

New York FFA 99th State Convention May 2-4, 2024 Buffalo, NY



Meet National FFA Officer
Grant Norfleet!



Get inspired in
convention sessions -
and hear from keynote
speaker A'ric Jackson!



Compete at the state
level in CDEs and LDEs!



Connect (or re-connect!)
with FFA members across
New York!



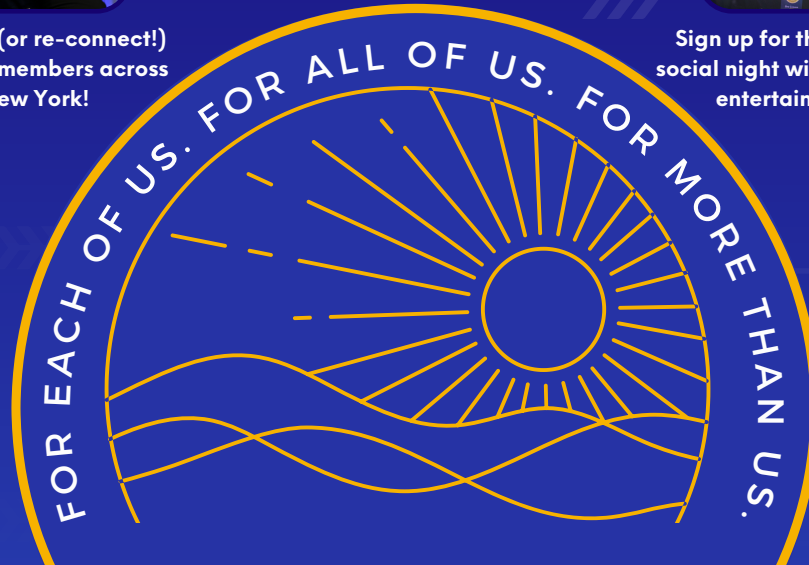
Sign up for the NY FFA
social night with food and
entertainment!



Sign up for tours and
learn about different
aspects of ag, food and
natural resources!



Be part of something
bigger than yourself
in onsite and offsite
service projects!



Earn recognition for
excellence through
awards programs!



Explore opportunities at
the State Convention
Expo!



Use your voice in state
FFA actions as a
delegate!

FORWARD

NEW YORK FFA 2024



Kealy Schilke
State Sentinel
2023-2024

Courtney Fabi
State Vice President
2023-2024

Keaton
President
2024

Join us in Buffalo as we celebrate how YOUR story fits into 99 years of New York FFA Conventions!

CHECK OUT JUST SOME OF THE EXPERIENCES LINED UP FOR FFA MEMBERS ATTENDING THE 99TH NEW YORK FFA CONVENTION



Growing. Intentionally



Leadership Evolving



FFA For All



Cultivating Agriculture's Future



Traditions of Excellence



Connect with FFA members in workshops and networking activities.

Dive into how to lead yourself through healthy lifestyles.

Give back and serve others on site and around Buffalo.

Attend an FFA-only social with games, food and entertainment with 1000 other students!

Growing. Intentionally.



Dig into your personal leadership skills and how you can influence your chapter.

Think innovatively about the future of agriculture in NY and learn how to win big through entrepreneurship.

Act as chapter delegates on critical and timely issues impacting our state association.

Leadership Evolving



Explore strategies to lead your school into a place of strategic belonging.

Learn from agriculturalists of all backgrounds and aspirations in sessions, tours and presentations.

Connect across differences and find commonalities with 2000 other students!

Find your place in FFA in workshops, pre-sessions or onstage!

FFA for All



Earn recognition for your work in agriculture, food and natural resources through your SAE!

Learn about issues like sustainability, innovation, global agriculture and more.

Connect the dots between today and tomorrow - talk to employers or colleges about the best fit for YOU.

Take a tour!
Cultivating Ag's Future



Attend Convention Sessions to celebrate as New Yorkers earn awards, charter chapters, and are elected to leadership positions.

Earn skills, awards and opportunity through Career and Leadership Development Events.

Take time to see how YOUR story is part of OUR story - and how that story makes HISTORY.

Traditions of Excellence

2024 Schedule of Events:

THURSDAY, MAY 2

8:30 am - Optional Niagara Falls Experience (pre-registration required)

11:30 am - Registration Opens.

12:00 pm - Lunch (included in registration).

12:00 pm - FFA Expo Opens

12:45 pm - Tours begin. (TBA)

- Thursday competitors cannot register for Thursday tours.

1:00 pm - Competitions and workshops begin.

- Competitions:
 - Agriscience Fair
 - Agricultural Issues
 - Discussion Meet
 - Employment Skills
 - Extemporaneous Speaking (Jr & Sr)
 - Farm & Agribusiness Management
 - Food Science
 - Maple Production
 - Parliamentary Procedure
 - Prepared Speaking (Sr Only)
 - Tool Identification (Jr Only)
 - Veterinary Science
- Workshops offered at 1, 2, 3 and 4
 - Workshops to include leadership & career topics

4:45 pm - Dinner service begins (included in convention registration).

