

# FFA National Convention

All FFA members are invited to attend the 92<sup>nd</sup> annual FFA National Convention in Indianapolis this October 30-November 2! We will be driving down in school vans, staying at the Residence Inn Indianapolis Northwest for 3 nights and attending legislative and educational sessions, browsing the enormous college and industry exhibit halls, attending social events and watching top members compete and present. This is a great opportunity for students to meet peers with similar interests, explore their futures and learn amazing new things. For more information and a complete guide to the Convention, please visit [convention.ffa.org](http://convention.ffa.org).

We will leave from the VHS Ag Building on Wednesday October 30 at 8:00 am. Students should bring clothing and toiletries for 3 nights away, including a bathing suit for the indoor pool. At the Convention, all students will be required to wear FFA Official Dress, which includes black pants or skirt (within 2 inches of the knee), white button-up shirt or blouse, black socks or nylons (required if toes show), black shoes, and an FFA jacket and scarf or tie. The FFA jacket is always worn zipped to the top. Students have the option of ordering their own FFA jacket from [ffa.org/shop/officialdress](http://ffa.org/shop/officialdress) (our chapter is MI0416), which will have their name and FFA office (if any) embroidered on it. For students who prefer not to purchase a jacket, we have jackets, scarves and ties that are loaned to students for FFA events. Students ordering jackets should do so ASAP so that they receive them in time for Convention; those borrowing should try on a jacket and put their name in it to ensure that all have what they need.

We work hard to keep costs low for attendees. Please bear in mind that ***on October 7, student payments become non-refundable***, since we will have to pay regardless whether or not the student attends. This year's cost for the Convention is \$385 per student, plus money for food and any entertainment events that they choose to attend: Concert tickets (Brett Young or Old Dominion) are \$50 each, rodeo tickets are \$34, and hypnotist show is \$22. Students should be certain to indicate their ticket preferences EARLY so that we can get them before they are gone!

Students who wish to attend should return the attached permission form and the FFA Code of Ethics, along with their payment of \$385 (checks payable to Vicksburg High school) by October 7. They should have a jacket fitted or ordered prior to that date.

Please address questions to [nheikes@vicksburgschools.org](mailto:nheikes@vicksburgschools.org) or [afirst@vicksburgschools.org](mailto:afirst@vicksburgschools.org). We will be available by text and phone for emergencies only at 269-998-1577.

# Photo and Video Recording Policy

Professional photography and videography at the National FFA Convention & Expo requires proper credentials and authorization from National FFA Media Relations. (See: **Media**)

Attendees may utilize personal digital cameras to capture content for personal, non-commercial use. Attendees may obtain photo and video from their seats or other safe, authorized and non-disruptive areas. Do not block aisles, doorways, exit routes, hallways, sidewalks or the views other attendees.

Registered attendees of the National FFA Convention & Expo irrevocably consent and authorize the National FFA Organization to use the image of their appearance in a promotional video, film, audio recording or photograph of FFA or others working on behalf of FFA including FFA sponsors or licensees, and for any other related purposes of FFA, without any fee whatsoever.

## Prohibited Items

For your safety, all convention participants are subject to airport-style search at venue entry. This applies to all convention venues, including Indiana Convention Center, Lucas Oil Stadium, Bankers Life Fieldhouse and Indiana State Fairgrounds.

For safety reasons, prohibited items include but are not limited to:

- Knives (all types and all sizes)
- Weapons of any type, including chains, knives, firearms, and spiked jewelry
- Alcohol, drugs, illegal substances, or any paraphernalia associated with drug use
- Laser pens/pointers of any type
- Outside food or drinks
- Over-sized bags
- Pepper spray/Mace
- Any other item deemed unacceptable by event/building management

## Bags, Backpacks and Purses

Bags, backpacks and purses of reasonable size are allowed in convention venues but must be searched by event staff prior to entry. Be sure to remove prohibited items prior to entry. (See **Prohibited Items** for a list) No bag or item checks are available at any convention venue.