

WISCONSIN FFA UPDATE - News In Brief

An update on Wisconsin FFA activities from the Wisconsin FFA Center, Inc.

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This Update Edition is To Help Advisors Remember Important Items To Take Care of Before State FFA Convention!!

Wisconsin FFA Convention June 12-15, 2023

Refer to the Wisconsin FFA Convention Website for all details and links <https://wisconsinaged.org/ffa/state-convention/>

Agriscience Fair Written Materials are due TODAY Friday May 19.

Those that entered the Agriscience Fair by the May 1 deadline, should have received an email from Agriscience Fair Manager Becky Grabarski about submitting **written reports by the end of the day today May 19.**

State FFA Officer Candidates

State Officer Candidates will be receiving emails from our Officer Election Manager Kim Forrester-Dehn. Please make sure your candidates are getting this information. An orientation meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 25. If you have questions, please let us know. We are planning on having all candidates check in on the morning of June 12 between 9-9:15 a.m. Interviews will begin at 9:30am. Schedules will be going out soon to the candidates.

Register Your Attendees for State FFA Convention

Registration for State FFA Convention is due Friday May 26. We ask that you register all your members and guests that will be attending from your chapter online by this date. This helps us in preparing for convention and will make your onsite registration process much more efficient. You can register attendees at the convention...but we ask that you register online by May 26. Thank you!!!

State Convention **MEAL TICKET Orders Due Friday May 26**

Refer to the Online Registration Guide for More Details

Remember you need to order tickets for the following people - **EVEN if the ticket is a**

sponsored ticket....Advisors must request the tickets online. Also sponsored tickets are to be for the actual award winner and are not transferrable to others. If a state proficiency finalists is a finalist in more than one area, they still only receive 1 ticket. Thank you!!

a. State Award Winners Dinner - Tuesday 5:30 p.m. - *State Proficiency Award State Finalists (Top Five); the State Winning CDE Teams and 1st Place Individuals and Three Star Leaders* - Sponsored Tickets

All other award winners and guests are invited but must have a paid ticket.

b. State FFA Degree Lunch - Wednesday 12:15 p.m. - All State Degree Recipients - Sponsored Ticket. All other guests are invited but must have a paid ticket.

c. Agriscience Fair Award Dinner - Wednesday 5:00 p.m. - Agriscience Fair participants and guests must purchase tickets - we do not currently have sponsorship for this event.

d. Celebration Dinner - Wednesday 5:30 p.m. - Wisconsin State Star Finalists - Sponsored Ticket. Honored Adults - Sponsored Ticket. All other guests are invited but must have a paid ticket.

This event is by invitation only....Past State Officer Anniversary teams, Sponsors, Honored Adults are invited to this meal. You should have received an invitation from the Wisconsin FFA Foundation. If not please contact us.

This is also the Reunion event for our Past State Officers...if you are not an anniversary team, you are still invited to purchase a ticket.

e. General Meals for All Attendees - Each day (Tuesday and Wednesday) we have a lunch and dinner available for anyone to purchase tickets...this helps you and your studentsw from going off site for food...Make sure again to check the Online Registration Guide. **ALL TICKETS MUST BE ORDERED BY MAY 26 for all of these meals.** Only a very few tickets are available for sale at the convention.

Sam L. Smith Concert Tickets - Tuesday Night

Tuesday following the evening session, **Country Singer Sam L. Smith** will be providing a concert. **Tickets are \$15.00 per person.** This will be a fun event with great music for all to enjoy. We unfortunately aren't able to offer these tickets for free this year. Order online and save time and hassle at the convention. Tickets will be available at the door. **When ordered by May 26,** we will include them in your ticket packet you pick up at convention.

Dance and Games - Wednesday Night

Great social time for the members following the Wednesday evening session!! **Tickets are \$5.00 per person.** Order online and save time and hassle at the convention. Tickets will be available at the door. **When ordered by May 26**, we will include them in your ticket packet you pick up at convention.

