

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION State Leadership Conference

Frequently Asked Questions Updated 2/6/25

CHAPTER REGISTRATION and FFA STORE

Where do I pick up registration?

Thursday, April 3

Registration open from 9am-6pm at the SCUCC, Hall A Registration (middle) door at Golden 1 Center 6pm-9pm (no t-shirts handed out at Golden 1 Center, must pick up at SCUCC only) Information table inside main entrance of Golden 1 Center 6pm-9pm

Friday, April 4

Information booth open 7:00am-2:30pm; 4:30pm-9:30pm SCUCC, West Lobby Registration open from 10:00am-2:30pm; 4:30pm-9:30pm at the SCUCC, Hall A Registration (middle) door at Golden 1 Center 8am-11am; 2pm-5pm Information table inside main entrance of Golden 1 Center 8am-11am; 2pm-5pm Concession Vouchers sold outside 4:30pm-9:30pm SCUCC, West Plaza

Saturday, April 5

Registration open from 9am-2:30pm at the SCUCC, Hall A Registration (middle) door at Golden 1 Center 8am-11am; 2pm-5pm; 7pm-10pm Information table inside main entrance of Golden 1 Center 8am-11am; 2pm-5pm; 7pm-10pm

Sunday, April 6

Registration (middle) door at Golden 1 Center 8am-11am Information table inside main entrance of Golden 1 Center 8am-11am

What are students to wear?

The official FFA uniform is the appropriate attire for all conference activities with the exception of the Thursday night opening session where your students are asked to wear

their conference t-shirt and the Friday evening entertainment event at the convention center.

Can we purchase session passes for parents and guests?

Session passes and one-day passes can be purchased in advance on Calaged until March 21 or on-site. Session passes will allow individuals to attend a particular session. Session passes cost \$40 each.

Single-day pass will allow individuals into all activities for that specific day and will include a conference t-shirt. Single-day passes cost \$100 each.

What do we need to get into activities?

With registration each participant will receive a conference wristband which will allow them access to all conference activities. Delegates will receive a name badge in addition to the wristband that will allow them access to the arena floor. Single-day participants will receive a wristband based on which day they are attending the conference while session passes will be provided to those that are attending a single session only. All credentials will be included in the chapter registration packet if online registration is complete by March 21.

What are the FFA Store hours?

Thursday, April 3: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm. Friday, April 4: 10:00 am - 2:30 pm and 4:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Saturday, April 5: 9:00 am - 2:30 pm.

What type of payments will the FFA Store accept?

Credit Cards, Apple Pay, Checks and Cash will be accepted at the FFA Store.

SESSIONS at Golden 1 Center

What is the dress expectation for sessions?

All students are expected to be in official dress, with the exception of session 1. Remember official dress does not include hats. Conference T-shirt is expected for session 1.

How early can we get into the arena before each session? Doors will open an hour before the start of each session.

SCHEDULE

Where can I find the latest schedule? <u>https://www.calaged.org/event_type/state_convention/information</u>

DELEGATES

Is each chapter required to participate in the State FFA Leadership Conference? According to the State FFA Constitution & Bylaws, each chapter is required to have, at a minimum, two voting delegates in attendance at the State FFA Leadership Conference to remain in good standing.

When do delegates need to arrive on Thursday and where do they report?

The delegate orientation begins at 1pm at the SCUCC. Delegate committee meetings will start soon after. The conference app will have room details. Committee assignments can be found on www.calaged.org.

What is required participation for delegates?

According to the constitution each chapter must have two delegates registered for the State Conference. Roll is taken at each session to ensure that the delegates are present. In addition, each delegate is to participate in voting and the business session following session four. Voting will occur during the delegate session and the election will be during session seven.

Where do delegates sit during conference sessions?

Delegates must sit on the floor during ALL conference sessions. <u>This includes the first</u> <u>session</u>.

Will teachers have access to their delegates on the floor?

No. However, if there is an emergency or need to reach your delegates go to the aisle between section 121 and 122 or please text your regional supervisor.

FOOD and VOUCHERS

How and where can food be purchased?

Food will be available at the <u>Golden 1 Center</u>, <u>SAFE Credit Union Convention Center</u>, food trucks outside of the SCUCC and <u>select restaurants</u> have created FFA meal combos and will accept the vouchers. Concession vouchers are the accepted method of payment at the food trucks while concession vouchers and credit cards are accepted at the Golden 1 Center and SCUCC.

Can we purchase concession vouchers on site?

Concession vouchers can be purchased at Registration in the SCUCC and at Golden 1 Center.

Are there breakfast options available?

Many hotels are offering a complimentary breakfast as part of the group block. Check with your hotel. Additionally, breakfast will be offered at the Golden 1 Center concession stands on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings. They are participating in the \$20 meal vouchers. Additionally, a la carte items may be purchased with credit cards.

When will food trucks be available?

Food trucks will be available for Thursday lunch, Friday lunch, and Friday dinner.

Are concession vouchers accepted all days of the conference?

Yes, they are accepted Thursday to Sunday at the Golden 1 Center, SCUCC, food trucks and select participating restaurants.

AGRISCIENCE FAIR

When and where is the Agriscience Fair setup and takedown?

The Agriscience Fair setup will be done ahead of time by California FFA. All Display Boards will be printed by California FFA. Finalists will need to remove the boards from the SCUCC on Saturday, April 5 by 2 pm.

When and where are the Agriscience Fair team interviews?

