



WELCOME BACK TO INDY!

**NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION
& WASHINGTON D.C. EXPERIENCE
OCTOBER 27-NOVEMBER 5, 2019**



NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION & EXPO

NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

EXPERIENCE THE NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION
65,000+ attendees - The Nation's Largest Annual Youth Gathering

National FFA Convention will be in Indiana, where the event will remain through 2024. Indy is a larger city that can sustain more guests, handle greater airline traffic, and most events during Convention are held downtown, which can be easily accessed.

For the 2019 Convention, California will stay at the **Hilton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites and the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel, these neighboring hotels are both centrally located in Downtown Indianapolis.** Both the Hilton Indianapolis and Sheraton are walking distance to the Convention Center, Banker's Life Fieldhouse and food establishments.

The **Sunday option** for chapters that wish to go a day earlier for practices or tours will continue and we will also keep the San Luis Obispo option for Central California chapters.

The benefits of the state trip include access to the best hotels in the city in advance of National FFA's open registration, discounted costs through the State Block, and the Association takes care of all the planning for you. State Staff coordinates reservations, books your travel and can leverage resources to ensure a stress free trip. The optional Washington, D.C. trip is a unique experience for members to explore the Nation's Capitol and East Coast, which includes educational tours and a special wreath ceremony at Arlington's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

We are here to support you the entire trip in order to provide the best experience possible for you and your members. We hope you'll join us in 2019 for the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN. Please let us know if you have any questions about the trip or the city, or if you need assistance during registration.

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Chapter Check-List:

- Registration Opens - **Wednesday, May 1, 2019 - Online Submission** Full Name, DOB, Gender
- Registration Closes - **Monday, July 1, 2019* - Registration Finalized** Submit Registration - Waitlist After 7/2/19
- Payment/Forms - **Thursday, August 1, 2019 - Hardcopy Material Due** Payment, Delegate Only Rule/Medical Form, Names Finalized, Chapter Worksheet Submitted
- Conv. Registration - **Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 6PM** - Convention registration for Early Bird rate opens. Every chapter must register for the convention. Convention credentials will be collected and passed out by state staff at orientation.

****No cancellations will be accepted. You are financially responsible for your full submitted registration.***

Additions can be made after deadline, as space allows.

2019

TRIP OPTIONS & PACKAGES

WEDNESDAY TRIP - Regular Convention



Wednesday, October 30 to Sunday, November 3, 2019

Leave Wednesday morning from your preferred airport and arrive in Indianapolis that evening, with time to rest and prepare for Convention the next day. This trip is a good option for most chapters, even American Degree recipients. Leaves Indianapolis Sunday morning and returns home that afternoon/evening.

Student - \$970.00
Adult / Guest - \$1,170.00

+ Washington, D.C. Experience

A post Convention three-day trip to Washington, D.C. Educational tours include the U.S. Capitol, National Monuments, Holocaust Museum, a special wreath ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and other points of interest. Leaves D.C. Tuesday, around 12 noon and returns home that evening.

Wednesday, October 30 to Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Student - \$1,700.00
Adult / Guest - \$1,900.00



MONDAY TRIP - Early Convention



Monday, October 28 to Sunday, November 3, 2019

Leave Monday morning from your preferred airport and arrive in Indianapolis that evening, two days prior to Convention's start. This trip is required for Voting Delegates, but is also a good option for chapters that wish to arrive early for National CDEs, proficiencies or other award areas. Leaves Convention Sunday morning and returns home that afternoon/evening.

Student - \$1,070.00
Adult / Guest - \$1,370.00

+ Washington, D.C. Experience

Monday, October 28 to Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Student - \$1,800.00
Adult / Guest - \$2,100.00



SUNDAY TRIP - Early Convention



Sunday, October 27 to Sunday, November 3, 2019

Leave Sunday morning from your preferred airport and arrive in Indianapolis that evening, three days prior to Convention's start. This trip is for chapters that wish to arrive even earlier for CDEs, proficiencies or other award areas, or educational tours. Leaves Convention Sunday morning and returns home that afternoon/evening.

Student - \$1,120.00
Adult / Guest - \$1,470.00

+ Washington, D.C. Experience

Sunday, October 27 to Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Student - \$1,850.00
Adult / Guest - \$2,200.00



NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION WITH CALIFORNIA FFA

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Airline Transportation



- Reduced group roundtrip airfare from your preferred airport:
 - Ontario (ONT)
 - Sacramento (SMF)
 - San Francisco (SFO)
 - San Luis Obispo (SBP)

Airline tickets are purchased months in advance to secure the best price. Most flights are with Southwest Airlines, which provides free checked bags.

