



# ROCORI SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Overnight/Out of State Travel Approval Form

This form is to be completed prior to advertising for an "Extended Field Trip" which is defined as any time students are to travel out of state or overnight (or both).

Name of Group or Organization	ROCORI FFA
Name of Field Trip	Minnesota State FFA Convention
Educational Purpose	Career Connections, Career Events, Motivational Speakers, Leadership Workshops
Location of Trip	University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
Date of Departure	April 27
Date of Return	April 29
Grade Range of Students Attending	Grades 7-12
Number of Chaperones	5
Ratio of students/chaperones	~40 students 8:1
Permission slips needed	Yes
Cost per student	\$50
Funding Source (District/Student?)	Bussing/Hotel - School Registration - Student/FFA/Alumni
Itinerary Attached	✓
Principal Approved	Rgm H
Director of Activities Approval if appropriate (Signature/Date)	



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Superintendent Approval (Signature/Date)	
School Board Approval (Signature Date)	
Advisor #1 (Name and Cell phone)	Tamara Berger 760-500-0245
Advisor #2 (Name and Cell phone)	Rylan Sabo 320-428-2065

UM = St. Paul Campus

SF = State Fairgrounds

CDE	Location and Registration	CDE Starts	Anticipated End Time	Teacher Chair – contact found on website CDE page.
Ag Communications	LES 230 (UM) (Timed Schedule) 7:30-8 AM	8 AM	2 PM	Rebecca Swenson
Ag Mech	Livestock Parking Lot (SF) Buses leave @ 7:30 AM	Arrival and Registration and CDE begins around 8:30 AM	1 PM	Tori Barka
Ag Sales	Ruttan Hall Entrance (UM) near vending area. Timed schedule will be followed for teams – register at least 15 minutes before the team start time)	7:30 AM	3 hours after start, CDE ends around 4 PM	Wes Anderson
Agronomy	7:30-8 AM – Registration in hallway near Plant Growth 140 A and B.	8:00 AM	12 PM	Dave Swanson
Companion Animal	7:30-8:00 AM Student Center (UM) Auditorium (lowest level)	8:00 AM	11 AM	Brad Nord
Dairy Cattle Team Activity (Animal Arena on U of M St. Paul Campus) and Evaluation and Reasons at State Fair Cattle barn. The movement of students will be managed by region 8 Ag Teachers.	Animal Arena (UM) 9:30-10:20 (be sure to purchase lunch option BBQ or Boxes Lunch for Animal Arena)  Evaluation and Reasons (SF)	Team Activity (UM) 10:20-11 AM Lunch Cattle Barn (SF) Evaluation Classes begin at 12 PM	3:30 PM	Steve Hinrichs
Farm Business Management	North End Events Center (SF) 7:15-7:45 AM	7:45 AM	11 AM	Lance Brune
Fish and Wildlife	Bell Museum (UM) - 7 AM (Reg 1-4) and 9 AM (Reg 5-8)	7:30 AM & 9:30	10 AM and 12 PM	John Roberts
Floriculture	North End Events Center (SF) 7:15-7:45 AM	7:45 AM	11 AM	Julie Mellum

Food Science	FSCN Bldg (UM) (Need specific info on registration location) Timed Schedule 7:30-4 PM	7:30 AM	4 PM	Seena Glessing
Forestry	Green Hall (UM) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor - 7:15-8 AM	8 AM	1 PM	Shawn Linder
Horse	Compeer Arena (SF) 7:30-8 AM	8 AM	1 PM	Mike Reeser
Livestock Eval	Cattle Barn (SF) 7:15-7:45	8 AM	1 PM	Ryan Steele and Shawn Erickson
Market Plan	Coffey Hall (UM) 1 PM Hallway near Room 125 (timed schedule)	2 PM	4 PM	Eleora Mathiowetz
Meats	Andrew Boss Laboratory (UM) Room 125	8 AM	1 PM	Jen Boersma
Milk quality	North End Events Center (SF) 11 AM	12 PM	4 PM	Andrew Steiner
Nursery Landscaping	Progress Center (SF) 7:15-7:45 AM	7:45 AM	11 AM	Emily Ziemer
Poultry	North End Events Center (SF) 11 AM	12:00 PM	4 PM	Josh Barron
Soils	Progress Center (SF) 11 AM	11:30 AM	4 PM	Curt Gerstad
BIG (Invitational)	Student Center (UM) Auditorium (lowest level) 15 minutes before your registered time	Timed Schedule (12 PM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM)	Rounds end after one hour.	Becky Cronk

# MINNESOTA FFA CONVENTION

**ROCORI FFA**

**April 27-April 29**

**St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota**

Please find enclosed your 2025 Minnesota FFA Convention packet. Your selection is a result of the hard work, enthusiasm and participation in ROCORI FFA activities this year! Many of you will be attending as a result of qualifying in a Career Development Event, earning a Minnesota FFA Degree or being selected to represent our chapter as a delegate. This packet includes:

- Letter to Parents and Explanation of Fees
- Permission Slip and Code of Conduct/Code of Ethics Forms (Due April 17)
- Teacher Permission Slip (Due April 17)
- Convention Itinerary (Bring this with you to convention!)

