

California FFA Association

2021 NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

HOUSING RESERVATIONS



Dear Agriculture Instructors,

The 94th annual National FFA Convention & Expo will be held in-person from October 27-30, 2021. This year, chapters traveling to Indianapolis will be able to access the 200 hotel rooms in the CA State Hotel Block. These are the rooms typically offered only to those chapters traveling on the state trip. However, with changes this year due to COVID, we are making our room block available to all chapters to reserve. Both of our hotels are located downtown and are a 5-10 minute walk from the Indianapolis Convention Center (Registration, Career Expo & FFA Shopping Mall) and a 10-15 minute walk from Lucas Oil Stadium (all convention sessions).

Hotel Details & Room Rates:

- HILTON INDIANAPOLIS -- 120 West Market Street, Downtown Indianapolis
 - Deluxe King Suite - Rate \$184 (1-2 people), \$194 (3 people), \$204 (4 people) **(tax not included)**
 - Deluxe Queen/Queen Suite - Rate \$212 (1-2 people), \$222 (3 people), \$232 (4-6 people) **(tax not included)**
 - Traditional King - Rate \$155 1-2 people **(tax not included)**
- SHERATON INDIANAPOLIS CITY CENTRE -- 31 West Ohio Street, Downtown Indianapolis
 - Deluxe Double - Rate \$208 (1-4 people) **(tax not included)**

Booking Reservations:

- All attendees will be booking online on the Housing website with a valid credit card.
- Credit cards must have an expiration date of November 1, 2021 or later.
- State Blocks have pre-assigned inventory.
- Reservations may be booked online into our state block starting on July 14. You need to utilize this designated access code or URL: <https://book.passkey.com/go/2021CAState>

Sharing Hotel Room Costs:

Often times, schools will have odd numbers of participants and have issues filling hotel rooms. Typical capacity is 2 adults per room and 4 students per room. For example, if a chapter has 6 female students, 4 would be roomed together and you would have another room with only 2 students. To minimize costs to your chapter, we recommend pairing up with another chapter to save on hotel expenses. If you would like help coordinating rooms for your "misfits", please email Jill Sperling by July 10 with your needs.

National Delegates Housing:

CA FFA will be reserving all flights, hotel rooms and registration for delegates. If you have a delegate, you SHOULD NOT reserve housing for them using this system. They will be housed at the Westin and those reservations are handled by State Staff.

Housing Reservation System Dates:

July 14, 2021 - 10:00 AM, PST	State Housing Opens for online reservations
September 8, 2021 - 2:00 PM, PST	Cut-off Date for new reservations within State Block. Any rooms not booked by this date at 2:00 PM will be released.
September 30, 2021 - 2:00 PM, PST	Housing Cut-Off Date at 2PM, last day for changes, cancellations through Housing Bureau.

Cancellation Policy:

October 1, 2021	Hotel Reservation Access Date. <i>Guests will be referred to hotels directly for all changes and cancellations and billing arrangements, starting on October 1.</i>
July 14, 2021 - August 11, 2021	Room reservations cancelled between July 14 - August 11 will NOT incur a cancellation fee per room cancelled.
August 12, 2021 - September 30, 2021	Room reservations cancelled between August 12 - September 30 will incur a one night's room and tax, non-refundable cancellation fee per room cancelled. You may make changes to the reservation without penalty, but if the reservation is cancelled the penalty fee will be charged to the credit card associated with the reservation. Prior to making the cancellation you may go into the reservation and change the credit card.
October 1, 2021 - Arrival date:	1 night's room and tax cancellation policy to be charged by the hotel for each room reservation cancelled.

Other Important Information:

Rates/Sales Tax not included:	Rates posted for the convention are <i>no longer inclusive of tax; tax information is listed on reservation recap online and reservation acknowledgement. (Tax rates are approximately 17%)</i>
Late Arrivals	If any party will be arriving after the reservation check-in day, please contact the hotel in advance to inform them of the change in arrival date. Not providing advanced notice to the hotel may result in a charge of one night's room and tax and loss of rooms.
Early Departures	An early departure fee of one night's room and tax may be charged to a guest who departs prior to the reserved check-out date. Guests wishing to avoid this fee must advise the hotel at or before check-in of any change in the scheduled length of stay. The hotel will inform the guest of this fee upon check-in; giving the guest the option to change the check-out date upon arrival without penalty.
Purchase Orders	Arrangements to pay final hotel bill by purchase order must be made in advance directly with the hotel. A purchase order may not be an acceptable form of payment at all hotels.

We are excited about the opportunity to have an in-person event in Indianapolis this October and hope to see representatives from your chapter there!

For questions about reserving rooms through the housing block, please contact Jill Sperling at jsperling@cde.ca.gov or (559) 303-3148.