Tickets are purchased through group ticketing, which carries the advantage of being able to change names on the ticket, in the event of a change or drop, with reasonable notice and depending on the airline, a transfer fee.



Hotel Lodging

Hilton/Sheraton

- Reduced lodging fees with California FFA group block
- Centrally located in Downtown Indianapolis
- Beautifully designed rooms
 - Students: Quad Occupancy
 - Adults: Double Occupancy

The **Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel** offers stylish, well appointed accommodations, the Sheraton Sleep Experience in every room along with amazing views, some including Monument Circle. All rooms provide premium Le Grand Bain bath products.

The **Hilton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites** offers spacious guest rooms, among the largest in the city, stylish décor in soft, neutral tones & offer modern amenities. Located within three blocks from the Convention Center.



Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel

31 W Ohio St.

Hilton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites

120 West Market Street



Convention Registration

- Advisors will be responsible for registering their chapter for the Convention and Expo online at www.ffa.org. Payment will need to be sent directly to National FFA for Convention fees.
- National Convention materials will be organized in advance of your arrival by California FFA staff and handed out with your California FFA registration materials during the arrival orientation meeting.
- California FFA will offer support with convention registration and troubleshooting.

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Add to the Trip WASHINGTON, D.C.

- **Saturday Flights to Washington, D.C. —**
 - Airfare from Indianapolis to Washington, D.C.
 - Increased time for sightseeing
- Lodging in the Arlington, Virginia area
- Daily ground charter service in D.C.
- Coordinated D.C. tours, including all museum fees
- Previous Washington, D.C. trips included:
 - George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate Tour
 - U.S. Capitol Tour, White House Group Photo
 - Holocaust Museum, Smithsonian Museums
 - Arlington National Cemetery, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier/Wreath Ceremony, Kennedy Family Graves
 - Georgetown District
 - Memorial Tours: Lincoln, Vietnam, WWII and Korean
 - Monument Tours: Jefferson, FDR, MLK and US Marine



WELCOME TO THE

92nd NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION



CONCERT, RODEO & DANCE



SESSIONS & SPEAKERS



EXPO & CAREER FAIR

65,000+ PEOPLE
4 DAYS
THE FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE



LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS



EDUCATIONAL TOURS



PREMIER LEADERSHIP



PERSONAL GROWTH



CAREER SUCCESS

REGISTRATION & PAYMENTS

TRIP REGISTRATION

National Convention registration can be found on the calaged.org website. All forms referred to in this document shall be accessed online. There are limited number of seats available for each trip and airport option, which will be sold in the order of registration submission.

Once a registration is submitted online, the chapter is financially responsible for the entire cost of the trip. There are **NO CANCELLATIONS**. Written documentation is required to change a name. A \$100 name change fee will apply if done after the August 1, 2019 hard copy material deadline; a \$200 fee will apply after September 1, 2019.

Student Information

The Federal Transportation Security Administration (TSA) requires specific information to secure a ticket. The following information must be submitted using the California FFA website (www.calaged.org):

- Full Legal Name (First, Middle, Last - as it appears on ID)
- Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
- Gender (male or female)

Chapter Worksheet

The FFA chapter will complete an online worksheet that provides the following information:

- Transportation Needs (whether chapter is renting a vehicle or will be using shuttle transportation to and from the airport)
- Required Rooming List (organizing students by gender and rooming needs, especially if rooming numbers are uneven and you need to split a room with another school).

Delegate Only Forms

The Delegate-only permission slip, which includes the medical release and rules of conduct forms are available on the www.calaged.org website and must be signed by the participant and parent/guardian. This form does not need to be signed by a notary public.

ONLY OFFICIAL FFA CHAPTERS MAY REGISTER

Registrations must be submitted by the local chapter advisor through the www.ffa.org website. Individuals may not make reservations directly with the California FFA Center. Registrations and payments are made and held only in the name of the FFA chapter, not in the name of specific individuals. Individual accounts and balances are maintained by the local chapter.

