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Wisconsin FFA Alumni & Supporters State Convention and Annual Meeting

The annual meeting and convention is now just around the corner, happening February 3- 4, 2023 at the Milwaukee Marriott West Convention center. There is a vast array of activities and events planned as part of the convention and the committee has been working hard to plan a fun-filled, valuable weekend. There are numerous workshops to check out, a new networking event, auctions, music and more.

As part of the annual meeting, we will be voting on some council proposed bylaws changes in order to help keep the bylaws current and up-to-date. The proposed changes have been posted online for your preview prior to the convention and they will be reviewed at the section meetings held prior to the annual meeting. For your convenience, you may go to: <https://wisconsinaged.org/library/uploads/Proposed23BYLAWsofWisconsinFFAAlumniandSupportersReadytoVote.pdf> to see the full set of proposed changes. Things to be added are in red and a few things would be removed for clarity.

The annual meeting is scheduled for approximately 12:30 PM on Saturday, Feb. 4. Please remember, only those Alumni members who are listed as active on the local chapter roster will be allowed to vote. Please check with your local leaders if you plan to attend, to be sure that they have updated the roster to include you, no later than January 1, 2023.

As a reminder, the convention is being held at Milwaukee Marriott West Hotel and Convention Center which is located at W 231 N 1600 Corporate Court, Waukesha, WI 53186. The hotel block is still open but will close on January 2, 2023. Reservations can be made at <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1662757285388&key=GRP&app=resvlink>.

Registration is currently open and can be found at <https://wisconsinaged.org/alumni/convention/register/> but will close on January 3, 2023. Because of a tight turnaround and supply chain issues, we would sincerely appreciate all registrations that will be mailed to please be put in the mail by December 20th, in order to ensure their receipt to the treasurer by the closing date of January 3rd. The hard copy registration is at the back of this newsletter.

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Convention Tentative Schedule

Friday February 3, 2023

- State Council Meeting - 9:30 AM
 - Convention Registration begins at 11 AM.
 - Auction items, baskets, etc. may be turned in at the main registration area starting at noon. We would appreciate any donations.
 - There is an option for a bus tour on Friday. Extra cost of \$ 25.00. Due to bussing issues it is only open to the first 33 registrants. This must be selected at the time of registration. There are about 20 spots remaining on the trip list. Bus loading at 12:15 PM and returns to hotel about 4:30 PM. Details were in last newsletter but includes Mitchell Park Domes and American Family Field. [Click Here for last newsletter.](#)
 - Tour will close when full. First come, first serve registration.
 - Dinner Buffet option will run from 5:30 to 6:30 PM at the ballroom. Dinner is provided for those choosing the all-inclusive registration package. Featuring “Made Your Way Buffet” of rock shrimp scampi - penne pasta and northern lake walleye with garlic herb butter, wild mushrooms, cabbage and apple slaw and old-fashioned potato salad, steamed baby red potatoes and macaroni and cheese with mushrooms, tomato and fontina cheese. Also includes chef’s artisan breads and flatbreads, chef’s dessert cart, coffee, milk and tea.
 - Past Presidents Meeting - 6:30 PM.
 - 2025 Convention Planning Meeting - 6:30 PM
 - 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 December 15, 2022.
 - Tim O’Grady, singer/songwriter is performing after Friday’s auction.

Saturday, February 4, 2023

- 7:30 AM—Breakfast - “All American Buffet” including assorted cold cereals, with 2 % and skim milk, scrambled eggs, sausage links, bacon, breakfast potatoes, assorted breakfast pastries, preserves and whipped butter, sliced fresh fruit, assortment of chilled juices, coffee, milk and tea.
- 8:30 AM—Opening Session
- 9:30 AM - Section Meetings
- 10:15 AM - Large Group Section Meetings
- 11:00 AM –Networking Wrap Up
- 11:30 AM - Luncheon - Lunch includes country garden salad with shaved carrots, sliced cucumbers, tomato, croutons and choice of French or ranch homemade dressing. Entrée is chicken cardinale, a pan sautéed breaded boneless chicken breast with lemon butter sauce. Includes chef’s pairing of vegetable, rolls, butter, coffee, milk and tea.
- 12:30 PM - Annual Business Meeting
- 2:00 PM - Round 1 of workshops
- 3:00 PM - Round 2 of workshops
- 4:00 PM - Silent Auction Ends
- 4:45 PM - Reflections by FFA State Officer Team
- 5:30 PM - Closing Session & Banquet - The evening banquet buffet will feature sliced peppercorn sirloin of beef and crusted pork loin with whiskey molasses glaze, seasonal fruit and berries, Caesar salad with shaved Reggiano parmesan cheese and croutons, Caprese salad, with mozzarella, roma tomatoes, basal and balsamic vinaigrette, glazed carrots, grilled vegetable blend, garlic mashed potatoes, bakery rolls, butter, coffee, milk and tea.
- 8:00 PM - Live Auction, Followed by Surprise Entertainment
- **If you have any special dietary needs, please contact the executive director by Jan. 1. Please note that the menu is subject to change based on availability.**

Convention Workshop Opportunities

In the last newsletter we posted the majority of workshops being offered to members on Saturday, but since then we have been able to finalize the last few. These include:

"Shooting For Growth" - Hosted by Wisconsin FFA State Officer Team.

