

To: State Convention Attendees

From: The Ag Teachers

Re: State FFA Convention – July 8-13 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 8th 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 Hilton Fort Worth.

Here is a tentative schedule for the week...

SUNDAY Please wear an FFA t-shirt on Sunday!

9:00am Leave from Weimar by. Arrive hotel.

4:00pm Secure and separate Day of Service t-shirts. Buy gloves and water for Day of Service.

5:00 p.m. Rodeo check-in* - Shepherd's Valley Cowboy Church

DINNER

Rodeo check in (**Garrison, Kennedy, Kyla**)

6:00 p.m. 1st round of 69 barrels* - Shepherd's Valley Cowboy Church

MONDAY, JULY 9

8:00 a.m. 1st Round* - Shepherd's Valley Cowboy Church

8:30 a.m. AFNR Jr./Sr. Quiz Bowl Prelims (1 Ag teacher, Nathan, Kayne, Angel, Abby)

9:00 am Day of Service volunteering

LUNCH

11:00 a.m. AFNR Jr. Quiz Bowl Semi-Finals

1:30 p.m. AFNR Jr. Quiz Bowl Finals

4:00 p.m. Courtesy Corps & Early Registration Opens

DINNER

7:00 p.m. Texas FFA Rodeo Performance #1* - Shepherd's Valley Cowboy Church

TUESDAY, JULY 10

8:00 a.m. General Registration Opens

9:00 am Day of Service volunteering

10:00 a.m. Exhibits Open

LUNCH- Change to OD

1:15 p.m. Pre-Session Begins/Delegate Check-In

2:00 p.m. **Opening Session**

- New Chapter Recognition

- Keynote Speaker

-Two candidate/Area finalists announced for State President

5:00 p.m. Texas FFA Rodeo Finals - Shepherd's Valley Cowboy Church

DINNER- Change to casual

8:00 p.m. Convention Kick-Off Concert

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11- OD

8:00 a.m. Area Delegation Caucuses
- Business Session Briefing
- State Officer Election Speeches & Balloting within 12 Area

10:00 a.m. ***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

LUNCH

12:45 p.m. Pre-Session Begins

1:30 p.m. ***Third General Session***
- HLSR Scholarships
- Lone Star Championship Review (CDE/LDE State Winners) (**Nathan, Angel, Kayne, Allison**)

Report to AWARDS SECTION)

- Nursery/Landscape CDE Scholarships
- Agriscience Fair Results
- Delegate Business Session #2 (If needed)

DINNER

6:00 p.m. ***Fourth General Session***
- Stars over Texas Awards
- Proficiency Awards
- Lone Star Degree Ceremony and Presentation (**Lone Star recipients- Amy Jo, Ashlie,**

Brianna, Erika, Kyla)

6:30 p.m. Leadership Workshops (x2)

7:30 p.m. Leadership Workshops (x2)

THURSDAY, JULY 12- OD

This will be another day at the convention center, in Official Dress. The morning session will include the State Officer Election process. During the morning session, Addison will be receiving a \$10,000 Richard Wallrath Scholarship. During the afternoon session, Weimar FFA will be recognized for being ranked Gold (actually #1) in National Chapter Rating (thank you Ms Cason for your hard work). Two – 2 – representatives will report to Award Seating Area by 1:00pm to go across the stage. ALSO, at this session, Weimar FFA will receive a Texas FFA Alumni grant and be recognized as the Outstanding Alumni Affiliate. Also, Addison will be receiving an Alumni Scholarship and the chapter is receiving WLC “scholarships.” And, Addison will be recognized as a 2017-18 Ford Leadership Scholar. After the afternoon session, we will head back to the hotel and quickly grab food. We will head back to the convention center for “Fun Night” and the State Talent Competition then the Texas FFA Dance. It is during this session that the Texas FFA Alumni Auction will be held so some of the teachers will be in that meeting.

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!”

7:00 a.m. Texas FFA Foundation VIP Breakfast

9:00 a.m. ***Fifth General Session***

- Announcement of Final 12 State Officer Candidates
- Farm Credit Scholarships
- Wallrath Educational Foundation Scholarships (**Addison report to AWARDS**)
- Texas FFA Foundation Scholarships (C.J. "Red" Davidson, FWSS&R, Vickie Rosenbusch Memorial, Texas Ag Ed, Young Farmers)
- Fort Worth Stock Show Syndicate - Jim Bob Norman Scholarships
- Final Candidate Speeches & Election

11:30 a.m. Scholarship Luncheons (SALE & all Foundation Scholarships)

11:30 a.m. Ford Leadership Scholars Luncheon

LUNCH

12:15 p.m. Wallrath Scholarship Luncheon (**ADDISON**)

1:30 p.m. ***Sixth General Session***

- Alumni Award Recognition (**CLAIRE/JOSH-WLC scholarships/CHAPTER/GRANT**) (**ADDISON SCHOLARSHIP**)
- Ford Leadership Scholars Recognition (**ADDISON**)
- SALE Scholarships
- SALE Tour Guide Scholarships
- Rodeo Austin Scholarships
- Fort Worth Stock Show Scholarships
- Golden Horizon Award (**SKYLER/WYATT**)
- National Chapter Award (**ASHLIE/DANIELLE**)
- Young Farmers Scholarship

DINNER

6:00 p.m. Texas FFA Alumni Auction

6:00 p.m. Pre-Session Begins

6:30 p.m. ***Seventh General Session***

- Fun Night (**MADISON give Day of Service Report**)

9:10 p.m. Convention Dance

9:30 p.m. National Officer Leadership Workshop

FRIDAY, JULY 13

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!

8:00 a.m. Honorary Lone Star Degree Reception

9:00 a.m. ***Eighth General Session***

- Honorary Lone Star Degree Ceremony
- Recognizing Convention Volunteers
- Announcement of State President
- Installation of 2018-19 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!! Gentleman 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.

If you would like additional information about the convention, please visit the Texas FFA Website, www.texasffa.org. Please log onto Weimar FFA website at www.weimarffa.org to find the Medical Authorization Form at the bottom of the home page and bring with you if you have not already provided us with one. We are expecting an awesome trip and we are glad that you will be with us! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!

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