- Chapter advisors will read and agree to the terms and conditions liability and supervision for all trip participants during registration.
- Local school districts and designated advisors/chaperones are responsible for the oversight and management of themselves and their students. Local management includes securing proper insurance and medical waivers as designated by a chapter's local school board.
- Medical forms and permission slips do not need to be submitted to the state office for individual, non-delegate participants.

CANCELLATIONS OR NAME/TRIP CHANGES

- Name changes can be made in writing by contacting the FFA Center. There is no charge prior to the hardcopy material deadline. A \$100 name change fee will apply if done after the August 1, 2019 hard copy material deadline; a \$200 fee will apply after September 1, 2019.
- All materials, including payment, must be postmarked to the California FFA Center by Thursday, August 1, 2019.
- All chapters who submit a registration online are financially responsible for the entire trip. There are **NO CANCELLATIONS**.



All registration payments and delegate rule/medical forms must be mailed to: **California FFA, PO Box 460, Galt, CA 95632**

The following are acceptable forms of payment for this event:

- High School/District Checks
- FFA Chapter/Boosters Checks
- Bank Cashier Checks
- U.S. Money Orders
- Credit Card

The following are unacceptable forms of payment for this event:

- School Purchase Orders



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CANCELLATION

Once a registration is submitted online, the chapter is financially responsible for the entire trip. **No cancellations will be accepted.** Name changes must be in written documentation (email) and received by Thursday, August 1, 2019 to avoid fees. After August 1, 2019, a \$100 name change fee applies; after September 1, 2019, a \$200 name change fee applies.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION - NATIONAL FFA

Advisors will be required to register their chapters for the Convention and Expo separately online at www.ffa.org and will abide by National FFA's policies for registration and payment.

National Convention materials will be organized in advance of your arrival by California FFA staff and handed out with your California FFA registration materials during the arrival orientation meeting.

FLIGHTS - AIRLINE TRAVEL

California FFA will purchase airline tickets in bulk via a group purchasing travel agent. Tickets will be secured in advance to acquire the least expensive options possible. The benefit of group purchasing is the option to change names on a ticket (on commercial tickets a name change is not possible and would require purchasing a new ticket) and affords some level of flexibility and preference in terms of boarding, seat assignments and assistance in the event of a delay. Switching an individual, even in group ticketing, will include a fee after the August 1, 2019 deadline.

Official FFA Dress must be worn by members during travel.

FLIGHT CANCELLATIONS

Airline companies will provide accommodations, including food, lodging and alternative travel connections, for customers in the event of mechanical error.

In the event of inclement weather, California FFA will provide up to two nights lodging and will provide alternative travel options. Travel plans will be at the discretion of California FFA. Meals will not be provided by California FFA.

FLIGHT SUPERVISION

Each flight associated with the California FFA state-coordinated National FFA Convention trip will have a designated "Flight Leader" who will provide support to teachers whom are supervising the students on that particular flight from their home airport until they arrive at the Indianapolis International Airport (IND). Each Flight Leader will have a flight roster for each trip and connection. Flight Leaders will address questions, concerns and handle emergency situations, assisting the local advisor. Supervision and liability remains with the local teacher.

LODGING

All prices quoted for rooms within trip packages reflect the following lodging arrangements. Any special needs requiring alternative lodging arrangements will be accommodated only if space permits and will be done at additional cost to the participant (see Special Accommodations).

All students will have lodging arrangements in a double queen room designed for quadruple occupancy. There will be four students of the same gender assigned to each room; two students will share each queen bed. Students will be matched to rooms based on the rooming preferences in the chapter worksheet (available at www.calaged.org). The chapter worksheet will be required for the Department of Education to assign rooms. Uneven groups will be split in pairs before singles, if possible (e.g. in a group of five, a three and two split will likely occur over a four and one split). If there are uneven numbers of males or females, the Advisor will designate on the form which students are to be roomed with another school.

All adults and guests will have lodging arrangements in a double queen or single king occupancy (depending on the relationship of the individuals). There will be two adults to each room.

OFFICIAL UNIFORM

The official uniform of the National FFA Organization shall be worn by members at all formal events during the National FFA Convention. The National FFA Handbook lists specific requirements of "Official Dress" and the uniform.

Official FFA Dress must be worn by members during travel, per rules and guidelines in the Handbook of the National FFA Organization. Members will not be allowed to board their flight if not in uniform. Wearing the official uniform during travel provides the opportunity for students to engage with the public in agricultural advocacy and promote the organization, establishes a level of respect and appropriate behavior for members and assists staff with identification.

