

## MEMORANDUM

FROM: Curtis Price, Assistant Athletic/Activities Director  
TO: District 301 Board of Education  
DATE: September 11, 2025  
RE: FFA Chapter Overnight Convention Trip Oct. 29-31st

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Our FFA Sponsors Mr. Robinson & Mr. Dalen are requesting to take the Central FFA chapter to the 98th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. The students participate in competition, there is also recognition, as well as a college and career fair for them as well.

Students attending will be finalized by week 9/15/25.

### **Itinerary:**

#### **Wednesday October 29th**

- Leave 8:00am from DeKalb High School
- 501 W Dresser Rd, DeKalb, IL 60115
- ALL TIMES BELOW ARE IN EASTERN STANDARD TIME*
- Stop for Lunch along the way (bring money for lunch)
- Arrive at Lucas Oil Stadium: 12:30pm
- Opening General Session 1A - 3:30pm
- Depart from Lucas Oil Stadium - 6:00pm
- FFA Concert (Ella Langley) at Gainbridge Field House - 7:30pm
  - 125 S Pennsylvania Ave, Indianapolis, IN
- Arrive at Hotel (Country Inn & Suites- Greenfield, IN) - 10:00pm
  - 2070 N State St, Greenfield, IN 46140

#### **Thursday October 30th**

- Depart from Hotel - 8am
- Arrive at Convention Center - 8:30am
  - Leadership Workshop and College & Career Expo Time
- Depart for Tour at Indianapolis Speedway - 2:00pm
- Section Dinner at Dave and Buster's 6:00pm- 8:00pm
  - Greenwood, IN
- Depart for Hotel - 8:00pm



### **Friday October 31st**

- Depart from Hotel - 7:15am
- Fourth General Session - 8:00am
- Depart for Tour and then Lunch- 10:30am
- Approximate Departure for Home 12:00pm
- Approximate Arrival at Dekalb High School - 4:00pm

### **National Convention Information**

#### **Travel Information**

We will be traveling to and from convention by bus. Only schools from our FFA section (Section 6 FFA) will be traveling (Central, Sycamore, Hiawatha, Kaneland, Marengo, DeKalb, etc.) There will also be 15 agriculture teachers, including 2 from Central, attending this trip to help supervise.

#### **Tentative Costs for Convention**

\$375 – Covers transportation, registration, lodging, all tours, & 1 Dinner (See Section Dinner at Dave & Busters on the Agenda). You will need to bring extra money for meals not included above and if you plan to buy any souvenirs. The Central FFA Alumni has reduced the overall cost to attend by generously donating funds to help cover a significant portion of the expenses listed earlier for each convention attendee.

**\*\*Checks can be made out to CHS (\$375 which covers everything listed above including 1 meal; all other meals will be paid for by the student)**

**\*\*CHECKS ARE DUE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2025\*\***

Lucas Oil Stadium and Indianapolis Convention Center have moved to cashless facilities, which means that you will need a card or other digital means to pay for any food or souvenirs. They do have reverse cash machines that allow you to load a prepaid debit card to use, but those machines are limited in quantity so it is recommended that you make the necessary arrangements before the trip.

#### **Hotel Information**

Country Inn & Suites  
2070 N State St.  
Greenfield, IN 46140  
Phone: 317-467-0999

**Official Dress** – Each student will need to have the following listed below in order to attend the convention. A chapter FFA jacket will be provided if the student does not currently have one and does not plan to purchase one.

- Official FFA Jacket (will be provided unless you want your own for an extra purchase)
- Black dress pants or black skirt around knee length
- Black dress shoes Men/Women
- Black socks or black pantyhose
- White dress shirt/blouse



- FFA tie or scarf (will be provided)

**\*\*Official dress will be worn during the convention sessions. Casual attire will be worn for all other activities such as tours, etc.\*\***

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. We can be reached by cell phone at 217-820-2195 or email at [ryan.robinson@central301.net](mailto:ryan.robinson@central301.net) or [ryan.dalen@central301.net](mailto:ryan.dalen@central301.net).