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To: Maryland FFA Advisors
From: Terrie Shank, MD FFA Executive Director
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RE: Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT)
Date: August 10, 2026

The Maryland FFA Association invites you and your Chapter officers to attend the Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) Conference. The conference will be held this year on Friday, October 30 through Sunday, November 1, 2026, at the River Valley Ranch. The address is: 4443 Grave Run Rd, Manchester, MD 21102. The Phone number is: 443-712-1010. <https://www.rivervalleyranch.com>
Arrival is after 3pm on Friday and we will wrap up the conference by 11 am on Sunday.

This is a great opportunity for your chapter officers to enjoy the beautiful outdoors as they get to know other chapter leaders in Maryland, develop their personal leadership skills, build team unity and create a master plan for their chapter activities.

The cost to attend COLT is \$200 per member, \$225.00 advisor and/or chaperones, which includes: All conference materials- conference shirt, outdoor recreational activities, and a bonfire. Five meals (Friday Dinner through Sunday Breakfast) Meals are prepared by RVR kitchen staff and served buffet style. The menu is determined by the RVR Chef. Shoes and shirts must be worn at all meals. After meals, we will refrain from removing any food or dishes from the dining hall.

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS:Great care is taken by RVR staff regarding guests with food allergies. RVR ensures that special meals are prepared separately to avoid cross contamination. As our event approaches, RVR will send a link where guests can sign up for specific meal substitutions. Guests with dietary needs may bring food to supplement what RVR is serving and refrigerated storage is available upon request.

Lodging in heated cabins. RVR does not provide linens. Each guest must bring bed sheets, blankets (or a sleeping bag), pillows, towels & toiletries. an extra towel, wash cloth, warm clothing, jackets, sturdy shoes, and a flashlight. It is also recommended that all attendees bring a labeled water bottle.

Note: Transportation and meals to and from the camp is the responsibility of each chapter/participant.

Every participant, including guests, must have a current signed Release and Waiver Agreement for our event on file at RVR prior to our event.

Please complete the confirmation form by Friday, September 25, 2025, by saving it to your computer, then submitting it through the JotForm submission link on the home page of our website. Please submit full payment by Friday October 15th and mail to: MD FFA Association, P.O. Box 564, 29 Frederick Road, Funkstown, MD. 21734-0564.

he Maryland State FFA Officers and staff look forward to seeing many of you with your officers at COLT!