

August 10, 2017

Dear Minidoka School Board,

We are excited to introduce ourselves as your new Minico Agriculture Science and Technology Education and FFA Advisor Team. Candice Gardner, of course, is returning for her second year at Minico. Her experience in industry and vast knowledge of the plant and animal sciences makes her a true asset. Troy Bird will begin his first year at Minico. His ability to connect with people and to dream big will take Minico Agriculture and FFA far. He has two years teaching experience at Oakley High School. And I, Jessica Stapelman, round out the team. After teaching agriculture for seven years, I opted to stay home to raise my children for the last several years. I am excited to return to teaching agriculture and leading the Minico FFA.

Today, we are writing to ask permission to take a delegation of Minico FFA members to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN, in October, 2017. We understand that we are pushing time frames to make this trip happen, but ask for your blessing and support. We are a very new team and working hard to build our program and this opportunity will definitely be a step in the right direction.

Last spring, Jessica Stapelman worked many hours with Alyssa Walton to help her finish her application for her American FFA Degree. Just yesterday, August 9, the list of American Degree recipients was published and Alyssa met all of the requirements and has been selected as one of just fifty individuals in Idaho to walk across the stage at the National Convention to receive the highest degree an individual can earn in the FFA. We, as a chapter, would love to be there to support her.

The purpose of this National FFA trip is to make a positive difference in the lives of Minico FFA members by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. We are asking to take two advisors – Mr. Bird and Mrs. Gardner – to chaperone the trip, and the first twelve students to commit to go. We have presented two options to the trip. We propose we can fly into a city close to Indianapolis – perhaps Chicago, IL – and tour significant agriculture companies or industries. We estimate the total cost of this trip to be around \$1500 for each student. Highlights may include a tour of



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90th National FFA Convention & Expo Daily Schedule

Times and locations are subject to change

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017

Onsite Registration (ICC, Hall K)

1 p.m. – 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017

Onsite Registration (ICC, Hall K)

8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

FFA Shopping Mall (ICC, Halls C-E)

8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

National FFA Expo (ICC, Halls B and F-J) – NEW HOURS!

Noon – 5 p.m.

National FFA Grand March (ICC, Capitol Avenue Plaza)

2 p.m.

Opening Session 1A (BLF)

3:30 p.m.

Opening Session 1B (BLF)

6:45 p.m.

Worlds Toughest Rodeo (ISF) – NEW ADDITIONAL TIME!

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

National FFA Concert (LOS)

8:30 p.m. (doors at 7:30 p.m.)

Other Activities (Detailed schedule will be provided this summer)

Delegate Activities (ICC)

Agriscience Fair Set up (ICC, Hall A)

National Chapter (ICC)

Alumni Central (ICC)

Teachers Internet Lounge (ICC)

Student Leadership Workshops (ICC)

Teacher Workshops (ICC)

Proficiency National Finalist Reception (Westin Hotel)

Career Success Tours (TBD)

Career Development and Leadership Development Events (Various Locations)



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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2017

Onsite Registration (ICC, Hall K)

8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

FFA Shopping Mall (ICC, Halls C-E) – NEW HOURS!

8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

National FFA Expo (ICC, Halls B and F-J) - NEW HOURS!

8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Fourth General Session (BLF)

8 a.m.

Fifth General Session (BLF)

Noon

Sixth General Session (BLF)

3 p.m.

National FFA Band and Chorus Concert (BLF)

5:30 p.m.

National FFA Talent Competition, Round 3 (BLF)

6:15 p.m.

Seventh General Session (BLF)

7 p.m.

Worlds Toughest Rodeo (ISF)

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Hypnotist Show (ICC, Sagamore Ballroom)

6 p.m.

Other Activities (Detailed schedule will be provided this summer)

Delegate Session III – if needed (BLF)

Agriscience Fair Open House (ICC, Hall A)

Alumni Central (ICC)

Alumni General Session (ICC)

Teachers Internet Lounge (ICC)

Student Leadership Workshops (ICC)

Teacher Workshops (ICC)

Distinguished Service Citation/VIP/Honorary American Degree Reception (Omni Hotel)

FFA Collegiate Alumni Luncheon (ICC)

Foundation Activities & Meetings (ICC and Omni Hotel)

Washington Leadership Conference Reunion (ICC)

Alumni/American Degree Reception (TBD)

Past National Officer Reception (Omni Hotel)

National Days of Service (Various Locations)

Career Success Tours (Various Locations)