The Agriscience Fair team Interviews will begin at 10 am and conclude by 5 pm on Wednesday, April 2. All schools who registered on Judging Card will be contacted with their assigned interview times

When and where is the Agriscience Fair awards ceremony?

The Agriscience Fair awards will take place on Friday, April 4 at 12:00 pm on the stage in the Exhibit Hall of the SCUCC. All 1st place winners and top 5 teams will then need to report to the Golden 1 Center on Saturday, April 5 for the announcement of overall project winners and the State Champion Teams.

INTERVIEWS & AWARD FINALISTS

When and where are scholarship and proficiency award interviews?

Proficiency and Scholarship interviews will take place on Friday, April 4 in SCUCC. Finalists should report at 8 am in Hall A. Be sure to bring your addressed and stamped thank you cards with you.

When are Star Award interviews?

Star Administrator, Star Advisor, Star Counselor, Star Report, Star Supporting Staff, National Chapter and Web Page finalists will be interviewed as part of the Delegate Committee structure on Thursday, April 3rd at 1:30 pm at the SCUCC.

I have an award finalist, where do they report in the arena?

Check in for all sessions is 45 minutes prior to the session beginning at the Golden 1 Center at the Sponsors/Awards Check-In booth at the entrance of the arena or go to the aisle between section 121 and 122 and proceed to the floor and you will be directed from there. Please check your letter for the correct session.

FRIDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

What is the Friday Night Activity and Entertainment?

The State Officers invite all attendees to attend "Flame Fest" at SCUCC. Doors will open at 5:30pm with the Career Show kicking off at 6:00pm. Food trucks in the West Plaza and concession stands inside the hall and upstairs will be open all evening. Activities will include silent disco, DJ, line dancing as well as other games. We are also excited to announce the "Day of Service" project.

Who can attend Flame Fest?

All conference attendees with a conference wristband or Friday single-day wristband will be able to attend Flame Fest. Session passes will be available at the Information table in the SCUCC West Lobby for \$40 per person if a wristband is not present to FFA members, advisors, and guests.

What is the Day of Service Event?

California FFA has partnered with Project Linus to make 500 no-sew blankets for children in the Central Valley. Sign ups for joining in the event can be found on judgingcard.com on April 4th. This event will be limited to the first 500 participants. Students can drop in during the Flame Fest (Level 2, Ballroom 9) to build a blanket or two, with a friend and will earn Community Service Hours for their AET Recordbooks. Everything you need for this event will be provided.

WAIVERS

Does everyone who's attending the conference need to fill out the waiver?

Every person attending the California State FFA Leadership Conference April 3-6, 2025 will need to fill out an online waiver. The number of registered participants must match the number of waivers received from your chapter before registration packets will be released. To avoid any delays picking up registration materials send this link out today to

all of your registered participants and encourage them to complete the form by Friday, March 21, 2025. After this date chapters will be notified of any missing forms.

https://mosaicevents.eventsair.com/2025-ca-ffa-participant-waiver/particpant-waiver/

If your chapter has last minute attendee changes, have the new attendee fill out the waiver. Onsite additions can be made, but a waiver will be required before credentials are handed over.

GOLDEN 1 CENTER

What bags can be brought into the arena?

Bags size should not exceed 8"x6"x1". Backpacks are not allowed. All registered participants will receive a drawstring backpack at registration and are encouraged to use this as their bag.

What about water bottles in the arena?

Water bottles are not allowed but can be purchased inside the arena.

Do we need a ticket to get into the arena?

The wristbands provided at registration will get you into the arena.

Will there be security screenings entering the arena?

Security screenings will occur outside of the arena as guests walk up to the entrance. Attendees will walk past sensor machines, and only if an issue is detected will a bag check occur. However, arena staff will be visually checking for the appropriate credentials required for entry (wristband, session pass, etc.)

Are strollers permitted?

Strollers are permitted in the arena. There are no dimension specifications but they do need to be staged at their Guest Experience Area at Section 109.

Will there be a nursing station?

A nursing station is available at the First Aid offices for mothers who are breastfeeding. Additionally, a Mamava Pod is located by Section 211. Breast pumps are allowed through security, including their power aspects. If it is a fully packed breast pump, it will be permitted.

Are diaper bags allowed?

Diaper bags are allowed inside the arena, but must not be larger than 16" x 16" x 8".

What about food in the arena?

The arena food courts will be open during sessions. You can use vouchers or credit cards to make your purchase. The arena is a cashless venue.

Is outside food allowed to be brought into the arena?

Only those with medical conditions will be allowed to bring in outside food. They will still need to go through security.

CAREER SHOW

What are the career show hours?

- Thursday, April 3, 2025, 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- Friday, April 4, 2025, 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM and 6:00 PM 8:00 PM
- Saturday, April 5, 2025, 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM (there will be limited exhibitors on Saturday)

PARKING

Information regarding parking garages, purchasing spots ahead of time and more can be found here: <u>Parking_Information_23180705-6b65-49c5-8b38-6d39037ff6be.pdf (simpleviewinc.com)</u>

MISCELLANEOUS

We need to check-out of our hotel room prior to the final session. What do we do with our luggage?

We recommend leaving your luggage with the Bell Desk and your hotel. It is safer than leaving it in your vehicle.

Will there be a nursing station at the convention center?

A nursing station will be available in the Green Room on the second level at SCUCC. To access, take the main escalators from the lobby up to the top floor and enter via the door across from Meeting Room 3. There will be signage.