

Greeting Board Members- We are trying to embark on another trip of a lifetime for our FFA Students. This trip was already approved by the School Board but with all the things that define 2020 we need to check on the status. We had 11 members qualify for National Convention competition with the conventions cancelled due to Covid. We are hoping to do this trip as a small substitution for all the work they put in. Below is the information sheet shared with all of our interested students. We especially need instructions for item number 4 and who to reach out to receive final instructions prior to departure.

Fall Tour 2020 *Covid Edition*

Information Sheet

Greetings FFA Member and Parents,

We would like to pursue our regularly scheduled Fall Tour trip this year. We feel it is necessary to keep as much normalcy as possible and we know the importance of these types of trips for student engagement. These trips are a motivation to students to reach a little higher, earn the privilege to attend and be rewarded for their hard work.

This year has presented many challenges that there is not a manual to walk us through it. Rules and guidelines change daily so navigating this is a challenge. Please be patient as things change and develop. Here is the information I have to pass on at the moment.

1. The dates for the trip are October 29 through November 2. This will have students missing the last day of the first quarter and the first day of the second quarter. Arrangements need to be made now with teachers so they know you will miss that last day. It will be fine if they are made aware now.
2. The cost we hope will be around \$200. Since it is out of state we have to charter a tour bus which costs \$100 per seat. Until we have final numbers we will not have final costs.
3. Stops on the tour include- Sugar Beet industry tour, Sturgeon Fish industry tour, Yellowstone National Park tour, Potato industry tour, Agriculture Mechanization tour and many others will be added as we get closer. This tour is primarily educational- this needs to be understood by all- this is not a "just for fun" trip.
4. Covid restrictions must be complied with. I am not even sure what they will be at the time but whatever the current guidelines given by our school administration at departure will be followed.
5. We are asking for a \$50 deposit to be paid by Monday the 5th of October so we can start final plans. If for some reason the trip gets cancelled we will fully refund your money. Money will not be refunded within one week of departure if you decide to back out. Non-refundable money spent on you will also not be refunded if qualifications below are not met. We usually like commission money to be applied to the last payment.

6. To qualify for the trip students must have a current SAE and a current AET record book. This means different things to almost every student. Mr Freston or Ms Reid will check you off individually if you meet the requirements. Please plan for this. Some will be done in class but some may not. You may need to come in after school to get pointed in the right direction and to get checked off. Every student can do this- not just farm or jr livestock kids. Don't put this off!
7. Please follow us on our social media pages so you can keep up with our updates!
 - o Instagram: @rooseveltffa
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Respectfully Submitted for your consideration,

Mr Freston

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