



**AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT & FFA CHAPTER
FOREST LAKE AREA SCHOOLS**

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your son or daughter has qualified for a state Career Development Event, earned a Minnesota FFA Degree, or expressed interest in attending this year's Minnesota FFA Convention. The convention will be held on Sunday April 22nd, Monday April 23rd and Tuesday April 24th on the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota. While at the annual convention, FFA members will have the opportunity to compete in their respective CDE's, attend general sessions and leadership workshops, hear from a National FFA Officer.

The Forest Lake FFA chapter will send a small student delegation on Sunday, with the majority of the activities taking place on Monday and Tuesday. Groups attending the convention on Monday will leave at 6:00am from the High School Agriculture Department. The first group will return at approximately 2:30pm, while the other group will stay for the annual awards program and Minnesota FFA Degree ceremony and not return until 10:00pm (or possibly a bit later). The Tuesday group of members will leave at 6:30am, attend the program, and return at approximately 4:00pm. Please see the attached itinerary which will detail the travel arrangements for your student. *This itinerary may change!* If you need to make changes to this itinerary due to athletics or other conflicts please let Mrs. Tausell know ASAP!

ALL students are expected to wear **official dress** to each function. Official dress consists of a white shirt or blouse, black slacks or skirt, black socks, black shoes, an FFA tie or scarf (which are available upon request), and an official FFA jacket. If your student does not have these items, please have them discuss their situation with one of the advisors. Due to Minnesota FFA policy, students without properly worn official dress WILL NOT be allowed admittance to the event.

Mr. Miron will chaperone the Sunday group and all agriculture teachers will be at convention Monday and Tuesday. The FFA chapter will be sponsoring the transportation and registration fees. FFA members, however, are responsible for some of their meals. Members leaving on the early bus Monday will be making a lunch stop at a restaurant. Students must bring their own money for this meal! Members staying on Monday will eat at CECC for \$6.75 and those students at convention on Tuesday will be eat at the Pizza Feed for \$6. The chapter will pay these costs up front; however we would ask that students please reimburse the chapter for the amount which is indicated on both the transportation list and cover memo. Members staying at convention for the Monday evening session should also bring money (\$10-\$15) for evening meal.

Please review the enclosed materials and have your student return the permission slip, money and code of conduct forms by Tuesday **April 18th**. If your student is UNABLE to attend, please contact an advisor ASAP in person, by phone, or email at atauzell@flaschools.org. If you have any questions about this activity, please contact one of the FFA Advisors at 651-982-8495. If you need to reach your child while they are at the convention, contact Mike Miron on his cell phone at 651-402-6492.

We look forward to your child attending this exciting event. They are an outstanding representative of the Forest Lake FFA chapter and agricultural education students!

Sincerely,

Ann Tausell
Agricultural Education Teacher

Minnesota FFA Convention – 2018 Transportation

	Student Name	Sunday	Monday		Tuesday	Amount Due to Chapter
		Suburban Departs: TBD Returns: TBD <i>Mr. Miron</i>	Bus Trip 1 Departs: 6:00am Returns: before 2:30pm <i>Mrs. Tauzell</i>	Bus Trip 2 Departs: 6:00am Returns: after 10pm <i>ALL</i>	Bus Departs: 6:30am Returns: 4pm <i>ALL</i>	
HS	Ackerman, Grace			X	X	\$12.75
HS	Adams, McKenzie		X			\$0.00
CE	Anderson, Maria			X	X	\$12.75
CE	Anderson, Rebecca			X	X	\$12.75
CE	Desrosier, Ben			X	X	\$12.75
CS	Carpenter, Madison	TBD - Talent		X	X	\$12.75
HS	Hale, Alessandra		X			\$0.00
HS	Howe, Olivia			X	X	\$12.75
HS	Huddleston, Autumn			X	X	\$12.75
HS	Huset, Abby	X		X	X	\$12.75
HS	Johnson, Callie			X	X	\$12.75
HS	Johnson, Grace			X	X	\$12.75
HS	Miron, Brynn			X	X	\$12.75
HS	Moreno, Aleya		X			\$0.00
HS	Moser, Shaya		X			\$0.00
CE	Moua, Gina			X	X	\$12.75
HS	Nelson, Mckenna	X		X	X	\$12.75
CE	Newcomb, Emma		X			\$0.00
HS	Niemczyk, Ben			X	X	\$12.75
HS	Olson, Bridget	X	X	X	X	\$12.75
HS	Parker, Sydney			X	X	\$6.00
HS	Skarphol, Jenna	X		X	X	\$12.75
HS	Titje, Kalley			X	X	\$12.75
HS	Voltz, Laura		X			\$0.00
HS	Voss, Carrie			X	X	\$12.75
HS	Witzmann, Allie	X		X	X	\$12.75
HS	Wojciechowski, Kaytlin		X			\$0.00
HS	Youngmn, Abby	X		X	X	\$12.75
HS	Zabrasky, Geena		X			\$0.00
HS	Zaudtke, Amanda			X		\$6.75
HS	Zebrasky, Amber		X			\$0.00
TOTALS= 31		6	10	22	21	

