State Convention Workshops  
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1:00pm - 1:45pm Human and Animal Health at the Show  
Mendota 8
Bernadette O’Rourke, UW Madison Extension - Animal and Dairy Sciences  
Fair time is close and as we prepare it's important to be mindful of the One Health concept that recognizes environmental, animal and human health. During this workshop participants will learn good habits to minimize zoonotic transmission and reduce health risks when exhibiting livestock. Students will participate through fun and engaging activities to reinforce this concept.

Tuesday June 13, 2023  
1:00pm - 1:45pm Dog Toy Making  
Mendota 6
Monica Gahan, Milwaukee Vincent High School Agricultural Science & Animal Science Pathway Agriculture Educator and Advisor  
Ever wonder what to do with those old t-shirts that may be past their prime? We may have the solution for you! Following a step-by-step presentation we will be using recycled fabrics to turn scraps into durable, adorable, and high functioning dog toys for all to love.

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2:00pm - 2:45pm No more blue jackets for me, what’s NEXT?  
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Matt Schleusner, Past WI State FFA President  
Is your time in the FFA coming to an end and now you are wondering what's next? We will determine how the FFA has impacted our lives with some wild and crazy activities and we will step outside of our comfort zones learning about other leadership opportunities available. This hands-on workshop will keep you moving and your mind thinking.

Tuesday June 13, 2023  
2:00pm - 2:45pm Getting Involved in Your Alumni Chapter  
Mendota 6
Nicole Wallander, Section 9 FFA Alumni Council Member  
Come and learn about the WI FFA Alumni & Supporters and how you can work with them. If you are a graduating senior be sure to come learn about the membership you are eligible for. Members come and see how to work with your alumni chapter back home.
Tuesday June 13, 2023
3:00pm - 3:45pm Planning and Funding Agricultural Literacy events in your Community!

Beth Schaefer, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Ag in The Classroom Program Coordinator
Faith Baerwolf, Wisconsin Ag In The Classroom Intern
Educating about Agriculture! Discover how to plan engaging and timely activities to share with your community! Learn and participate in fun activity ideas to promote agricultural literacy. Learn tips and tricks to apply to different grant opportunities through Wisconsin Agriculture in the Classroom, like the Food for America FFA grant to fund your future events!

Tuesday June 13, 2023
3:00pm - 3:45pm Agriculture Policy and Political Advocacy

Tom Bressner, WI Agri-Business Association Executive Director and WI FFA Foundation Board President
Ellen Schutt, 31st District State Representative and former FFA member
Attendees will learn why it is so important that they get to know and create a working relationship with their elected officials. Tom (lobbyist) and Ellen (State Representative) will tag-team, talking about agricultural issues showing each of their roles in creating good legislation.
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9:00am - 10:45am Change Lives, Teach Ag! .......................................................... Waubesa
Andi Dohm & Kessa LaBlanc, Agricultural Education Instructors
Must register to attend! This program will be an action-packed two-hour program that includes a panel of current teachers who will share their stories of why they decided to become an agricultural education instructor as well as a representative from the universities to share how you can earn a degree in agricultural education. There will be an opportunity to be the teacher and the learner to get a hands-on feel of what it is like to be an agricultural teacher.

Wednesday June 14, 2023
9:00am - 9:45am The Golden Circle ................................................................. Kegonsa
Jason Wetzler, Past National Officer, Full Time Speaker, Trainer, and Coach
Most people go through their life thinking about the who, what, when, and where. Who will I hang out with? What will I do today? When am I going to have this much or do this? Instead, they should be starting by asking "Why?" In this interactive workshop, we'll discover what is at the center of our “Golden Circle” and apply it to every area of our lives.

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1:00pm - 1:45pm Building CommYOUUnity....................................................... Mendota 5
Ryan Williamson, Current Western Region National Vice President from Texas
As an FFA member, you’ve probably heard the words service and impact a time or two. But where does one even begin to make an impact? In this workshop, we will learn how to create change in our community by identifying a local need and developing an action plan.
Wednesday June 14, 2023
1:00pm - 1:45pm How can we use genetics to improve the sustainability of livestock production?..........................................................Mendota 6
Ellen Lai, ABS Global - Beef Sustainability Scientist
What does sustainable livestock production look like? How does genetics fit into that picture? How do geneticists work toward sustainable solutions? Join this workshop to get hands-on experience with using various genetic tools to breed for more sustainable livestock!

Wednesday June 14, 2023
1:00pm - 1:45pm Auctioneering...............................................................Mendota 7
Lake Boehm, 2023 Wisconsin State Champion Auctioneer
We will be discussing the many avenues one can take within a career in the auction industry as well as exciting changes coming to the auction arena in the future.

Wednesday June 14, 2023
1:00pm - 1:45pm UW College Student Panel ..........................................Mendota 8
UW-System University Students
Meet with a group of students from UW-Platteville, UW-River Falls, and UW-Stevens Point, and UW-Madison to hear about their college experience and find out more about each of these universities!

