

Guidelines and Expectations for CONNECT and EDGE Conferences

Wisconsin Association of FFA – March 23-24, 2023

- 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. Sessions build upon each other, so staying for all sessions gives the student full benefit of these conferences.
- 2.** Students are recommended to attend the entertainment, games and pizza party on Friday evening. We would like all students to participate in the social events of this conference also as part of their Connect and EDGE Conference experience. Meeting new people is an important part of personal growth.
- 3.** Advisors are in charge of all room assignments and monitoring their student rooms. 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 EDGE are allowed to wear appropriate casual dress. Shirts with sleeves and appropriate pants or skirts. EDGE students are encouraged to wear chapter FFA t-shirts but with nice jeans or khaki pants. Students attending Connect Conference are asked to wear proper official dress for all conference sessions.
- 5.** Appropriate casual dress **must be** worn to the dance. **Shirts must have sleeves.** No alcohol, drugs, tobacco advertising or inappropriate language on any shirts. No cut off shirts or blouses. 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.** Students must be in their rooms at the 11:45 p.m. curfew. Students should not be wandering the hallways or ordering pizza after curfew. The entertainment will end at 11:30 p.m. Advisors will be monitoring the students.
- 7.** Students are not allowed to use alcohol, tobacco products, vaping products 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.
- 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.** Students will be given conference wristbands based on the conference they are attending – this indicates the room that students need to report to for the session they are assigned. Students are divided up in each conference to meet new people. Please indicate to them that they need to be in the meeting rooms they are assigned.
- 13.** Students are asked to check out of their hotel rooms during breakfast time or before leaving the hotel they are assigned to. Advisors may also want to check out at that time but have the option of keeping their rooms until later in the morning. Check out of all hotel rooms is before 11:00 a.m. on Saturday.
- 14.** Give students a final pep talk that the success of the conference depends upon their participation. It depends on each person being responsible and following the guidelines and expectations of the conference.
- 15.** If students or advisors have concerns throughout the event, there will be an incident reporting system available for both students and advisors to use. More information will be given at the conference.

Thank you for your full cooperation in making our conference a safe and successful event for all those in attendance!!