Behind any successful FFA chapter is a strong alumni chapter! Join the State Officers to explore ways to aim for stronger alumni support for members of all ages. Let's start shooting for new ways to build our membership.

"Sighting in Your Social Media" - Hosted by Wisconsin FFA State Officer Team.

Social media can be a hard target to find. In this workshop, we will learn to "sight in" our social media pages to help promote our alumni chapters more effectively.

"Who's Missing in the FFA Alumni and Supporters?" - Hosted by State FFA Staff and EDI Team.

Join us as we evaluate who is involved in the FFA Alumni and Supporters, and begin to dive deeper into expanding our reach. We want to ensure the FFA Alumni and Supporters group is making as big of an impact as possible by including members from all walks of life.

Statewide Membership Input Is Requested

Our state FFA and Agriculture Education leadership team is working on a pilot project for national FFA and would like to survey Alumni members throughout the state. Please go to <https://forms.gle/UuqBRccPfMsSwGGF8> and take a few minutes to complete the form. Your information will help the team with planning activities in the future.

In addition, the 2024 convention planning committee is really trying to gather more information about what interests members as far as convention activities. Please go to <https://forms.gle/ZyuLjZ4iN64mMy6R8> to share your ideas.

Do You Like Social Media?

We are looking for a couple of individuals to join our social media team. We know that there is a lot of advantage to utilizing social media to keep our members informed and we know that there are some people out there who love to like and share.

We can currently be found on Facebook and Instagram and hope that you are utilizing these resources for information. We would also request that you like and share our posts as you see fit, in order to help us better tell our story. If you are interested in volunteering on our social media sub-committee, please contact execdir@wisconsinffaalumni.org.

Meat Donation

As part of the 2023 FFA Alumni & Supporters state convention in February, Jones Dairy Farm in Fort Atkinson has indicated that they would like to donate some meat products for our fundraising efforts. We have not been able to finalize the details at this point but are looking in to hosting a meat raffle that would kick off prior to convention and conclude at the convention.

Please watch our social media and website for upcoming information and details. We will be sure to let you know how to get tickets if we are able to make this happen.

State Raffle Monies from Last Year

As part of last year's 50th anniversary convention we hosted a cash raffle which profited over \$34,000. This fall we initiated a matching-funds grant program that will be utilizing those funds. We have had a great response and grants are currently being reviewed and will be announced soon. Be sure to watch for press releases.

Watch Your Mailbox for News

Our third annual joint newsletter with the Wisconsin FFA Foundation should be arriving in the mail to all of our annual and life members. If you do not receive one, please let us know as your address must be wrong.



2023 Wisconsin FFA Alumni Convention Registration Form

February 3 - 4, 2023 @ Milwaukee Marriott West in Waukesha, WI

- It is vital to include email and/or phone number for texts so that you may be notified of changes, etc.
- Payment must be postmarked by 1/3/2023.
- All attendees must be registered to take part in convention events.
- Registration is transferrable between participants in the same year, but is not refundable.
- All online registration will close on 1/3/2023.

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

<u>Package Options</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Individual All-Inclusive (\$ 160.00) Includes all Friday Evening and Saturday Events and a Commemorative Mug		
Couples All-Inclusive (\$ 310.00) Includes all Friday Evening and Saturday Events and 2 Commemorative Mugs		
<u>Other Options</u>	NA	NA
Friday Tour of Domes and American Field - (\$ 25.00 Each) - <i>Not included in all inclusive package, must be purchased, only available to all inclusive registrants.</i>		
Saturday Only, Meetings, Workshops and 3 Meals, and 2 commemorative mugs - 2 People - (\$240.00)		
Saturday Only - Meetings, Workshops, Lunch & Banquet - (\$95.00 Individual (No Breakfast Included, no discount for couples, Doesn't include mug)		
Saturday luncheon Meal Only, meetings and workshops - (\$40.00 Individual - (No discount for couples, Doesn't include mug)		
Saturday Evening Banquet Dinner - (\$ 55.00) Individual - (No discount for couples, Doesn't include mug)		
Purchase of Commemorative Mug—\$ 20.00 (If not included in package)		
Total Registration Cost		

Make Checks Payable and mail to:

2023 Wisconsin FFA Alumni Convention
 Janet Schneider, Convention Treasurer
 N6291 County Rd G, Saint Cloud, WI 53079
 Or Call: 920-948-7110