

CA FFA – Jill Sperling

National FFA Convention Informational Meeting

October 19, 2023

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General Guidelines

- Travel with student permission slips/medical release forms
- Always travel in groups for safety!
- Be professional & act appropriately at all times
- Official dress should be worn to all convention activities except for concert, rodeo & tours (BLACK NYLONS)
- Convention badge **MUST** be worn at all times for access to convention activities (including concert, rodeo & tours)
- Download **FREE** convention app





Daily Activities – Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

- Competitive events
- Expo & shopping mall
- Delegate events
- Student & teacher workshops
- Career success tours
- Award recognition ceremonies
- Student showcase stage
- FFA for All experience





Schedule Overview

WEDNESDAY 11/1

- Opening Session IA
- Concert – Lainey Wilson
- Rodeo


THURSDAY 11/2

- Opening Session IB
- 2nd General Session
- 3rd General Session
- Rodeo
- Hypnotist

FRIDAY 11/3

- 4th General Session
- 5th General Session
- 6th General Session
- Rodeo
- Hypnotist

SATURDAY 11/4

- American Degree Ceremony
 - 7th General Session
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National FFA Convention App



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Download from your App Store.



Benefits include:

- Create your own daily schedule!
- FFA Expo exhibitors & Shopping Mall Vendors
- Exclusive preview of new ShopFFA merch
- Maps for all venues
- Breaking news & results
- A-Z Guide



Concert: Lainey Wilson with Dillon Carmichael

- Wednesday @ Gainbridge Fieldhouse
- Doors open at 7:00 pm
- Assigned seating based on admission ticket
- Attendees **MUST** have:
 - (1) Ticketmaster mobile ticket
 - (2) Convention badge for entry



World's Toughest Rodeo

- Indiana Farmers Coliseum (Indiana State Fairgrounds)
- Wednesday, Thursday & Friday evening shows **(SOLD OUT)**
Doors open at 5:00 pm; Show starts at 6:30 pm
- Friday matinee **(TICKETS AVAILABLE - \$35/person)**
Doors open at 12:00 pm; Show starts at 1:30 pm
- Attendees **MUST** have:
 - (1) Ticketmaster mobile ticket
 - (2) Convention badge for entry



Hypnotist Shows

- Indiana Convention Center, Sagamore Ballroom
- Thursday & Friday

Doors open at 5:30 pm; Show starts at 6:00 pm

- **Tickets Available - \$25/person**
- Attendees **MUST** have:
 - (1) Convention badge for entry



Liability Waivers

- Make sure that after you register your group, you **ADD NAMES** and **EMAIL ADDRESSES**
- Nat'l FFA system will automatically send email with waivers for participants to sign (if under 18, parent must sign)
- All waivers must be submitted **BEFORE** registration is considered complete
- No badges will be given out to those missing waiver forms

On-Site Registration and Badge Pick-Up

Hall A – Indiana Convention Center

- Tuesday, 10/31: 1 pm – 8 pm
- Wednesday, 11/1: 8 am – 8 pm
- Thursday, 11/2: 6 am – 6 pm
- Friday, 11/3: 8 am – 8 pm

Lucas Oil Stadium

- Saturday, 11/4: 6:30 am – 9 am



Still Need to Register?

Standard Registration

- Before 10/30
\$100 for week
- On-Site:
\$105 for week

Daily Registration

- Before 10/30:
\$40 for Wed, Thurs, Fri
\$18 for Sat
- On-Site:
\$48 for Wed, Thurs, Fri
\$22 for Sat

CA Delegate Information




- Hugh Mooney & Shay Williams Hopper will be supervising
- Mooney emailed itinerary out today to all delegates
- Make sure name on itinerary matches name on student's ID for flights
- Have state-issued or student ID with them for flight (even if under 18)
- Delegates stay at The Westin (across the street from Conv Center)
- Daily delegate activities and check-ins with Mooney & Williams Hopper
- Need to make sure that their waivers are complete (10 missing)





American FFA Degree Ceremony



- Saturday, Nov. 4 @ Lucas Oil Stadium
 - Must have badge/daily ticket to enter
 - CA Seating in Section 143, Row 1 & Section 144, Rows 4-25
 - Open seating for families, advisors, etc. in rest of stadium
 - Ceremony begins at 7:00 am
 - State Order is A-Z; CA will go early and be done! 😊
 - Certificates & pins will be mailed to those that cannot attend
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CA Block Hotel – JW Marriott



- Check-in time: 4:00 pm; Check-out time: 11:00 am
- Valet parking = \$57/day (front of hotel)
- Self parking = \$52/day (located off Washington St. past the Courtyard by Marriott & SpringHill Suites, second entrance off Maryland St)
- No free Wi-Fi
- Fitness center & in-house laundry services
- **Starbucks** – Open 6:30 am – 2:00 pm daily
- **High Velocity Restaurant** – Open 11:00 am – 11:00 pm daily
- **OP Italian** – Open Mon-Fri 6:30 am – 11:00 am & 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm; Open Saturday 7:00 am – 1:00 pm & 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm



CA Block Hotel – Courtyard by Marriott

- Check-in time: 3:00 pm; Check-out time: 11:00 am
- Valet parking = \$40/day
- Self parking = \$35/day
- Free Wi-Fi
- Fitness center & in-house laundry services
- **The Bistro** – breakfast & limited dinner menu;
Open daily from 6:30 am – 11:00 am & 5:00 pm - Midnight



State Staff Contacts

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Questions?

