

Georgia FFA Association

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TO: Agricultural Education Teachers

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**SUBJECT: Housing for the 92nd National FFA Convention
Online Registration for 92nd National FFA Convention**

Teachers,

If you are planning to attend the 92nd National FFA Convention, please take time to read this information carefully. It is a lot, but it contains many important pieces of information that will help as you plan your trip to Indianapolis.

The 92nd National FFA Convention will be held October 30 – November 2, 2019, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Detailed information regarding the convention schedule, registration, etc., is available at www.ffa.org on the National Convention page.

STATE HOUSING BLOCK

The Georgia delegation has begun a new 3-year room block at the J.W. Marriott in downtown Indianapolis. The J.W. Marriott is located at 10 South West Street. The hotel is easy walking distance to the Indiana Convention Center, Bankers Life Fieldhouse and Lucas Oil Stadium.

- A reservation form for the Georgia FFA housing block is attached.
 - These rooms have been reserved for four nights (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday) October 29 – November 1, with checkout being Saturday, November 2.
 - Cost is \$265.00 per student (based on quad occupancy) and \$510.00 per advisor/adult (based on double occupancy).
 - **A deposit of \$50.00 per person will be due with the reservation form to secure rooms.**
 - Payment should be made to the Georgia FFA Association.
 - There is a finite number of rooms available to us. **Rooms will be assigned on a first come, first served basis according to the postmarked date of your deposit.**
 - All reservations for the Georgia housing block will go through the state FFA office. Calling the hotel directly will not secure your chapter rooms in the Georgia block.
 - Reservations WILL NOT be accepted by telephone, fax, or email or by contacting the hotels directly. All Georgia housing block reservations must go through the State FFA Office.
 - For chapters securing rooms in the state block, the balance of the room cost is due in the state FFA office (NOT POSTMARKED) by Wednesday, October 9.
- Parking is available in downtown Indianapolis through the National FFA Convention online registration system. The White River State Park is near the J.W. Marriott, so look for it in the National FFA parking permit process.

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• If you fly to Indianapolis, the J.W. Marriott does not have a shuttle that runs from the airport. In addition to Uber or Lyft, there are several professional car services in Indianapolis with service from the airport to downtown. Another recommendation is the Go Express Downtown for transportation from the airport. You can find information about Go Express at https://goexpresstravel.com/indy_express.

ONLINE CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Registration for the National FFA Convention is an online process. **The online registration will open at 6:00 p.m. Eastern on September 10.** Included in that online registration process is selection of tickets for Opening Session, Days of Service, CDE award meals, and most other tickets (except concert & rodeo tickets and parking) that you need to purchase. In 2019, concert, rodeo and parking will all be available through outside ordering services. Links to those will be available through the National FFA registration system. National Convention and Expo information can be found at <https://www.ffa.org/events/conventionandexpo>.

Each registered attendee will have a personalized ID badge that will include electronic information about their registration (opening session ticket, meal function tickets, etc...) That means that each chapter will be expected to enter names of attendees as part of the online registration system. The online registration timeline is as follows.

September 10 at 6:00 p.m. Eastern – online “Early Bird” registration site opens

October 8 at 8:00 p.m. Eastern – “Early Bird” registration ends; regular registration rates begin

NOTE: The regular registration site will remain open up to the convention.

Convention registration rates are:

- “Early Bird” rate - \$65 per person for chapters that complete online registration prior to October 8, and secure lodging from the FFA housing block (state or national block)
- \$90 per person for chapters that complete online registration prior to October 8, but secure lodging outside the FFA housing block
- Regular rate - \$90 per person for chapters that register after October 8 (regardless of lodging arrangements)

• “Early Bird” Online convention registration ends at 8:00 p.m. EDT on October 8. (This means in order to receive the \$65 rate, your registration must be completed before 8:00 p.m. EDT on October 8.)

- We will submit the names of chapters staying in our state block to National FFA as soon as the rooms are confirmed, and deposits received. Once we submit a chapter’s name to National FFA, they will be cleared to register with the “Early Bird” in-block rate of \$65 per person. The sooner you confirm your rooms (and submit deposits), the sooner you can complete your chapter “Early Bird” registration.
- Teachers will need to access their MyFFA account to complete online registration for the National FFA Convention. ***(Remember to access your MyFFA account through your Georgia AgEd login)***

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Facilities

In Indianapolis, the following facilities will be used for the National FFA Convention.

Bankers Life Fieldhouse – Concerts

Lucas Oil Stadium – All Convention Sessions

Indiana Convention Center – Career Show, Shopping Mall, Onsite Registration, Agriscience Fair, Leadership Workshops, Alumni events, Proficiency judging, CDE Finals Hall, National Chapter Award activities.

Indiana State Fairgrounds – Career Development Events & Rodeo

Downtown Hotels – Career Development Events and Award meal functions

I know that this is a lot of information to absorb. Please review this information now, and again as the deadlines approach for registration. If you have questions, please feel free to call our office at (706) 552-4456.