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To: Maryland Agriculture Teachers/FFA Advisors
From: Terrie Shank, FFA Executive Director/Naomi Knight, FFA Program Coordinator
RE: Maryland FFA State Convention Registration
Date: April 7, 2018

It is with great excitement that the Maryland FFA State Officer Team and Staff invite all Maryland FFA members and Advisors to attend the 90th Maryland FFA State Convention. The convention will be held Monday, June 25 through Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at the Maritime Conference Center, 692 Maritime Blvd, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090 with a contact phone: (410) 859-5700. There are many career and leadership development events, student and advisor leadership workshops, and inspirational speakers lined up to help us continue to “Create A Legacy” as FFA members and advisors! We are excited to have our National FFA Western Region Vice-President Bryce Cluff from Arizona, joining us for the Convention this year. Members and guests will have the opportunity to support the local animal shelters through a community service project being planned by the State Officer Team.

Check in for chapters will be on Monday, June 25th from 9:00 am-12:00 pm in the Conference Center lobby to verify registration and obtain convention programs. The projected close of the convention is Wednesday, June 27 by 4:00 pm, so plan your transportation accordingly.

Advisors, please plan to attend the Advisor/Coaches Meeting from 11:00-11:30 am in the Bridge Room, where last minute details will be presented. Each chapter can designate two members to serve as voting delegates and be sure they are present at the first Delegate Meeting on Monday, from 11:00-11:30 in the Auditorium, followed by lunch for all convention attendees in the dining hall from 11:30 am-12:30 pm.

The Career and Leadership Development Events will begin Monday at 1:00 pm in various locations throughout the Conference Center. The first convention session will begin at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium.

The cost for the convention includes: 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners, dessert social, performance by Dr. Jim Wand, dance, convention T-shirt, registration and insurance.

Student rate: Quads (2 Double beds) \$250.00/pp

Triple (2 Double beds) \$275.00/pp

Advisor/Adult: Double- \$315.00/pp

Advisor/Adult: Single-\$465.00

Note: Students and Advisors/Adults- not staying overnight will be charged \$100/day which includes lunch on that day and conference registration, or \$200 full conference (3 lunches and registration).

The cost of each Career/Leadership Development Event: \$10/individual or \$40/team

MD FFA Foundation Chapter Delegate discount is \$20/delegate, with up to two student delegates per chapter. (To obtain discount, be sure to enter them first on the registration form)

Regional Star Greenhand awardee discount: Be sure to enter student name in the invoice to receive discount from the MD FFA Foundation. (The five Advisors will be notified prior to June 1st)

Submit the Excel Chapter Registration online by Tuesday, May 15, 2018 via the Wufoo link on the homepage of the Maryland FFA website. www.mdffa.org

Mail or fax the following information by Friday, June 1st:

1. Submit Student Special Needs Request Form
2. All student and adult waivers for those attending the Convention
3. Printed invoice from the excel sheet tab marked, "Invoice" and full payment

Mail or fax items to the attention of:

Mrs. Terrie Shank, MD FFA Executive Director
925 North East Street, Frederick, MD 21701
Fax: 301-663-4305

Final payments must be received no later than Friday, June 15, 2018 to the "MD FFA Association". As per the MD FFA Board of Directors, all outstanding balances must be paid in full prior to registering for the state convention.

Be mindful that some CDE/LDE Materials must be mailed and postmarked by Tuesday, May 15th:

- Junior & Senior Prepared Public Speaking manuscripts (5 copies each)
- Portfolios/Plans for: Agriculture Issues, Ag. Communications, Marketing Plan (5 copies each)
- National Chapter Award Application (1 copy)

Please be sure to register students for a CDE/LDE or workshop in each time frame. Note: Veterinary Science will only allow for a 4-member team to participate this year due to high demand. Students not in a CDE/LDE will be expected to participate in the workshops provided. Only the designated chapter delegates will take part in the committee meetings on Wednesday. All other students are to register for the Chapter Challenge Game.

National FFA Convention and Big E Waivers will not be collected during the state convention. It will be the responsibility of the winning chapter to obtain them online, complete and submit to the respective event coordinator by the deadlines outlined on each website.

Tickets for the two dinners of the convention for guests may be ordered by contacting the MD FFA Program Coordinator, Naomi Knight at nknight@maefonline by June 1st and pay by check at the registration desk prior to the meal. The dinner prior to the MD FFA Alumni Annual Meeting on Monday, June 25th is \$25.00/person; as well as the dinner prior to the State Degree and Proficiency Award Ceremony on Tuesday, June 26th is \$25.00/person. Attendees will not be charged any additional registration fees to attend the convention sessions that follow.

Help us celebrate all the many great things happening in the local chapters and in the Maryland FFA Association. Create A Legacy and attend the 90th Maryland FFA State Convention. We hope to see you there!