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MEMORANDUM

TO: Agricultural Education Teachers
FROM: Erin N. Nessmith, Leadership Program Specialist
SUBJECT: Chapter Officer Leadership Training
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Before you leave school for the summer, please take time to think about getting next year started on the right track with Chapter Officer Leadership Training 2016. COLT is a great way to provide quality training for your local officers and jump start their year of service. This year, COLT is available at the FFA-FCCLA Camp in Covington, facilitated by professional speaker, Ms. Patty Hendrickson, and at Camp John Hope in Fort Valley, facilitated by professional speaker, Mr. Patrick Grady. In addition, members from the 2016-2017 State FFA Officer team will be at both locations. Teams will be encouraged to set goals, interact with other chapters to gain new ideas, and work with advisors to plan their Program of Activities. Officers will also be empowered to take on their role as chapter leaders and bond together as a team. This summer, we are offering two, 3-day, "retreat style" COLT Conferences in July that are open to any chapter in the state.

COLT – BLUE (FFA-FCCLA Camp and Camp John Hope)

July 11-13, 2016

Price: \$80 - Includes lodging Monday and Tuesday night, meals (Monday lunch through Wednesday breakfast), and conference materials (t-shirt, official FFA manual, etc.)

Early Registration option: \$95----Includes everything listed above plus Sunday lodging and Monday breakfast. This option is a great way to get in some extra team time!

COLT – GOLD (FFA-FCCLA Camp and Camp John Hope)

July 13-15, 2016

Price: \$80 - Includes lodging Wednesday and Thursday night, meals (Wednesday lunch through Friday breakfast), and conference materials (t-shirt, official FFA manual, etc.)

Early registration is not available for GOLD.

Both sessions will offer similar content and activities. See the attached tentative schedule to learn more. Everyone in attendance should bring the following items:

- Medical Authorization/ Conduct Form
- Linens, pillows, towels, personal articles
- Close-toe shoes
- Appropriate casual clothing
- Appropriate clothing for water activities, mud course, and/or recreation
- Calendar/planner and other chapter materials needed for team time
- Official FFA Dress

Please mark your calendars for COLT and completely fill out the online registration form. **Registration and full payment are due June 17, 2016.**

In an effort to offer quality conferences, each conference location will have a maximum number of seats available. Each session of COLT at the FFA-FCCLA Camp in Covington will have 200 seats available, and each session of COLT at Camp John Hope in Fort Valley will have 150 seats available. Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. **No refunds will be issued.** 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.

Again this year, we will host an Opening Ceremonies contest. A middle school and high school winner will be selected. Chapters are not required to participate. More information will be available to chapters that register for COLT.

Chapter Officer Leadership Training is a great opportunity for you and your chapter officers to come together and plan a successful year for your FFA Chapter. If you have any questions concerning the 2016 COLT Conference, please do not hesitate to call me at (706) 552-4457. Have a great summer!