from 11:30am-3:00pm. Please plan your travel around this time.

**Expo**

 The College and Career Expo will be open to all attendees on Tuesday from 11:30-6:00 pm and Wednesday from 9:00am-1:30pm.

**Past State FFA, NFA Officers and State Staff**

Former State FFA Officers, NFA Officers and State Agricultural Staff will be recognized during Tuesday night’s session.

**Honorary Degree Ceremony**

 The Honorary Degree ceremony will be held Wednesday evening.

**Career Development Events**

State level CDE’s will be held on both Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning.

 *Tuesday CDE’s:*

* Ag Ed
* Farm Business Management
* Greenhand Knowledge

 *Wednesday’s CDE:*

* Agriscience Fair
* Conduct of Chapter
* Creed Speaking
* Extemporaneous Public Speaking
* Prepared Public Speaking
* Parliamentary Procedure

**Speaker/Entertainment**

Wednesday night, Morgan Anderson, National FFA Vice President, will address the convention. Morgan will also present a workshop for FFA members Wednesday morning.

**Workshops**

 A number of workshops will be held both Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning. All workshops are included with a paid registration.

**Permission Forms**

Completed permission forms will be turned in at registration when you pick up your packet. Forms can be found on the State Convention tab. Please make copies of all forms prior to arriving at the convention.

* *State Convention Student Form:* One per student
* *Release from Supervision of Minors:* One per chapter