



Livingston FFA 2019-2020

To: State Convention Attendees

From: The Ag Teachers

Re: State FFA Convention – July 15-19 Ft Worth, TX

Hello to all! I hope this letter finds you enjoying your summer break and looking forward to State FFA Convention. We will depart from LHS Ag Building on either on Monday, July 15th at 7:00am. Please arrive between 6:30-6:45am so we can all help load up! Whatever you need for Monday on the ride and until we get to the hotel, please have handy in your “carry on,” you may not be able to get to your large luggage.

You will receive:

- \$91 dollars from the school district for meal money
- The booster club has donated \$35 additional dollars for your meals which you will receive the night of our nice dinner.

What you need to bring:

1. Extra money for meals and any souvenirs that you may want to purchase; we will eat out nice, at least once.
2. 20 dollars for Dinner and Activity at Main Event.
3. Leather gloves for day of service.
4. Sunscreen
5. Hat for day of service
6. Official dress will be worn everyday, with the exception of fun night and the concert.
7. Your hotel room, registration, dance, etc. have been paid for by the chapter. Our hotel accommodations for the week are Hilton Garden Fort Worth Fossil Creek.

Here is a **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE** for the week...

MONDAY, JULY 15

LUNCH

1:00 PM Day of Service volunteering

Group bonding/ fun activity

DINNER/Activity

TUESDAY, JULY 16

8:00 a.m. General Registration Opens

10:00 a.m. Exhibits Open



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LUNCH

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1:15 p.m. Pre-Session Begins/Delegate Check-In

2:00 p.m. **Opening Session**

- New Chapter Recognition

- Keynote Speaker

5:00 p.m. Texas FFA Rodeo Finals - Shepherd's Valley Cowboy Church

8:00 p.m. Convention Kick-Off Concert – Entertainer announcement coming soon!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17- OD

8:00 a.m. Area Delegation Caucuses

- Business Session Briefing

- State Officer Election Speeches & Balloting

10:00 a.m. **Second General Session**

- John Justin "Standard of the West" Awards

- Ryan Mott Scholarship

- Speaking Development Event Awards

- AFNR Quiz Bowl Awards

- Delegate Business Session #1

LUNCH

11:30 a.m. Feedlot Food Court by Fuddruckers – Menu TBD

12:45 p.m. Pre-Session Begins

1:30 p.m. **Third General Session**

- HLSR Scholarships

- Lone Star Championship Review (CDE/LDE State Winners)

- Nursery/Landscape CDE Scholarships

- Agriscience Fair Results

- Delegate Business Session #2 (If needed)

6:00 p.m. **Fourth General Session**

- Stars Over Texas Awards

- Proficiency Awards

- Lone Star Degree Ceremony and Presentation (Area 9 is first)

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THURSDAY, JULY 12- OD

9:00 a.m. **Fifth General Session**

- Announcement of Final 12 State Officer Candidates

- Farm Credit Scholarships

- Wallrath Educational Foundation Scholarships

- Texas FFA Foundation Scholarships (C.J. "Red" Davidson, FWSS&R, Vickie Rosenbusch Memorial, Texas Ag Ed, Young Farmers)



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- Fort Worth Stock Show Syndicate - Jim Bob Norman Scholarships
 - Final Candidate Speeches & Election
 - 11:30 a.m. Feedlot Food Court by Fuddruckers - Menu TBD
 - 11:30 a.m. Scholarship Luncheons (SALE & all Foundation Scholarships)
 - 11:30 a.m. Ford Leadership Scholars Luncheon
 - 12:15 p.m. Wallrath Scholarship Luncheon
 - 1:30 p.m. **Sixth General Session**
 - Ford Leadership Scholars Recognition
 - SALE Scholarships
 - SALE Tour Guide Scholarships
 - Rodeo Austin Scholarships
 - Fort Worth Stock Show Scholarships
 - Golden Horizon Award
 - National Chapter Award
 - Young Farmers Scholarship
 - 6:00 p.m. Texas FFA Alumni Auction
 - 6:00 p.m. Pre-Session Begins
 - 6:30 p.m. **Seventh General Session**
 - Fun Night - Theme coming soon!
 - 9:10 p.m. Convention Dance

After the afternoon session, we will head back to the hotel and quickly grab food. We will head back to the convention center for "Fun Night" and the State Talent Competition then the Texas FFA Dance. It is during this session that the Texas FFA Alumni Auction will be held so some of the teachers will be in that meeting.

Dress Code for fun night and the dance is as follows... ALL students must wear NICE jeans, school appropriate pants, dresses or shorts, no holes and school appropriate shirts (no tank tops). All shirts must have sleeves. Something to always remember: "You are representing Livingston FFA, and be sure you are portraying a nice appearance!"

FRIDAY, JULY 13

We will get up and head to convention in official dress to find out who our next Texas FFA State President will be. When we pack up that morning, we will have to pack the bus. Be sure to have a change of clothes handy because you will be able to change out of official dress for the ride home. After the closing session we will head back home!

9:00 a.m. **Eighth General Session**

- Honorary Lone Star Degree Ceremony
- Recognizing Convention Volunteers
- Announcement of State President



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- Installation of 2019-20 State Officers

A FEW THINGS TO REMEMBER: You are representing the Livingston FFA and you will be expected to show respect to EVERYONE while we are on our trip. We will have a very busy schedule, most times we will not know when we will be arriving back at the hotel but you will have an early, established departure time EACH day! At times things tend to get a bit hectic, but you will be expected to be on time to each meeting/session and most important of all- NO WHINING! We are a group and will do things as a group. You will be expected to be in proper Official Dress during the day, if you have questions about proper Official Dress, please talk to one of the Ag teachers before we leave!! Girls must wear knee length skirts and black panty hose everyday! Bring extra panty hose!! Gentleman must wear black shoes with black socks. If you are not in proper official dress, you will not be allowed to participate in convention. You are going to want to bring casual clothes for everyday as well. Ladies, nice shorts will be okay for some activities... as long as they are not super short. If you need to ask if something is too short, chances are it is! You will be required to change if shorts and shirts are too revealing. This is a school function and we will follow ALL school rules.

If you would like additional information about the convention, please visit the Texas FFA Website, www.texasffa.org. Please fill out a permission slip and return it back to the Ag teachers. We are expecting an awesome trip and we are glad that you will be with us! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!

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