Forest Lake FFA Chapter – Itinerary

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Sunday Events

Event	Members	Schedule
Registration	Mr. Miron	1:30-4:30pm: CECC lower lobby
Parliamentary Procedures	Jenna Skarphol Allie Witzmann Bridget Olson McKenna Nelson Abby Huset Abby Youngman	Test 2:30-4:30 CECC Courtyard
Farm Bureau Discussion Meet	Jenna Skarphol	Orientation 1:30 Contest begins 2:00 CECC 42A&B, 52

Monday Career Development Events (CDE's)

Event	Members	Schedule
Fish and Wildlife	Amber Zebrasky Geena Zebrasky McKenna Nelson Kalley Tietje Ben Desrosier	7:45am- Bell Museum
Small Animals	Sydney Parker Shayla Moser Laura Voltz Aleya Moreno Kaytlin Wojciechowski	7:45am Northstar Ballroom (student center)
Parliamentary Procedure	Megan Palmer Kyra Quillen McKenna Nelson Andrew Espinosa Cameron Strand Abby Huset	12:30-3:30 – Performance TBD CECC 83
General Livestock	Maria Anderson Alessandra Hale Rebecca Anderson McKenzie Adams Carrie Voss	7:45 am State Fair Grounds – Coliseum
Horse	Grace Johnson Callie Johnson Autumn Huddleston Jenna Skarphol	7:45 am MN State Fair Grounds – Ag Star Arena
Dairy Evaluation	Amanda Zaudtke Emma Newcomb Olivia Howe Grace Ackerman	7:45 am Coliseum
Crops	Ben Niemczyk Brynn Miron Maria Anderson Allie Witzmann	7:45 am 140 Plant Growth

General Sessions and Workshops

Event	Members	Schedule
<p>1st General Session National Officer Remarks</p> <p><u>Land of Service Awards</u></p> <p><u>Ag Literacy Awards</u></p>	<p>Madison Carpenter (Delegate) Gina Moua (Delegate) Ben Desrosier (Delegate)</p> <p>If the session is done, attend a workshop</p>	<p>8:15am: CECC 135</p>
<p>Workshop: 9.7 Billion by 2050</p> <p>Accomplishing your Goals</p> <p>Be a Wilderness Explorer</p> <p>Teach Ag</p>	<p>Madison Carpenter (Delegate) Gina Moua (Delegate) Ben Desrosier (Delegate)</p> <p>Any other members who are done with their contests should attend a workshop.</p>	<p>10:30 am: CECC 42A</p> <p>CECC 135</p> <p>CECC 32</p> <p>CECC 55</p>
<p>Lunch: CECC</p>	<p>Members Staying Monday Night</p>	<p>12:30-1:00pm CECC</p>
<p>12:30pm</p> <p>ALL Members Leaving on the First Bus Returning to FL will meet at Continuing Education Conference Center – Cul-De-Sac</p>		
<p>2nd General Session</p> <p>Retiring Address: Kylee Kohls Maddie Weninger</p> <p>Key Note: Juanita Flowers</p>	<p>Madison Carpenter (Delegate) Gina Moua (Delegate) Ben Desrosier (Delegate)</p> <p>If the session is done, attend a workshop Any other members who have completed their CDE and are riding the late bus should attend this session.</p>	<p>1:45pm: Mariucci We will travel by Campus Connector to Mariucci Arena</p>
<p>4:00pm OR at the Conclusion of your Schedule Event</p> <p>ALL Members still at the Convention will meet at Room 135 of the Continuing Education Conference Center!</p>		
<p>Annual Awards Night</p> <p>National Officer Address</p> <p><i>State Degree:</i> <i>Abby Huset</i> <i>Ben Niemczyk</i> <i>Amanda Zaudtke</i></p>	<p>All Members on Monday Night List Refer to Transportation Grid</p>	<p>6:30pm: Mariucci Arena</p>

Tuesday

Career Development Events (CDE's)		
Event	Members	Schedule
Parliamentary Procedure Finals (TBD)	Jenna Skarphol Allie Witzmann Bridget Olson McKenna Nelson Abby Huset Abby Youngman	Student Center Theater

