

Ridgedale FFA trip to State FFA Convention May 1-2, 2025

FEBURARY 10, 2025

FFA Member and Parents:

If you would like to attend this year's State FFA Convention, at the Ohio State Fairgrounds in Columbus Ohio, then this letter is for you. The Convention is only a few weeks away and plans are already being made to show you a great time. You can be a part of the largest youth convention in the world, see motivational speakers, entertainers, state officers and some of the most exciting attractions in Columbus. You will also see local chapters receive awards and have the chance to see State/ National FFA members.

This year's Convention will be held from May 1 & 2, 2025 in Columbus Ohio at the Ohio State Fairgrounds. Please look over the attached itinerary for details. We will be taking a bus. The Cost of the trip is \$125.00 per person. This will include the following: Bus, Hotel, Registration, Tours, and Breakfast each morning, a night at dinner. This application and the \$50.00 deposit are due to Mrs Guthrie by Friday February 28th, 2025 by 3:00pm. All checks are to be made out to The Ridgedale FFA. Because of limitations on the bus and Hotel rooms, Ridgedale is only allowed to take 25 students. If not selected to attend, all deposits will be returned immediately.

Please look over the itinerary and convention schedule and the rest of the application. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at school (740-383-2167 ext. 415) or on my cell phone (740-251-7991)

Sincerely:

Mrs. Guthrie

Ridgedale FFA Advisor.

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******Attach GRADE Sheet with Teachers Initials**
COMPLETE ITINERARY

FOR THE STATE FFA CONVENTION 2023

FOR COLUMBUS, OHIO

May 1st (Thursday)

- Leave School at 7:30am
- Convention Registration (included)
- 10am Convention Opening session
- Lunch at Convention
- 4pm Check into Hotel Comfort In Lyra Dr. Polaris
- 5:30 pm Dinner at TBA
- Scene 75
- Hotel Swimming till 10:30 pm
- 11:30 pm Room Checks

May 2nd (Friday)

- Breakfast at Hotel in the morning. We will leave the hotel by 8am.
- 9 am Convention Session Officer Books Awards,
- Arrive at Convention Career Show / Agri Science Fair / Proficiency Awards, Talent Show, Workshops, Band and Chorus
- State Degree session Hopefully afternoon session
- Back to Ridgedale by 6 pm

Name:

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1. Describe the main three reasons you are interested in attending the convention and what you expect to gain from the trip., goals, and Ridgedale FFA Activities you have been involved in since you join as a member.

2. What are your top 5 Activities that you have participated in FFA

(Use a separate sheet if necessary.)

2. Each of your teachers must sign the following form, stating your eligibility to miss their class from May 2nd and 3rd.

	Teacher	Class	Teacher's Signature
Period 1			
Period 2			
Period 3			
Period 4			
Period 5			
Period 6/7			
Period 9			
Period 10			
Period 11			

How much have you sold in the Fruit Sale and Flower Sale and how much have you SOLD??

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Fall Sale _____

Flower Sale _____

Why do you want to attend the Convention?

What are your GOALS in Ag and FFA for this coming Year?

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- 1) STUDENTS NEED TO HAVE THE APPLICATION COMPLETED AND TURNED IN ON TIME.
- 2) DEPOSIT MONEY MUST BE TURNED IN WITH THE APPLICATION.
- 3) YOU MUST NOT BE FAILING OR FAILING ANY CLASS THE FIRST SIX WEEKS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. IN OTHER WORDS, YOU MUST HAVE A 'C' AVERAGE OR ABOVE IN ALL CLASSES
- 4) CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT. THE MORE YOU DO, THE MORE YOU GET OUT OF IT.
- 5) ATTENDANCE TO SCHOOL AND TARDIES TO CLASS.
- 6) COMPLETENESS OF APPLICATION.
- 7) ATTITUDE AND RESPECT FOR THE FFA PROGRAM AND MRS. GUTHRIE
- 8) STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT ATTENDED THE CONVENTION BEFORE WILL BE GIVEN THE FIRST CHOICE. STUDENTS WHO HAVE ATTENDED STATE CONVENTIONS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN A CHOICE BEFORE THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND.
- 9) SELECTION PROCESS – OFFICERS, THEN SOPHOMORES WHO HAVE NOT ATTENDED, FRESHMAN, JUNIORS

OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER:

- 1) IN ADDITION TO THE \$75, EACH STUDENT NEEDS TO HAVE AT LEAST \$50 FOR OTHER MEALS AND EXTRAS THAT MIGHT OCCUR THAT THEY TAKE WITH THEM.
- 2) HAVE YOU BEEN IN ANY TROUBLE ON PREVIOUS TRIPS?
- 3) REMEMBER THIS IS A PRIVILEGE AND ONE SHOULD TREAT IT AS SUCH. NOTHING IS A SURE TICKET
- 4) INCLUDED IN THE \$100.00 IS THE HOTEL W / BREAKFAST, LUNCH, TOURS and 3 MEALS and Convention Registration

State Convention Packing List:

