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TO: FFA Chapter Advisors
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SUBJECT: State FFA Leadership Conference – "Limitless"

One Week and Counting! The State FFA Officers and I hope that the following information will be extremely valuable as you finalize your plans to be part of the 89th Annual State FFA Leadership Conference in Fresno.

Conference Information

For all of your State Conference Information, including schedule, award finalists, sponsors information etc. Start by going to <http://www.calaged.org/stateconvention>

Where to Begin

One very important item everyone needs to know is where to start your experience at the State FFA Leadership Conference. To begin, you must obtain your conference credentials and programs.

The 89th California FFA State Convention App is now available! Go to m.calaged.org on your mobile device to download the App. Then 'Add to Home Page' to download the app!

The app includes conference schedules, State Officer bios, award finalist information, and much more!

Conference Registration

Conference Registration will be open beginning Thursday, April 20, at 10am in **Valdez Hall**. Registration will also be open on Friday, April 21, from 10am to 6pm and then again on Saturday, April 22, beginning at 9am.

- 1. T-Shirts can be picked up when you register for Conference.**
- 2. The Officers hope your students would wear the T-Shirts to Opening Session.**

Please remember that registration items for **Nominating Committee, and State Officer Candidates** will **not** be included in the packets you pick up. However your t-shirt count will include their t-shirt. Band and Choir material will be handed out during general registrations.

Fresno Grizzlies Game – If you would like to purchase tickets to the Fresno Grizzlies game on Friday evening April 21. Tickets will be available for purchase at registration on Thursday and Friday.

Parking

Parking Passes must be purchased from the Fresno Convention Center Staff. There are two ways to purchase parking passes.

1. **Pre-Purchase** – You may pre-purchase passes by following the link below. This is the suggested method if you would like to purchase a single pass for all 4 days.

<http://www.fresnoconventioncenter.com/2017-california-ffa-state-convention-parking-information/>

2. **Purchase On Site** – You may also purchase passes on site during registration. Fresno Convention Center staff will **be available in Valdes Hall to sell parking passes on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.**

Important

1. Opening Session

- a. Please be prepared to chaperone your students
- b. Please be prepared to help the regional supervisors monitor the entrance of opening session.
- c. Please cooperate with ushers, advisors, and regional supervisors who are monitoring the entrance into the opening session.

2. This year there will be a Monday Night Concert

- a. Please be prepared to chaperone your students.
- b. Concert will run smoother if ag teachers are present and chaperoning.
- c. Please be prepared to help the regional supervisors monitor the entrance of the concert.
- d. Please cooperate with ushers, advisors, and regional supervisors who are monitoring the entrance into the concert.

3. FFA Uniform

Official FFA Uniform is required at all conference activities except

Opening Session and Concert

4. Delegate Business

Please help your delegates prepare for the delegate business process. The committee descriptions, committee assignments, and constitutional proposals can all be found at the link below as well as in the conference program that you receive when you register. Please help your delegates understand the schedule, amendments, and committee activities.

<http://www.calaged.org/convdelegates>

5. Voting

Remember per the constitution your delegates need to vote. **There will be a special gift for all delegates who vote on Monday.**

This year your delegates will receive a lanyard and badge that will have their delegate room assignment on one side and their voter check-in card on the other

side. Please make sure your delegates have these items and are prepared for voting.

6. Paramedics Station

A Paramedics station can be found in the Green Room of Valdez Hall. The Green Room is connected to the Coat Room where our main registration office is held all week. To access, enter the lobby of Valdez Hall and follow the sign. The schedule is listed below.

Saturday, April 22 7:30pm-10:30pm

Sunday, April 23 8:00am-11:00am
4:00pm-11:00pm

Monday, April 24 8:00am-11:00am
8:00pm-11:00pm

7. FFA Store

National FFA supplies as well as State FFA items are available on a limited basis. Those getting to the store early will have the best selections. Go to Valdez Hall.

8. Sunday All Participant BBQ

Due to traffic a couple years ago we are asking advisors, students, and guests to line up differently for the all-participant BBQ on Sunday evening. The entrance to the BBQ is on Inyo Street, please line up to the east of the entrance on Inyo Street. **Do not line up wrapping around the building on to "M" Street**

9. Career Show in the Exhibit Hall from 10:30am to 3pm.

Engage with Career Show exhibitors, get your passport stamped, and enter the giveaway! Prizes include an iPad, iPods, tablets, gift cards, and other great items generously donated by exhibitors! This year we're also excited to add baseball tickets from the Oakland A's, Sacramento River Cats, Bakersfield Blaze, and more!

10. Meal Tickets

- a. Tickets will remain as usual for the following
 - i. Fresno State Workshop Luncheon

Finally, any member may serve on the **State FFA Courtesy Corp.** There are no minimum requirements and NO pre-sign-up required. Courtesy Corps participants must be registered conference participants. To join the Courtesy Corps a member needs to attend the first meeting on Saturday, April 22 at 6pm in the Grape Room located upstairs in the Valdez Exhibit Hall.

The Opening Session will begin promptly at 8:00pm in Selland Arena. Doors will open at 7:30pm.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email.