Wednesday June 14, 2023
1:00pm - 1:45pm FFA Family Feud ............................................................Waubesa
Kaci Lanxon, Rural Mutual Digital Marketing Specialist & Bill Kriese, Rural Mutual Marketing Relationship Manager
FFA Family Feud will bring teams together to compete to name the most popular answers to well known Agriculture questions.

Wednesday June 14, 2023
1:00pm - 1:45pm Barn Quilts .................................................................Kegonsa
Ronna Morton-Ballmer, Avid Quilter, Substitute Teacher, and Church Organist
Join in on this workshop to get a basic understanding of details on designing & painting authentic outdoor barn quilts!
Wednesday June 14, 2023
2:00pm - 2:45pm The Bottom Line on Equipment Financing……………………………..Mendota 5
Jeff Molinski, CNH Industrial
Loan. Lease. Cash Flow. Balance Sheet. Learn what these words mean for equipment financing and how these important financial terms carry over into your everyday lives. Plus, put your financial knowledge to the test in this interactive workshop where you’ll have the chance to win.

Wednesday June 14, 2023
2:00pm - 2:45pm Cranberry Chats A Lot- Finding Your Voice on Social Media...Mendota 6
Amber Bristow, Cranberry Chats
This workshop will discuss the importance of sharing agriculture on social media and how to bridge the gap between farmers and consumers.

Wednesday June 14, 2023
2:00pm - 2:45pm Agriculture, Careers and YOU ………………………………………..Mendota 7
Kathryn Lampi, Rosholt Advisor; Past State Officer
Careers in Agriculture…….. They are out there but what area is the best fit for you? In this interactive workshop we'll be diving into the current positions in agriculture that are seeing remarkable growth. We will also be looking at our own interests and how we can take advantage of our passions to find a career field that not only suits us but allows us to thrive.

Wednesday June 14, 2023
2:00pm - 2:45pm Get ready to Boot, Scoot and Boogie!………………………………………..Mendota 8
Aubrey Schlimgen, Past State Officer; Full Time Dairy Farmer; 2023 Dane County Fairest of the Fair
Do you find yourself standing on the side of the dance floor unsure of the *many* line dances that FFA members just break out into at any given moment? Look no further than this workshop where we will learn the most popular line dances and even some new ones. Come on in and bring your friends to have some fun during convention. You just may find yourself ready to Boot, Scoot, and Boogie when you're done!
Wednesday June 14, 2023
2:00pm - 2:45pm Jeopardy: Food, Farm, and Finances……………………………...Waubesa
Compeer Financial
There is more to agriculture than just farming. With more than 1,300 team members, Compeer Financial is a trusted, member-owned Farm Credit cooperative serving and supporting agriculture and rural communities. From working directly with farmers on daily financial necessities to financial reporting to marketing and communications – Compeer has a career for everyone that helps rural communities thrive across Wisconsin, Illinois, and Minnesota. Join Compeer Financial leadership as they challenge you to a fun game of Jeopardy: Food, Farm, and Finances! Leap into the Farm Credit world and learn about everything Compeer offers, from financial literacy to unique career pathways.

Wednesday June 14, 2023
2:00pm - 2:45pm FFA Snack Pack: A Delicious Insight into FFA.........................Kegonsa
Carisa Cleven, Recent UW River Falls Graduate for Agricultural Education, Past State Officer & Jared Mickelson, UW River Falls Senior in Agricultural Education
Join us as we unpack all the treats FFA has to offer! We will dive into all the need to know things about FFA that you didn't know you needed to know. Bring your appetite and all your FFA questions as we learn how to pack our individual FFA Snack Packs!

Wednesday June 14, 2023
3:00pm - 3:45pm Parli Pro 101………………………………………………………..Mendota 5
UW-River Falls Agricultural Education Society
"I move that all FFA members and supporters learn the basics and beyond, to properly run a meeting!" "Second" - Join us to dive deep into the basics of Parliamentary Procedure, while laughing often and smiling continuously. After this workshop, you will be able to participate in the Parli Pro LDE or take back knowledge to your chapter and local organizations to keep your meetings running smoothly.

Wednesday June 14, 2023
3:00pm - 3:45pm PAS- What's after FFA.........................................................Mendota 6
Leslie Reinke, Trinity Dyerson, and Grace Greenberg, National PAS Officers
PAS- What is it and how to continue your competition, learning, and networking experience after FFA.
Wednesday June 14, 2023
3:00pm - 3:45pm Cultivating Wellness in Ag Connected Individuals, Families, & Communities

Danette Hopke, UW Madison’s Division of Extension Health and Well Being Institute Affiliate
Life holds all kinds of twists and turns and the Agriculture industry has its own unique stressors and challenges. During this session we will talk about common signs that you or someone around you may need support to be their best self. In addition we will teach practical ways to talk to someone we might be concerned about and strategies that can be used to improve our own well-being.

Wednesday June 14, 2023
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Wisconsin Technical College Students
Meet with a group of students from Chippewa Valley Technical College, Southwest Technical College, Blackhawk Technical College, and Fox Valley Technical College to hear about their college experience and find out more about each of these colleges!