

81st Annual State Leadership Conference

April 18-21, 2009

What will I be doing at State Leadership Conference?

Conference Sessions:

Sessions start with a grand opening of light shows, music, and introduction of the 2008-2009 State Officer Team. The highlight of the conference, students get a better understanding of the leadership skills that they will be learning. Keynote speakers are always the best ranging from star comedians to Arnold S. the California governor. Also at these sessions the students get to see the retiring address of the past state officers and get to see who the new state officers will be.

Educational Workshops:

On Sunday students will be able to choose three of the one hundred twelve offerings of educational workshops at California State University, Fresno. The educational workshops are valuable to students of all grades. Topics include how to be a leader at your school, chapter improvement activities, and choosing friends for younger students. And, for older students how to be successful when applying for college scholarships, knowing your audience, and learning to interact socially in formal and informal situations. Workshops also include important industry information for those looking to serve a career in the agricultural industry.

Tours:

On Monday the Davis FFA students will be attending one of the day tours to a local agricultural company. Last year some of the tours consisted of Quinn Company, USDA Horticultural Crops Research Laboratory, Sun-maid Growers, Kings River Conservation District, Claude Lavel Corporation, Maddox Dairy, and Foster Farms.

Career Show:

At the California State Leadership conference the students have a chance to go through one of the biggest career shows in California. Agriculture businesses from all around California come together in one big room to show what the students can do in their futures. It ranges from Universities from all over the state to Monsanto Seed Company. This is a great opportunity for the students to get a feel of what the Agriculture businesses have in store with them and how to get their.

How much does it cost to go to State Leadership Conference?

The cost to attend this wonderful event is \$300. \$50 deposit due January 27th and the \$250 due February 13th. This will include:

- Conference registration \$120
- A hotel room for 3 nights \$125
- Full Day Tour Tickets \$10
- Van rental \$65

How can I sign up for State Leadership conference?

Each year students complete an application packet to go to State Leadership Conference. Things that will be considered are why you want to attend, what you hope to learn from the trip, and your GPA. It is a first come first serve basis, so the earlier you get your application in the better.

The packet includes:

- Application
- Permission Slip
- Medical Form (For the State FFA Association)
- Participant Rules (For the State FFA Association)
- Payment

We must receive the complete packet **INCLUDING** a check made out to Davis FFA for \$50 by January 27th.

***All deposits and fees paid are not refundable.**

When is the Application Due?

The application packet with a check for \$50 deposit is due on **January 27th**. Please hand in your application to Ms. Schulte. No late applications will be accepted. **NO EXCUSES!** You will be notified by January 30th if you will be attending or not. If you are not chosen you will receive your application and deposit back that day.

Where will I be staying?

The State Leadership Conference will be held in Fresno. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn near the convention center.

How will I get to State Leadership Conference?

Ms. Schulte, Ms. Rottenberg and Mr. Ermis will be providing transportation to and from the conference.

What will I need to bring?

You will need to bring all grooming materials to stay for 3 nights, pajamas, street clothes for the dance, and official FFA dress for 4 days. Arrangements to borrow and FFA jacket and tie/scarf need to be made prior to **April 17th**. Official dress consists of the following:

Boys:

- Black Slacks and Socks
- Black Dress Shoes
- White Collard Shirt
- FFA Jacket
- FFA Tie/Blue Tie

Girls:

- Black Skirt
- Nude Nylons
- Black Shoes
- White Collard Shirt
- FFA Jacket and Scarf

Girls will be in black skirts. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Where/What will we eat?

Three lunches will be provided. Students need to bring money for the rest of their meals!!! This means 1 lunches, 3 dinners, and 3 breakfasts. Also, bring snacks for the ride down and for in the hotel room.

Important Dates to Remember!

Application Packets Due and \$50 deposit

January 27, 2009

Money Due \$250

February 13, 2009

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Agricultural Class: _____ GPA: _____ Shirt Size: _____

email _____

Would you like to be considered for a our two voting delegates? _____

What FFA activities have you participated in the past?

What are your plans in the FFA Chapter?

Why do you want to go to State Leadership Conference?

Specifically what do you want to get out of going?

If chosen I agree to follow the FFA code of ethics. We are also aware that any students that violate the code of ethics will be sent home at the student expense and conference fees will not be refunded

_____ student
_____ parent/guardian