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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Agricultural Education Teachers  
**FROM:** Erin N. Nessmith, Leadership Program Specialist  
**DATE:** January 14, 2016  
**SUBJECT:** Leadership Conference Opportunities

The Greenhand Jamboree and Success Conference are wonderful opportunities for high school students to develop leadership skills, and will be held in conjunction on **March 4-5, 2016**, at the Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center near Covington.

### **Greenhand Jamboree**

The Greenhand Jamboree, presented by members of the state FFA officer team, is for 9<sup>th</sup> grade members and explores what the FFA has to offer. The conference fee is **\$45** per person and includes meals, lodging, a t-shirt and an official FFA manual. The students will participate in a variety of activities to get them excited about being an FFA member, including an FFA Quiz competition. The winner will receive their choice of a free FFA jacket or a \$50 Summer Leadership Camp scholarship. Students should plan to wear casual dress for the entire conference.

### **Success Conference**

The Success Conference is an opportunity for 10-12<sup>th</sup> grade FFA members. The objective of this conference will be to focus on personal development, character, decision-making, and dealing with peer pressure. The program will be conducted by members of the state FFA officer team. The registration cost for the Success Conference is **\$45** per person and includes meals, lodging, a conference workbook, and a conference t-shirt. Students attending the Success Conference will need to bring Official FFA Dress as well as casual dress for the weekend.

Onsite registration for both events is on Friday, March 4, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Supper will be served at 5:15 p.m. and the first session will start at 6:30 p.m. Both conferences will conclude before lunch on Saturday, March 5. Lunch will not be provided at the camp on Saturday. Each student attending the conferences must have a completed Parental Consent Form and should receive a copy of the Camp Policies. Please be prepared to turn in the Parental Consent Forms for your students at on-site registration on March 4.

Every person attending the Greenhand Jamboree and Success Conference must be pre-registered. All pre-registration material is due **February 12, 2016**. **Full registration payment must be postmarked and sent to the state office by Friday, February 19, 2016**. In an effort to offer quality conferences, we will limit the size of each conference. The maximum attendance is 200 students for the Greenhand Jamboree and 250 students for the Success Conference. Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and will only be fully completed when payment is received by the State FFA Office. Any registration payment received after Feb. 12 will be charged a \$10 per person late fee or may not be accepted.

Please be aware of these conference policies:

- **No refunds will be issued**. If a student cancels, that student can be replaced with a different student for the same conference. Students registered for the Success Conference cannot be replaced with students attending the Greenhand Jamboree and vice versa.
- There will be no lodging/meals cost for non-advisor chaperones. Chapters are encouraged to bring a chaperone for each gender and have a ratio of one adult per 10 students. As always, there is no cost for bus drivers. T-shirts for bus drivers and chaperones are \$10 each.

If you have any questions about the Greenhand Jamboree or Success Conference, please do not hesitate to contact me. I hope to see you and your students at the conferences.