The California Association adopted a bylaw that states "California FFA members should abide by National FFA uniform Guidelines when competing or participating in National FFA events". Members are expected to wear black nylons during the National FFA Convention. Neutral nylons may be worn during the Washington, D.C. trip.

NAME CHANGES - PRE-HARDCOPY DEADLINE

Name changes requested before the hardcopy material deadline of Thursday, August 1, 2019 can be made in writing by email. There is no charge prior to the Hardcopy Material deadline.

NAME CHANGES - POST-HARDCOPY DEADLINE

Name changes requested after the Hardcopy Material deadline of (Thursday, August 1, 2019) will require a \$100 name change fee. After September 1, 2019, all name changes will be charged a \$200 name change fee. Any name change to a reservation after tickets are purchased resulting in a fee from the airline will be billed at the current group ticketing rate at the time the change is made. Approval and full payment are required for all name changes before they will be made.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

RULES ON CONDUCT FOR DELEGATES ONLY

All delegate participants of the National FFA Convention must sign the California FFA Code of Ethics and Rules of Conduct for FFA Members form available at www.calaged.org and abide by the rules within it. Specific rules include a curfew, courteous behavior, respectful towards others property and authority, and a zero tolerance policy for the use of drugs, alcohol or other illegal behavior. Failure to abide by the rules may result in the student being sent home at personal expense.

Non-delegate members will follow local district and chapter policies as enforced by the FFA advisor and administration.

SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS

Any special accommodations made for passengers that deviate from the package (e.g. request of own room, travel arrangements out of a different airport, etc.) will be at the cost of the individual and will result in a 10% service fee. Requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis; not all accommodations will be met.

Requests for special accommodations, either specialized travel or own room/family-assigned rooms must be in writing (email) and submitted by the registration closing deadline of Monday, July 1, 2019.

California FFA is not able to provide special accommodation for travel, in most circumstances, due to the volume of participants on the trip and limited airline resources.

The Association will attempt to provide assistance to any team that is representing the Association on a State level (a national CDE team, a STAR finalist) that has special requirements for that program that one of the preexisting trips cannot meet. Examples for this could include a student flying from a different airport out of state for college. Accommodations would be made for that specific team or individual, not the entire chapter.

SUPERVISION - MEMBERS

Supervision of the members of chapters within the California Association while at the National FFA Convention, unless otherwise noted in this document, are the sole responsibility of the local chapter. Neither California FFA, nor the California Department of Education accept any liability for supervision.

All students must be supervised by an adult chaperone or teacher of agriculture as required by the local district. If the chaperone is not an employee of the local school district, the chapter must submit a letter from the School Principal or District Superintendent formally stating the school district's permission for the named adult to provide supervision for each specific student. Letters of supervision can be sent to the FFA Center, PO Box 460, Galt, CA 95632. All rules will be strictly enforced.

SUPERVISION - VOTING DELEGATES

Supervision of the official California FFA Voting Delegates in Indianapolis, Indiana and all trip participants in Washington, D.C., will be provided for by Agricultural Education State Staff personnel within the California Department of Education.

TRIP DEADLINES

Registration for California FFA packages to the National FFA Convention closes Monday, July 1, 2019. All registrations must be submitted on the California FFA website by the local advisor (www.calaged.org). Registrations will be accepted after this date if they are still available. Chapters are responsible for their full submitted registration. No cancellations.

Payment, delegate only rule/medical form, names finalized, and chapter worksheet (online only) must be postmarked by August 1, 2019.

VOTING DELEGATES

All official California FFA voting delegates must participate in the California FFA coordinated Monday trip option. If a chapter registers a student under a different package who is later selected as a delegate, they will be allowed to switch without an additional service fee. Delegates may participate in the D.C. trip.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

A tentative schedule for Washington, D.C. will be made available at the time trip packages are first posted. A final trip schedule will be made available in July. All tours and events are educational in nature with specific learning objectives. The Washington, D.C. trip is coordinated by California FFA staff and supervised by California Department of Education staff; local advisors assume responsibility and liability of their students. Tours and scheduled events are subject to change in the event of weather or unforeseen circumstances.

Questions/Additional Information:

Trip arrangements, alterations and reservations will only be coordinated with the local FFA advisor. Inquiries from parents, guests or members will be directed to the local advisor.

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