General Sessions and Workshops

Event	Members	Schedule
3 rd General Session Retiring Address: Spencer Flood Eleora DeMuth	Madison Carpenter (Delegate) Gina Moua (Delegate) Ben Desrosier (Delegate) If the session is done attend the workshop.	8:30am: 135 CECC
Workshop: Ag Literacy: Planning Elementary Classroom Visit Skill Diversity Mentor Leadership Why some people succeed and others don't	Madison Carpenter (Delegate) Gina Moua (Delegate) Ben Desrosier (Delegate) Any other members who are done with their contest should attend a workshop.	8:30 am: Peters 145 Magrath 6 9:30 am: CECC 155B Magrath 4
10:15am <i>ALL Members at the Convention will meet at Room 135 of the Continuing Education Conference Center!</i>		
Pizza Feed	<i>All Members</i>	10:45am: Mariucci Concourse Level
4 th and Final General Session Retiring Address: Katie Benson Key Note: Kyle Scheele <i>National Chapter Award Recognition & Top Ten Chapters</i> <u><i>Any Other CDE Teams</i></u> TBD	<i>All Members</i>	Noon: Mariucci Arena



Forest Lake FFA Chapter

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FFA Activity Permission Slip

Student Name: _____ Gr. _____ Date(s): _____

Reason for Absence: Minnesota FFA Convention (April 22-24) – School Field Trip

STUDENTS: YOU are responsible to make up all work missed during this absence. If at all possible, you should make an attempt to turn in required work before the absence.

You child may want to bring money to purchase additional food..

Students MUST be in COMPLETE official dress!!! Official dress includes: an FFA jacket, a white shirt/blouse, black pants/skirt, black socks, black shoes, and an official FFA tie/scarf.

If you have any questions please call the Agriculture Department at: 651-982-8495

Or e-mail:

Mr. Miron at mmiron@flaschools.org
Mrs. Ward at vward@flaschools.org
Mrs. Tauzell at atauzell@flashools.org

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

I agree to abide by the National FFA Organization Code of Ethics & Code of Conduct while at this FFA activity. The complete Code of Ethics and Rules of Conduct agreements can be found on the back of this form.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

This Form MUST be completed before attending the event!!!



National FFA Organization Code of Ethics & Rules of Conduct

FFA CODE OF ETHICS

We will conduct ourselves at all times in a manner that presents a positive image of our organization, our school, and our community by:

1. Dressing neatly and appropriately for the occasion.
2. Showing respect for the rights of others and being courteous to everyone at all times.
3. Being honest and not taking unfair advantage of others.
4. Respecting the property and rights of others.
5. Refraining from loud, boisterous talk, profanity and other unbecoming conduct.
6. Demonstrating sportsmanship in the showing, judging arenas, and meetings. Showing modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
7. Arriving at meetings on time and respecting the opinions of others in discussion.
8. Taking pride in our organization, in our activities, in our supervised agricultural experience programs, in our exhibits, and in the careers in agriculture.
9. Sharing with other's experiences and knowledge gained by attending National and State meetings.
10. State Law prohibits smoking in public meeting rooms.

RULES OF CONDUCT

I have read the rules of conduct, understand them, and I will abide by them. I will accept the authority of the supervisors and advisors in charge of the trip. I will attend the all scheduled events and make arrangements to report back to my chapter. I will be courteous at all times and respect the rights of other members. I will care for campus / accommodations property and respect the rights of others while at FFA events. I will not purchase, use, or have in my possession any kind of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or other chemical substances. If away from home, I will be in my room and remain there after curfew time, and I will be dressed and out of my room by the time designated by the advisor for each day.

I understand that any infraction of these rules will be grounds for my participation in the trip to be terminated and for me to be sent home at my parent's / guardian's expense. I pledge to attend the activities marked in this program. Members violating or ignoring rules of proper conduct at the convention will be subject to disciplinary action and dismissal. Violations of the Code of Ethics or Rules of Conduct will be reported to local school administrators for disciplinary action.



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To: Parents of Minnesota FFA Degree Recipients:
- Abby Huset
- Ben Niemczyk
- Amanda Zaudtke

From: Ann Tauszell, FFA Advisor

Date: April 6, 2018

Subject: Minnesota FFA Convention

Congratulations to you and your student who has earned the Minnesota FFA Degree! This is the highest level degree of achievement that the FFA can give to one of its members. This degree is representative of the commitment, dedication, and enthusiasm of your student. They should be commended and recognized for this accomplishment!

The degrees will be conferred on Monday April 23, 2018 during the Minnesota FFA Convention. The ceremony will take place at Mariucci Arena on the campus of the University of Minnesota during the annual award's night session which will begin at 6:30pm. This program will also include the Stars Over Minnesota presentation. We hope that you can join us for this event! The general session is free of charge and extended family and friends are welcome to join us. Your student will have reserved seating and, if you request, we would be happy to save you seats if you would like to sit with the Forest Lake members in attendance. Attached to this letter is a map to Mariucci Arena that also includes possible parking locations. Business attire is recommended for this event.

We would ask that you please notify us of your plans by April 16th so that we can properly register you for the convention should you decide to attend. If you have questions, please contact us at the Agriculture Department by calling 651-982-8495. We hope that you and your family can join us for this exciting event!

Attachments: Mariucci Arena Map

Cc: Mr. Jim Caldwell, Principal
Mr. Aaron Forsythe, Activities Director