

To: State Convention Attendees

From: The Ag Teachers

Re: State FFA Convention – July 14-19 Ft Worth, TX

Hello to all! I hope this letter finds you enjoying your summer break and looking forward to State FFA Convention. We will depart from WHS Ag Building on Sunday, July 14th at 9:00am. Please arrive between 8:30-8:45am so we can all help load up! Whatever you need for Sunday on the ride and until we get to the hotel, please have handy in your “carry on,” you may not be able to get to your large luggage. You will need to bring money for most meals and any souvenirs that you may want to purchase; we will eat out nice, at least once each day. Your hotel room, registration, dance, recreational activities, etc. have been paid for by the chapter or alumni.

Our hotel accommodations for the week are:

Courtyard Marriott Fossil Creek
3751 NE Loop 820
Fort Worth, TX76137
(817) 847-0044

Here is a tentative schedule for the week...

SUNDAY, JULY 14TH - Please wear an FFA t-shirt on Sunday!

9:00AM Leave from Weimar, lunch, and arrive at our hotel.
4:00PM Secure & Separate Day of Service shirts/ Day of Service Supplies
DINNER

MONDAY, JULY 15TH

8:00 AM AFNR Quiz Bowl Meeting and Prelims in Room 200
(Spacek, Dylan, Dondrae, Juan, Zoe and Caitlyn)
9:00 AM Weimar FFA Day of Service Volunteering
11:00 AM AFNR Quiz Bowl Semi-Finals
LUNCH
1:00 PM Speaking Contestant Meeting followed by Prelims in Ballroom B
1:00 PM Weimar FFA Day of Service Volunteering
1:30 PM AFNR Quiz Bowl Finals
4:00-6PM Ag Science Fair Set-up Option #1 in Exhibit Hall F
DINNER
7:30 PM Speaking Awards in Ballroom A

TUESDAY, JULY 16TH

7:00 AM Area Officer Breakfast in Room 200 (Madison)
7:15 AM Speaking finalist meeting in Ballroom B
7:30-8AM Ag Science Fair Set-up Option #2 in Exhibit Hall F

8:00 AM Registration Opens
 9:00 AM Ag Science Fair Judging in Exhibit Hall F
 9:00 AM Weimar FFA Day of Service
 LUNCH-Change to Official Dress
 10:00 AM Exhibits Open
 1:15PM Pre-Session/Delegate Check-in Begins
 2:00 PM Opening Session
 -New Chapter Recognition
 -Keynote Speaker
 4:00 PM Ag Science Fair Participant Assembly in Ballroom A
 DINNER-Change to Casual
 8:00 PM Kick-off Concert

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17th

8:00 AM Area Caucuses
 -Business Session Briefing
 -State Officer Election Speeches and Balloting
 10:00 AM Second General Session
 - John Justin “Standard of the West” Awards
 - Ryan Mott Scholarship
 - Speaking Development Event Awards
 - AFNR Quiz Bowl Awards
 - Delegate Business Session #1
 11:30 AM Stars Luncheon in Ballroom B (Madison)
 LUNCH
 12:45 PM Pre-Session #3
 -Dondrae, Juan, NuNu, Zoe, Caitlyn to Awards Seating for Quiz by 1:00
 1:30 PM Third General Session
 - HLSR Scholarships
 - Lone Star Championship Review
 - Nursery/Landscape CDE Scholarships
 - Agriscience Fair Results
 - Delegate Business Session #2 (If needed)
 - Alumni Presentation (Ashlie, Skyler, Claire)
 DINNER
 6:00 PM Fourth General Session
 - Stars Over Texas Awards (Madison)
 - Proficiency Awards
 - Lone Star Degree Ceremony and Presentation
 -Houston, Josh, Wyatt, Taiton, Madison, Skyler, Claire,
 Danielle

THURSDAY, JULY 18th

8:30AM Amy and Ashlie at Award Seating for Wallrath Scholarship
 9:00 AM Fifth General Session

- Announcement of Final 12 State Officer Candidates
- Farm Credit Scholarships
- Wallrath Educational Foundation Scholarships (Amy & Ashlie)
- Texas FFA Foundation Scholarships
- Fort Worth Stock Show Syndicate - Jim Bob Norman Scholarships
- Final Candidate Speeches & Election

LUNCH

- 11:45 AM Ford Scholars Luncheon (Madison)
- 12:15 PM Wallrath Scholarship Luncheon (Amy and Ashlie)
- 1:00 PM Golden Horizon (Abby and Kennedy) and National Chapter (Allison and Dylan) to Award Seating
- 1:30 PM Sixth General Session
- Ford Leadership Scholars Recognition (Madison)
 - SALE Scholarships
 - SALE Tour Guide Scholarships
 - Rodeo Austin Scholarships
 - Fort Worth Stock Show Scholarships
 - Golden Horizon Award
 - National Chapter Award
 - Young Farmers Scholarship
- DINNER
- 6:00 PM Alumni Auction
- 6:00 PM Pre-Session
- 6:30 PM Seventh General Session
- Fun Night and Talent
 - Day of Service Report (Danielle and Caitlyn)
- 9:10 PM Dance

Dress Code for fun night and the dance is as follows... ALL students must wear NICE jeans or school appropriate shorts, no holes, and school appropriate shirts. All shirts must have sleeves. Something to always remember: "You are representing Weimar FFA, and be sure you are portraying a nice appearance!"

FRIDAY, JULY 19

We will get up and head to convention in official dress to find out who our next Texas FFA State President will be. When we pack up that morning, we will have to pack the vehicles. Be sure to have a change of clothes handy because you will be able to change out of official dress for the ride home. After the closing session we will head back home!

- 8:00AM Honorary Lone Star Degree Reception
- 9:00AM Eighth General Session
- Honorary Lone Star Degree Ceremony
 - Recognizing Convention Volunteers
 - Announcement of State President
 - Installation of 2019-2020 State Officers

A FEW THINGS TO REMEMBER: You are representing the Weimar FFA and you will be expected to show respect to EVERYONE while we are on our trip. We will have a very busy schedule, most times we will not know when we will be arriving back at the hotel but you will have an early, established departure time EACH day! At times things tend to get a bit hectic, but you will be expected to be on time to each meeting/session and most important of all- NO WHINING! We are a group and will do things as a group. You will be expected to be in proper Official Dress during the day, if you have questions about proper Official Dress, please talk to one of the Ag teachers before we leave!! Girls must wear knee length skirts and black panty hose everyday! Bring extra panty hose!! Gentlemen must wear black shoes with black socks. If you are not in proper official dress, you will not be allowed to participate in convention. You are going to want to bring casual clothes for everyday as well. Ladies, nice shorts will be okay for some activities... as long as they are not super short. If you need to ask if something is too short, chances are it is! You will be required to change if shorts and shirts are too revealing. This is a school function and we will follow ALL school rules.