Change Lives Teach Ag Workshop

Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. There is a workshop designed just for students that might be interested in being an Agricultural Education Instructor/FFA Advisor. We ask that you register these students online so our presenters know how many students to plan for. Registration is due Friday May 26

School Officials Program

Tuesday 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. - Convention is a great way to energize your school officials and show them our grand celebration!! Sally Ladsten is organizing a presentation for any School Official that would like to learn more about what is happening in Agricultural Education and FFA today. We ask that you register these students online so our presenters know how many students to plan for. Registration is due Friday May 26 (Note this *does not* include a meal.)

LDE/CDE Competitions that Require Manuscripts, Resumes or Portfolios Prepared Speakers, Employment Skills Competitors, and Marketing Plan Teams -

These competitions all require materials to be submitted by the end of the day May 24. Make sure your students don't miss this important deadline to compete.

Ag Issues teams have until June 1 unless you notify us about presentations you need to complete before convention.

State Proficiency Award State Finalists

Advisors of the Proficiency Award State Finalists should have received a detailed email from Cheryl Zimmerman related to state convention recognition, display guidelines and photos. Please make sure that you received that email and shared with your students. Remember only the top five State Finalists will be onstage for recognition. All other proficiency pins and sectional winning plaques will be provided to advisors at convention.

State FFA Star Finalist Interviews

All State Star Finalists and their advisors should have received an email from Cheryl Zimmerman with the details about the **Star Finalist Interviews that will occur on Tuesday May 30**. There were also details about the state convention recognition, the display guidelines as well as guidelines for submitting photos.

State FFA Honors Band and Chorus Members Form and Fees Due June 1

Don't forget to send in your State Fair Health Form and \$80 State Fair Lodging Fee. Also chorus members have a \$20.00 music fee that also needs to be submitted. Make sure to check with your members as they received a letter from the directors as to details for State Convention and State Fair. This included the information about **the forms and fees that are due by June 1**. Send to the Wisconsin FFA Center P. O. Box 110, Spencer, WI 54479.

Restored Tractors on Display

If you have a student that would like to display their restored tractor at the State FFA Convention contact Matthew Reinders, Edgar Agriculture Instructor/FFA Advisor (715) 352-2352 x110, matt@edgar.k12.wi.us for details.

Artwork and Scrapbook Competitions

These competitions will be held at the State Convention and **you can register there on site**. Make sure to refer to the recent email I sent you with the details and information. A survey was attached so you can let us know if you might be having an entry in the competition. Chapters should drop off their artwork and scrapbooks on **Tuesday, June 13, and Wednesday, June 14 from 8 - 10 a.m.** in the back of Hall C/D. Judging will take place at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, June 13, in the back of Hall C/D. Advisors/alumni & supporters/graduates are all invited to enter into the Ag Artwork contest!

FFA Flags Needed for the Convention Opening Session

As always we love to begin the State FFA Convention with the massing of the FFA flags. If your chapter could provide an FFA flag and stand and an FFA member who would like to carry that flag, please register on the Online Registration by May 26 to let us know you will have a flag and a delegate to participate in the Opening Session . You can just bring your flag to the Courtesy Corp Headquarters

on Tuesday morning, June 13 and then the students will practice at around 10:30 - 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday morning before the Opening Session.

FFA Membership Roster Payment

Have you paid your FFA membership for this school year? Make sure to double check as you would have received an invoice from DPI for the amount you owe for FFA membership!!

Remember that sending in your payment for your chapter FFA membership dues is just as important as getting your roster submitted on time.

Payment must be received and CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO: WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF FFA.

Address for mailing FFA membership payments:

Wisconsin Association of FFA

Attn: CTSO Accountant

PO Box 7841

Madison, WI 53707-7841

As always if you have questions about anything don't hesitate to ask!

Thank you,

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