



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

TO: FFA Chapter Advisors

FROM: Mrs. Jasmine Standridge, State FFA Leadership Development Coordinator
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SUBJECT: **2024 CHANGE MAKERS SUMMIT CONFERENCE**

For the first time, we are pleased to offer the fourth program in our leadership and personal growth continuum, Change Makers Summit (CMS) for our fourth-year members. Students must be enrolled in an agricultural education course to participate in this program, which targets incoming high school seniors.

CHANGE MAKERS SUMMIT

Who: Incoming seniors

When: 1 conference in July on the 17th – 18th

Dress: Day 1 – CA FFA Official Dress, casual dress for dinner and night activity

_Day 2 – Conference T-shirt, jeans, and close toe shoes appropriate for hands-on learning or tours and remainder of CMS day 2

What: Each student will:

- Map their FFA journey
- Connect their FFA journey to the agriculture industry
- Discover the career paths in agriculture
- Gain tips on effective communication when looking for internships or jobs
- Panel discussion with FFA Alumni and industry leaders
- Unlock resources to stay connected to FFA after graduating
- Expand on hands-on learning through industry tours

Hotel Reservations: FFA advisors are responsible for booking hotel rooms needed directly with the hotel. California FFA has organized a block of rooms for each conference on a first-come, first-served basis. Please look at the hotel list and booking information on the conference's individual registration page. Once the hotel block is full, chapters will need to look for lodging at neighboring hotels.

A few benefits of advisors booking their own rooms include:

- FFA Advisors are not required to identify student names when registering.
- FFA Advisors will have more control of their own rooming lists

Electronic Check-In/ Registration. Computer-based check in for chapters on site please know how many students you brought for each conference and how many advisors. It is also helpful if you know their shirt size and have a chart made if they did not indicate their shirt size on registration!

Registration:

Change Makers Summit for 2024 will be hosted at California State University, Fresno. The address and full site details will be included.

The early registration cost of the conference is \$160 per participant + a \$8 Judging Card Fee and \$63 + \$5 Judging Card fee for advisor/chaperone and opens Monday, May 20, 2024, at 7:00 AM PST. Full registration increases by \$10 to \$178 per student starting June 1 and ALL registration closes June 14, 2024, at 5:00 PM PST. **Online registration and payment must be submitted to Judging Card.**

A maximum of 150 seats will be available for the conference. To be certain you secure the number of seats you need, complete the registration materials, and submit payment immediately. The conference will begin promptly at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, July 17 and conclude no later than 3:00 PM Thursday, July 18th. The conference will include two (1) dinners, two (1) breakfast, and one (1) lunch.

ALL REGISTRATION IS HANDLED ON A FIRST-COME BASIS.

One or two weeks prior to your registered conference, you will receive an email with additional instructions. Just like every other conference, we will not be printing and handing out certificates to participants. The certificates will be available on calaged.org > Events > Change Makers Summit.

Teacher Expectations:

Registration will begin at 12 noon through 12:45pm. Please arrive between those times knowing how many students and chaperones you brought. Shirts will be laid out for advisors to grab by chapter and size(s) submitted after checking in at registration along with certificate folders. Following the start of the conference there will be an **advisor/chaperone meeting around 1:15 - 1:30pm.**

New to this conference, we are asking that advisors please drive students to and from Fresno State since the hotel is separate from the conference sessions and meals. Parking is \$5 per vehicle per day however, California FFA will absorb that cost to make the driving and parking ask agreeable for advisors and chaperones.

Advisors will be expected to supervise students and be present with them during breaks and be available on site in the event of an emergency or for student management. A school staff member/chaperone must always be present on site and in supervision while students are in participation at an out-of-school sponsored event.

Liability Waiver - California FFA is not directly responsible for students, advisors or chaperones attending events sanctioned by the state association. Local school districts and designated advisors/chaperones are responsible for the oversight and management of themselves and their students. Local management also includes securing proper insurance and medical waivers as designated by a chapter's local school board.

Change Makers Summit

2024 Conference Dates and Locations

Line Item	Location	Address
Sessions	Satellite Student Union, Fresno State	2485 E. San Ramon Avenue, Fresno, CA 93740
Meals	Satellite Student Union, Fresno State	2485 E. San Ramon Avenue, Fresno, CA 93740
Lodging	Hilton Garden Inn - Clovis	520 W. Shaw Avenue, Clovis 93612

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