

## **Guidelines and Expectations for 2022 Half-Time Conference**

### **MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED AT THIS CONFERENCE IN ALL PUBLIC SPACES.**

- 1.** Students must attend all conference sessions at the Holiday Inn Convention Center. Please do not plan to leave early and miss sessions unless it is an absolute necessity. Please stay for all sessions so students receive full benefit of the conference.
- 2.** Following the last round of workshops the students will have a Reflections program in the main Expo Room. Once Reflections has concluded, students are asked to attend entertainment on Friday evening. They will be able to change out of official dress following Reflections. You may want to go back to your hotel and change or have the students bring along a change of casual clothing to avoid travel back to your hotel. The entertainment is at the Holiday Inn Convention Center. We would like all students to participate in the social events of this conference as part of their Half-Time Conference experience. Meeting new people is an important part of personal growth.
- 3.** Hotel rooms and their assignments are completely done by the FFA advisors this year. Advisors must be able to account for the location of their students at all times. If an illness would arise or student has to leave the conference property at any time, they must clear this with their local FFA advisor and inform the State FFA Executive Director of the situation.
- 4.** Students attending the Half-Time Conference are asked to wear proper official dress for all conference sessions.
- 5.** For the entertainment, students must dress in appropriate casual dress **must be** worn to the dance. No alcohol, drugs, tobacco advertising or inappropriate language on any shirts. No cut off shirts or blouses. Have students wear shirts with sleeves. No bare midriffs or low cut tops. No hats indoors. **PLEASE** discuss this item with your students as this is becoming more and more challenging with students.
- 6.** Advisors are asked to make sure students are in their hotel rooms for the evening. Students must be in their rooms by the 12:00 a.m. curfew. Students should not be wandering the hallways or ordering pizza after curfew. The entertainment will end at about 11:30 p.m. and students will have time to get to their rooms before advisors check rooms. Students traveling to other hotels need to quietly arrive at their hotels and report to their assigned rooms. Students may not leave their rooms after midnight. Advisors will be monitoring the hallways.
- 7.** Students are not allowed to use alcohol, tobacco products, vaping product or drugs anytime during the conference. **ANYONE CAUGHT IN POSSESSION OR USE OF THESE SUBSTANCES WILL BE SENT HOME IMMEDIATELY AND/OR PROPER AUTHORITIES WILL BE CONTACTED.**
- 8.** Students must respect the hotel facility. No running in the hallways, no slamming doors, no destruction of any hotel property. Individuals and chapters will be responsible for any damages or additional charges due to mistreatment of hotel/conference facilities. Treat the hotel as if it were your own home. All hotel property must stay at the hotel including towels, etc. Be polite and courteous. Keep up the sharp image of FFA members!!!
- 9.** Be Prompt. Be at all sessions 5 minutes early. This will keep the group on schedule. No sessions are optional. Please plan your drive time from the surrounding hotels so that students arrive at the conference on time.
- 10.** Cell phones must be turned off during the sessions. Texting is not allowed during sessions in respect to conference presenters. There will be breaks between sessions in which students can catch up on messages. In addition, do not use the phones in the hotel rooms for outside calls. Charges for calls will be assessed to the local chapters staying in those rooms.
- 11.** Do not write on white tablecloths in conference rooms. Please use your notebooks for your scribbling and notes.
- 12.** Check out of the hotel rooms before breakfast as the students will not have a break in the morning to go back to their rooms. If students are staying in hotels other than the main conference hotel, room check-out should occur before leaving in the morning to attend the conference at the Holiday Inn.

**Give students a final pep talk that the success of the conference depends upon their participation. It also depends on each one being responsible and following the guidelines and expectations of the conference.**