## LETTER TO PARENTS

Congratulations! Your student has qualified for a state Career/Leadership Development Event, earned a MN FFA Degree, or expressed interest in attending this year's MN FFA Convention. The convention will be held on April 28-29 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 CDEs, attend general sessions and leadership workshops, hear from a National FFA Officer and much more. 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 Mrs. Berger. Due to Minnesota FFA policy, students without properly worn official dress WILL NOT be allowed admittance to the event.

What: The MN FFA Convention is the annual business meeting of the MN FFA Association. Convention is attended by over 3,000 FFA members from all across the state. Nearly 100 colleges, businesses and other organizations have booths at the convention, and there are numerous learning opportunities in various competitive events, leadership sessions, workshops, etc. This is an amazing chance to meet people, develop leadership skills and learn more about FFA.

**\*\*NEW THIS YEAR\*\*:** Convention is Monday and Tuesday only; however, we will plan to leave later on Sunday (2/27) afternoon and have some fun at Grand Slam in Coon Rapids. We will have supper as a group, and then check in at the hotel, so teams won't be rushed on Monday Morning. Attached you will find the packages for pricing for students to choose from when they get there. A waiver would be best to have filled out just in case (also attached). Members are responsible for paying for this and will not come from any FFA funds.

Where: St. Paul and Minneapolis, MN and Hotel (Sunday and Monday Night)

**Country Inn and Suites by Raddison Roseville**  
**2740 Snelling Ave. North**  
**Roseville, MN 55113**

**Phone 651-628-3500**

Cost: \$50 (Due April 17)

(This includes registration and Monday Lunch. Breakfast will also be complimentary at the hotel. Other spending money should be brought with you. You will be responsible for your own supper cost and lunch on Tuesday.)

**PARENTS:** If you have any questions or concerns, PLEASE feel free to contact us!

**Tamara Berger - 760-500-0245**

**Rylan Sabo - 320-428-2065**

<u>Due Dates:</u>	Paperwork:	April 17
	Payment:	April 17

We look forward to a fun and successful state convention! Thank you for supporting your students in everything they do!

—Mrs. Berger and Rylan Sabo

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## What should I bring?

**FYI:** We will be wearing FFA Official Dress every day we are at the State Convention: Monday and Tuesday.

Regular clothes can be worn on Sunday, while we head down to the hotel. **This is not optional.**

- Comfortable and warm clothes for traveling and evenings at the hotel
- Personal items: toothbrush, deodorant, hairdryers, curling irons, contact solution, prescriptions, shaving supplies, etc.
- Money to eat for 3 days
- 2-3 white button-up shirts (with collars)
- Males: 2-3 pairs of black pants, black socks
- Females: black skirts and black nylons OR black pants and black socks
- Black shoes (females: closed toes, closed heels--make sure they are comfortable--we will be doing a lot of walking!)
- FFA Jacket, scarf/tie (If you don't have one, borrow one from a former member or the FFA closet)
- Dress for weather: umbrella and an outer jacket might be a good idea. We will be walking outside quite a bit at tours and during the convention, no matter what the weather is.
- A portable charger. You're gonna want it.
- A backpack or purse for carrying everything you need for the day: we will have some very long days!
- SNACKS! Sometimes it's a long time between meals and you might get hungry during sessions.
- Remember, everything you bring is AT YOUR OWN RISK: ROCORI FFA is NOT responsible for items that are lost or stolen during the convention or while at the hotel.
- A GREAT ATTITUDE! This will be a fun trip, but there will be many times where you will be asked to sit, watch, wait, or be quiet. For the sake of everyone else, (and your advisors' sanity) please be positive, respectful, don't complain and get along with everyone else.

\*\*\* (All contests will be using Computer Scantron Forms so you need to use pencils) . Also remember calculators, safety glasses, floral shears, soils booklets and any other contest items along with this packet of info with them. There will be clipboards on the bus. \*\*\*