

2022 FFA National Convention

All FFA members are invited to attend the 95th annual FFA National Convention in Indianapolis this October 26-29! We will be driving down in school vans, staying at a nearby hotel 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.

We will leave from the VHS Ag Building on Wednesday October 26 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 (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. Students need to provide their own black pants/skirt, white shirt/blouse, black socks and black shoes. *Shoes should be comfortable for walking*, as we walk A LOT!!!

We work hard to keep costs low for attendees. Please bear in mind that **on September 30, 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: Career Success tours are \$23, concert tickets are \$55 each, rodeo tickets are \$35, and hypnotist show is \$25. 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 Community Schools) by September 30. Those planning to purchase a jacket should have it ordered prior to that date. Those borrowing a jacket should have it fitted and put their name in it before that date.

Please address questions to nheikes@vicksburgschools.org or mschlabach@vicksburgschools.org. We will be available by text and phone for emergencies only at 269-998-1577 and via the Remind app.

FFA National Convention 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.

FFA Official Dress

FFA members will be expected to wear Official Dress at most events during the FFA National Convention. Here's a guide to looking your best.

Official Dress for an FFA member

- An official FFA jacket zipped to the top. (We have jackets that students may borrow for the Convention; please see your advisor IMMEDIATELY to get fitted. Alternatively, students may order their own jackets at ffa.org/shop)
- Black slacks and black socks/nylons or black skirt and black nylons.
- White collared blouse or white collared shirt.
- Official FFA tie or official FFA scarf. (Provided by the chapter)
- Black dress shoes with closed heel and toe. (These should be comfy enough to *walk a lot* in! Clean, dressy black boots are OK)

Official garb of recognized religions may be worn with all Official Dress. As students attend events, we ask that hats not be worn during sessions or at events.

Code of Conduct

By attending or participating in the KRESA South or Vicksburg FFA chapters and activities, including the National FFA Convention, you agree to abide by the Code of Conduct and the FFA Code of Ethics at all times.

FFA Code of Ethics

FFA members conduct themselves at all times to be a credit to the organization, chapter, school, community and family. As an FFA member, I pledge to:

1. Develop my potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.
2. Make a positive difference in the lives of others.
3. Dress neatly and appropriately for the occasion.
4. Respect the rights of others and their property.
5. Be courteous, honest and fair with others.
6. Communicate in an appropriate, purposeful and positive manner.
7. Demonstrate good sportsmanship by being modest in winning and generous in defeat.
8. Make myself aware of FFA programs and activities and be an active participant.
9. Conduct and value a supervised agricultural experience program.
10. Strive to establish and enhance my skills through agricultural education in order to enter a successful career.
11. Appreciate and promote diversity, equity and inclusion in our organization.

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All Convention participants are expected to obey all local, state and federal laws. Participants shall abstain from abusive, disruptive or inappropriate behavior before, during or after the event in all forms, including in-person, via digital or social media and any other form of communication.

The FFA Organization may act in its discretion to address any attendee(s), group(s) or participant(s) it believes fail to uphold the criteria of the FFA Code of Ethics or Code of Conduct, including but not limited to revoking event access without refund or reduction of any fees paid or payable, removal from participation in awards and recognition programs, and revocation of awards and recognition earned. In addition, members in violation of the Code of Ethics or Code of Conduct will be required to contact a parent or guardian who will transport them home within 3 hours of such contact, at their own expense and responsibility.

I understand and accept the Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct, and will abide by the same.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Special dietary NEEDS: _____

FFA National Convention Registration 2022

Please return with your Code of Conduct, Permission form, and payment by the due date.

Students will be prioritized to attend this year's National Convention as follows:

1. Students who were members last year and missed the opportunity to attend National Convention since we did not go
2. Students actively working toward earning their FFA State Degree and 6 MSU credits
3. All other students on a first com, first served basis until our 18 spots are filled.

Please select among the following options, and **calculate your total registration cost**:

<input type="checkbox"/> Convention Attendance: Registration, transportation, housing	\$385	385
<input type="checkbox"/> Concert Wednesday: Lauren Alaina & Jimmie Allen	\$55	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Concert Thursday: Mickey Guyton & Russell Dickerson	\$55	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Rodeo Friday: World's Toughest Rodeo	\$35	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Hypnotist Friday 2:30: Randy Andrews, The Singing Hypnotist	\$25	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Career Success Tours, cost each: See below link for choices	\$23	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> https://ffa.app.box.com/s/nfxct6df5wwj6y790n214g74ru58i7tm		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tour Name _____		
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TOTAL _____

In addition, **students will need approximately \$40 per day for food and miscellaneous expenses** (cash or card). Breakfast is provided at our hotel at no additional cost.

Please note any specific accommodations or dietary needs here:

My signature here indicates that I have read and understood the information about this trip, and wish to register as indicated above. I understand that I will not be eligible for a refund after October 5, 2022 *for any reason*, as payment will have been made to our providers. I understand that my registration is not complete until I have returned the Code of Conduct, Registration, Permission and *payment in full*.

Student name (please print clearly!) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____