



# The Announcer

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## Wisconsin FFA Alumni Convention Early Bird Registration Deadline Approaching Soon

FFA Alumni members from across the state of Wisconsin will gather at Stevens Point, February 8 - 9, 2019 at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center in order to celebrate their chapter accomplishments, network with others, attend tours and workshops, and conduct annual business. The Wisconsin FFA Alumni council hopes that you will attend.

In order to be considered for early registration prices & drawings, registration & payment must be post-marked by **January 7, 2019**.

- Registration may be completed online at <http://wisconsinffaalumni.org/> or you may use the registration form on page 3 of this newsletter.
- When you register online you are given the option to use a credit card with Pay Pal or you can submit a check. All payments should go to Janet Schneider, N6291 County Rd G, Saint Cloud, WI 53079.
- All attendees must be registered to take part in convention events.
- Registration is transferrable between participants in the same year, but is not refundable.
- Only All-Inclusive registration options will be available after 1/7/2019.
- All online registration will close on 1/28/2019.
- Hotel accommodations are the responsibility of each individual attending. Rooms are blocked currently but will be released after January 7, 2019. To get our rates, make sure that you tell them you are with the Wisconsin FFA Alumni.
- **The Hotel is Holiday Inn**, 1001 Amber Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54482. Their direct phone number is (715) 344-0200
- State Rate Room Charges are Single - \$ 82.00, Double - \$ 109.00, Triple - \$ 109.00, Quad - \$ 109.00

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**Happy Holidays from Wisconsin FFA Alumni!**



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### **Friday, February 8:**

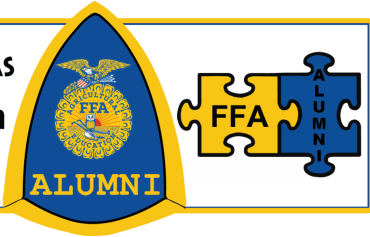
- Registration begins at the hotel at 12:00 PM
- Auction items, baskets, etc. may be turned in at the main registration area starting at noon.
- An optional bus tour will load the bus at the Holiday Inn Convention Center @ 2:00PM. This includes three stops, a winery, brewery and distillery.
- The tour is scheduled to return to the hotel around 6:00 PM.
- This is a special tour option, for an additional fee, that is being offered on Friday afternoon, for those who would like to have an extended weekend.
- Dinner is on your own. There is a restaurant right at the convention center that offers Friday night fish specials and many other options, but there are also several restaurants near the hotel.
- The remaining Friday evening activities will be held at the Holiday Inn and convention center.
- Registration will continue throughout the evening.
- The silent auction and basket raffles will begin at 7 PM and will run through Saturday.
- There will be a social hour beginning at 7 PM. There will be light snacks and beverages available .
- The live auction will begin at 8 PM. The committee will be accepting any donations for the silent or live auctions. If anyone has a donation and wants to be included in the program, please notify the committee prior to January 1, 2019.
- Entertainment after the auction will be the Soggy Prairie Boys band.

### **Saturday, February 9.**

- Buffet breakfast will include scrambled eggs with cheddar cheese, buttermilk pancakes, home-style potatoes, sausage links, assorted pastries, seasonal fruit, orange juice, coffee, tea and milk.

- You are encouraged to take your breakfast plate to your section meetings to plan activities and network with others.
- After the individual section meetings the different section groups will gather for convention planning.
- The opening session will begin at 10:00 AM, followed by our annual business meeting.
- Lunch will consist of beef tips over egg noodles, garden salad, seasonal vegetables, rolls with butter, coffee, tea, milk or lemonade.
- The keynote speaker for the luncheon will be Kim Bremmer, who grew up on a dairy farm, creator of Ag Inspirations. Kim is a nationally recognized speaker who started Ag Inspirations with a mission to inspire farmers to tell their stories..
- There will be a tour option following the luncheon for those interested. We have 3 choices of tours to register for. These will be one-hour tours and there is room for up to 50 people to go on each tour. The options are Feltz Family Farm and Dairy Store, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point Soil and Water Management program facility and Tropical Arboretum or Point Brewery .
- Various workshops will be offered Saturday afternoon after the tours return. There will be two rounds of workshop options, on several different topics, in order to allow you to maximize your networking & learning opportunities.
- The Wisconsin FFA State Officer team will once again offer their reflections program prior to the banquet.
- The Banquet meal will feature chicken cordon blue, garlic mashed potatoes, baby carrots, salad, rolls with butter, coffee, tea and milk.
- Dessert will be apple pie.
- Chapter and individual awards presented on Saturday during the opening session and during the banquet.
- The live auction will begin at 8 PM .
- Entertainment for the evening after the auction is The Fun Piano Show, featuring two hours of dueling pianos.

