

CA FFA – Jill Sperling

# National FFA Convention Informational Meeting

October 6, 2026

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# General Guidelines

- Travel with student permission slips/medical release forms
- Always travel in groups for safety!
- Be professional & act appropriately at all times
- Official dress should be worn to all convention activities except for concert, rodeo & tours (BLACK NYLONS)
- Convention badge **MUST** be worn at all times for access to convention activities (including concert, rodeo & tours)
- Download **FREE** convention app





# Daily Activities – Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

- Competitive events
- Expo & shopping mall
- Delegate events
- Student & teacher workshops
- Career success tours
- Award recognition ceremonies
- Student showcase stage
- National days of service





# Schedule Overview

## WEDNESDAY 10/21

- Opening Session IA
- Concert – Ty Myers
- Rodeo

## THURSDAY 10/22

- Opening Session IB
- 2<sup>nd</sup> General Session
- 3<sup>rd</sup> General Session
- Rodeo
- Hypnotist Shows

## FRIDAY 10/23

- 4<sup>th</sup> General Session
- 5<sup>th</sup> General Session
- 6<sup>th</sup> General Session
- Rodeo

## SATURDAY 10/24

- American Degree Ceremony (Z-A)
- 7<sup>th</sup> General Session



# National FFA Convention App



**FREE**

Download from your App Store.



**Benefits include:**

- Create your own daily schedule!
- FFA Expo exhibitors & Shopping Mall Vendors
- Exclusive preview of new ShopFFA merch
- Maps for all venues
- Breaking news & results
- A-Z Guide



# Concert: Ty Myers with Avery Anna

- Wednesday @ Gainbridge Fieldhouse
- Doors open at 6:30 pm; starts at 7:30 pm
- Assigned seating based on admission ticket
- Attendees MUST have:
  - (1) Ticketmaster mobile ticket
  - (2) Convention badge for entry



# Three Hills Rodeo

- Corteva Coliseum (Indiana State Fairgrounds)
- Wednesday, Thursday & Friday evening shows  
Doors open at 5:00 pm; Show starts at 6:30 pm
- Friday matinee  
Doors open at 12:00 pm; Show starts at 1:30 pm
- Attendees **MUST** have:
  - (1) Admission ticket
  - (2) Convention badge for entry



# Hypnotist Show – Hypnotized Live

- Indiana Convention Center, Sagamore Ballroom
- Thursday

Two shows: 5:30 pm & 8:00 pm

- Attendees MUST have:
  - (1) Convention badge for entry



# Liability Waivers

- Make sure that after you register your group, you ADD NAMES and EMAIL ADDRESSES
- Nat'l FFA system will automatically send email with waivers for participants to sign (if under 18, a parent/guardian must sign)
- All waivers must be submitted BEFORE registration is considered complete
- No badges will be given out to those missing waiver forms



# On-Site Registration and Badge Pick-Up

## Hall A – Indiana Convention Center

- Tuesday, 10/20: 1 pm – 8 pm
- Wednesday, 10/21: 8 am – 8 pm
- Thursday, 10/22: 7 am – 7 pm
- Friday, 10/23: 7 am – 7 pm

## Lucas Oil Stadium

- Saturday, 10/24: 6:30 am – 9 am



# Still Need to Register?



## Standard Registration

- Before 10/20  
\$115/person for week
- On-Site – Beginning 10/20  
\$120/person for week



## Daily Registration

- Before 10/20:  
\$55 for Wed, Thurs, Fri  
\$30 for Sat
- On-Site (10/20-24):  
\$60 for Wed, Thurs, Fri  
\$35 for Sat

# *Acceptable Forms of Payment*

- Gainbridge Fieldhouse, Lucas Oil Stadium & Indiana Convention Center = CASHLESS; credit/debit cards
- Concessions & Retail Outlets = credit/debit cards, Apple/Google Pay
- FFA Mega Store = will still accept cash, credit/debit cards
- All venues have Cash-to-Card machines to convert cash to pre-paid debit cards at no expense; can be used at any venue where credit/debit cards are accepted





# American FFA Degree Ceremony



- Saturday, Oct. 24 @ Lucas Oil Stadium
  - Must have badge/daily ticket to enter
  - CA Degree Reserved Seating – posted online soon
  - Open seating for families, advisors, etc. in rest of stadium
  - Ceremony begins at 7:30 am
  - State order is Z-A; CA will go towards the end
  - Certificates & pins will be mailed to chapters for that cannot attend
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# CA Block Hotel – JW Marriott



- Check-in time: 4:00 pm; Check-out time: 11:00 am
- Valet parking = \$80/day (front of hotel)
- Self parking = \$64/day (located off Washington St. past the Courtyard by Marriott & SpringHill Suites, second entrance off Maryland St)
- No free Wi-Fi
- Fitness center & in-house laundry services
- **Starbucks** – Open 6:30 am – 4:00 pm daily
- **High Velocity Restaurant** – Open Mon-Thurs 6:30 am – 12:00 am;  
Fri – Sat 7:00 am – 1:00 am
- **Dean's Steak & Seafood** – Open Mon-Thurs 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm;  
Fri – Sat 5:00 pm – 11:00 pm



# CA Block Hotel – Courtyard by Marriott

- Check-in time: 4:00 pm; Check-out time: 11:00 am
- Valet parking = \$65/day; Self parking = \$40/day
- Free Wi-Fi
- Fitness center & in-house laundry services
- **The Bistro** – breakfast & limited dinner menu; speciality beverages with Starbucks coffee

Open daily from 6:30 am – 11:00 am & 5:00 pm – 12:00 am



# CA Delegate Information

- Hugh Mooney, Jill Sperling & Carrie Phillips will be supervising
- Travel itineraries were distributed at delegate training
- Make sure name on itinerary matches name on student's ID for flights
- Ages 18+ must have REAL ID-compliant identification
- Under 18 – still need ID with them for flight (school student ID is ok)
- Delegates stay at The Westin (across the street from Conv Center)
- Daily delegate activities and check-ins with State Staff & State Officers
- Need to make sure that their waivers are complete



Questions?