- 1) Hotel Comfort Inn, Lyra Drive, Columbus (Polaris) 614-791-9700
- 2) Bring an Insurance Card - (JUST IN CASE)
- 3) Extra Money - Some meals are paid for. ?????? \$50-75. There is a Shopping mall and food court at the convention.
- 4) Bring your ***School Assignments***
- 5) Packing List
 - A) MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR OFFICIAL DRESS

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-2 WHITE, COLLARED SHIRTS, AND 2 BLACK DRESS PANTS OR 2 BLACK DRESS SKIRTS ARE SUGGESTED ALONG WITH BLACK SHOES, BLACK SOCKS OR HOSE, AND AN FFA TIE OR SCARF

- B) CASUAL CLOTHES FOR 2 DAYS
- C) SWIMMING SUITS
- D) DRESS SHOES
- E) TOILETRIES
- F) LIGHT JACKET

6) No Breaking School Rules: Smoking, curfew, dress code ETC.....

CONTACT INFORMATION

*****CELL PHONES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED DURING THE CONVENTION AND TOURS IF YOU NEED TO GET A HOLD OF YOUR CHILD IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY PLEASE CALL MY CELL AT 740-251-7991.

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE STATE FFA CONVENTION

SINCERELY,

MRS. KRIS GUTHRIE

Convention Cost 2024

30.00	Convention Registration
45.00	Hotel Room
20.00	Texas Roadhouse
<u>30.00</u>	Scene 75
125	*** Suggested spending money \$50



Event Information

97TH OHIO FFA CONVENTION

MAY 1-2, 2025 • OHIO EXPO CENTER • COLUMBUS, OHIO

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

8:00 am Set Up: Agriscience Fair, Proficiencies, & National Chapter Displays – Bricker
8:00 am Convention Registration Open – Celeste
8:00 am Ag Mechanics Engineering CDE – Bricker
8:00 am Career Show & Expo Open – Bricker
8:00 am Ohio FFA Fashion Place Open – Bricker
8:00 am Industry Welcome Breakfast – Kasich
for State Officer Candidates
8:30 am Workshops – Bricker

9:45 am PRE-SESSION

10:00 am FIRST SESSION

Opening Ceremony
Teacher/Administrator Recognition
Chapter Trust Awards
FFA Charitable Giving Recognition
FFA Foundation Scholarships
Ohio FFA Works Program Recognition
Recognition of New FFA Chapters

Keynote Speaker – TBA

Announcement of the 2025-26 Ohio FFA Officer Ballot
Closing Ceremony

12:00 pm Delegate Business Session & Luncheon – Kasich

2:15 pm PRE-SESSION

2:30 pm SECOND SESSION

Opening Ceremony
Chapter Awards

- Ohio FFA Gold Medal Chapters
- Top 10 Growing Leaders Chapters
- Top 10 Building Communities Chapters
- Top 10 Strengthening Agriculture Chapters
- Top 10 Chapters

Keynote Speaker – TBA

Proficiency Award Recognition
Accounting through Equine Science
Closing Ceremony

6:30 pm Career Show & Expo Closed – Bricker
6:30 pm Ohio FFA Fashion Place Closed – Bricker

6:15 pm PRE-SESSION

6:30 pm THIRD SESSION

Opening Ceremony
Honorary State FFA Degree Ceremony
National Winners Recognition
Star American FFA Degree Recognition
Star State FFA Degree Recognition
Keynote Speaker – Luke Jennings, National FFA Secretary
Proficiency Award Recognition
Fiber and/or Oil Crop through Wildlife Management
Closing Ceremony

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025

8:00 am Convention Registration Open – Celeste
8:00 am Career Show & Expo Open – Bricker
8:00 am Ohio FFA Fashion Place Open – Bricker
9:00 am Choir Practice – Bricker
9:00 am Band Practice – Kasich

9:15 am PRE-SESSION

9:30 am FOURTH SESSION

Opening Ceremony
Greetings – Leah Amstutz, Ohio Department of Education and Workforce
Officer Awards

- Secretary's Award
- Treasurer's Award
- Reporter's Award

Career Development Event Recognition
Agriscience Fair Recognition
Closing Ceremony

12:00 pm Friends of the FFA Luncheon – Kasich
12:30 pm Talent Showcase – Celeste
1:00 pm Ohio FFA Center Archives open – FFA Center
1:00 pm Workshops – Bricker
2:00 pm Workshops – Bricker

1:45 pm PRE-SESSION

2:00 pm FIFTH SESSION - A

Opening Ceremony
Band and Choir Presentation
Keynote Speaker – Anna Moeller, Ohio FFA President
Conferring of the State FFA Degree (*M-Z Chapters*)
Closing Ceremony

4:00 pm Workshops – Bricker
4:30 pm Band and Choir Musical Presentation – Celeste
5:30 pm Career Show & Expo Closed – Bricker
5:30 pm Ohio FFA Fashion Place Closed – Bricker

5:45 pm PRE-SESSION

6:00 pm FIFTH SESSION - B

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Officer Installation
Closing Ceremony



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