Working As  
A Team In  
2019!



## 2019 State FFA Alumni Convention Registration Form

February 8 – 9, 2019 Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Stevens Point

FFA Alumni Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name/Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Package Options</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
<b>Individual All-Inclusive</b> (\$ 100.00 by 1/7/19, \$ 125 after 1/7/19) <i>Does not include Friday tour, that is an extra charge. Please add selection below.</i>		
<b>Couples All-Inclusive</b> (\$ 190.00 by 1/7/19, \$ 240 after 1/7/19) <i>Does not include Friday tour, that is an extra charge. Please add selection below.</i>		
<b>Single Ala Carte Options:</b> Pick and Choose what you want. <i>(These options are only available for early bird registration. They will no longer be available after 1/7/2019)</i>	NA	NA
<b>Friday Tour, 3 Site Stops - \$ 35.00 each</b>		
<b>Friday Tour &amp; Friday Night Hors d'vores &amp; Activities - \$ 50.00 each</b>		
<b>Friday Night Only, Hors d'vores &amp; Activities - \$ 20.00</b>		
<b>Saturday – All Activities &amp; Lunch Only - \$35.00 each</b>		
<b>Saturday – All Activities &amp; 3 Meal Option - \$ 85.00 each</b>		
<b>Saturday – Banquet &amp; Entertainment - \$ 40.00 each</b>		
<b>Commemorative Glass - \$ 20.00 each</b> <i>(Use for free beer or soda Friday and Saturday night.) Guarantee you will receive one and not have to pay at convention.</i>		
<b>Total Registration Cost</b>		

**You Must Select Preference for Saturday Tour if Registered for Saturday.**

- I will not participate in Saturday Tour  
 I will participate in Saturday Tour - # Attending \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, then my tour choice is: (Please mark your choice with an X).

1<sup>st</sup> Individual

- \_\_\_\_ Feltz Farm & Dairy Store  
 \_\_\_\_ UW Stevens Point stops  
 \_\_\_\_ Point Brewery

2<sup>nd</sup> Individual (of couple's registration)

- \_\_\_\_ Feltz Farm & Dairy Store  
 \_\_\_\_ UW Stevens Point stops  
 \_\_\_\_ Point Brewery

**Make Checks Payable and mail to:**

2018 Wisconsin FFA Alumni Convention  
 Janet Schneider, Convention Treasurer  
 N6291 County Rd G, Saint Cloud, WI 53079  
 Or Call: 920-948-7110

*We strive to be Wisconsin's premier Agriculture Education advocate with FFA Alumni support in every community. We envision our diverse, positive, community committed organization to provide resources to support youth development and leadership.*

**The Wisconsin FFA Council proposes the following Bylaws changes to be presented at the state convention during the Annual Meeting which will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at the Stevens Point Holiday Inn and Convention Center. Session 1 will begin at 10:00 AM and the annual meeting will immediately follow. This bylaws proposal is to align our bylaws with those of national FFA Alumni.**

**Article IV. Section 2.** Types of Membership

A. Annual Membership

2. Annual membership is for a 12-month period beginning September (Replace with August) 1 and ending August (Replace with July) 31 each year.

C. Associate Membership

2. Associate members (Remove) do not have voting rights, are (Remove) not included in official membership counts for national association programs.
3. Associate members are (Remove) not eligible for any rebate or awards programs.

**Article 5. Section IV.** The officers of the Association shall be president, president elect, vice president, past president, and section representatives.

- B. Qualifications of directors and officers: Any member of the Association in good standing is eligible to be nominated for the council; except members who are currently employed as (ADD) secondary agricultural education instructors.

**Resolutions to be presented include:**

*Resolution 1 – Submitted by the Wisconsin FFA Alumni Council*

The Alumni Council recommends that we seat the following council members for their first 3-year term: Jerry Larsen, Jake Stuttenberg, Jack Ellickson and Grant Staszak. (Names subject to change)

*Resolution 2 – Submitted by the Wisconsin FFA Alumni Council*

The Alumni Council recommends that we thank the following retiring council members for their dedicated service and commitment to the Wisconsin FFA Alumni Association: Kim Scholz, Brian Buchholz, Larry Lader, Ken Natzke and Dan Follendorf.

*Resolution 3 – Submitted by the Wisconsin FFA Alumni Council*

The Alumni Council recommend that we take a moment of silence for FFA Alumni members, friends and family who have passed on throughout the year, including those involved in the military forces who continue to defend our country and what she stands for. Let us remember them and all they have accomplished.