7:00 pm - Session 1 (Convention Kick Off)**

- Animal Systems Proficiency Recognition
- Dairy Breed Award
- Prepared Speaking Student Showcase
- CDE Recognition
- Ellie Tarrants Retiring Address
- FFA Jacket Award Presentation
- Keynote Speaker - A'ric Jones

9:00 pm - Return to hotels for evening

**Convention Session Norms: Every convention session will open an hour before listed start time to allow for seating and additional student engagement.

Honorees or award recipients should find their designated seating at least 30 minutes before the listed start time of the session in which they will be recognized.

CDE results are shared as quickly as possible to allow for accuracy. Finalists featured in each session will be communicated with advisors and posted online.

FRIDAY, MAY 3

8:30 am - Friday competitions begin:

- Agricultural Communications
- Agricultural Education
- Agricultural Sales
- Aquaculture
- Conduct of Chapter Meetings
- Creed Speaking (Jr & Sr)
- Forestry
- Floriculture
- Marketing Plan
- People in Agriculture (Jr & Sr)
- Prepared Speaking (Jr Only)
- Quiz Bowl (Jr & Sr)

8:30 am - Delegate Committees begin.

8:30 am - Tours begin. (TBA)

- Delegates cannot participate in ANY Friday tours.

9:00 am - Workshops begin & Expo opens.

- Delegates cannot participate in Friday workshops.
- Workshops to include leadership & career topics and to be offered at 9, 10 and 11 am.

10:00 am - Session 2

- Ag Issues Student Showcase
- Plant Systems Proficiency Recognition
- Membership Growth Recognition
- National Officer Greetings
- Scholarship Recognition
- Jacob Lucak Retiring Address
- CDE Recognition

11:30 am - Lunch (included in convention registration).

12:45 pm - Afternoon Tours begin (TBA)

- Delegates cannot participate in ANY Friday tours.
- State and District Officer candidates cannot participate in Friday afternoon tours.

1:00 pm - Business Session

- State & District Candidate Recognition
- Election of Officers
- Committee Reports
- Constitutional Change Consideration

1:00 pm - Afternoon workshops

- Delegates will have conflicts.
- Offered at 1, 2 and 3 pm.

2:30 pm - District Meetings (tentative and pending end of Business Session)

4:00 pm - Session 3

- Agribusiness Systems Proficiency Recognition
- Agriscience Fair Recognition
- New Chapter Charters & Jacket Set
- Extemporaneous Speaking Student Showcase
- Honorary Degree Recognition
- Courtney Taibi Retiring Address
- Past State Officer Recognition
- CDE Recognition

FRIDAY, MAY 3, CONT.

6:15 pm - NY FFA Social Fun Night

- Optional add-on activity that includes entertainment, games, social opportunities and included concessions. (Additional concessions available for purchase)
- Accessible by free public transportation

6:30 pm - NY FFA Foundation's Blue & Gold Reception

- Pre-registration required

9:30 pm - Return to hotels for evening in line with NY FFA Code of Conduct

SATURDAY, MAY 4

9 am - Session 4

- Environmental Natural Resources & Power, Structural & Technical Systems Proficiency Recognition
- SAE Grant Recognition
- Eric Heath Retiring Address
- District President Recognition
- District President Support System Recognition
- District President Installation
- PR Recognition (Secretary, Reporter, Scrapbook)
- Advisor Recognition
- CDE Recognition
- Kealy Shilde Retiring Address

11:15 am - Lunch and Empire Luncheon (must be added on through registration)

1:00 pm - Session 5

- Creed Speaking Student Showcase
- National Chapter Award
- Support System Recognition
- Ella Underberg Retiring Address
- National Officer Candidate Introduction
- Talent Results
- State Star Recognition
- Empire Degree Presentation
- New Officer Installation

3:00 pm - End of Convention



NON-COMPETITION OPTIONS SIGN UP GUIDE:

DEADLINES:

- **Initial Registration Rates - Valid through 5 pm on Tuesday, April 10**
 - No t-shirts or customized credentials are available after April 10.
- **Late Registration Rates - Valid through 5 pm on Tuesday, April 23**
 - Additions only. T-shirts are no longer available.
 - After April 23, limited on-site purchases may still be available as supplies last.
- **CDE Team Name Substitutions - Valid through 5 pm on Wednesday, May 1**

ATTENDEES:

Total Full Convention Attendees: ___ (@ \$105 each)

Total attendees who are attending just part of convention:

- Thursday and Friday only: ___ (SHOULD STILL REGISTER AS WHOLE CONVENTION)
- Friday and Saturday only: ___ (@ 80 each - Saturday lunch included)
- Thursday only: ___ (@ 65 each)
- Friday only: ___ (@ 45 each)
- Saturday only: ___ (@ 35 each - will include Saturday lunch)
- Single session ONLY: ___ (@ \$6 each)

ADD ONS:

Will any of your attendees plan to stay through lunch on Saturday? If so:

- How many full convention attendees will need to add Saturday lunch? _____ (@\$25 each)
- Remember - Full Convention Registrations WILL NOT include Saturday lunch.
- Friday & Saturday or Saturday only registrations WILL include Saturday lunch.

Do you want to participate in the Friday evening FFA Social Night at the Bisons Stadium? The social includes games, entertainment, and basic meal credit at an FFA only event. **Thanks to Foundation Sponsorship related to Give FFA Day success, this price is reduced by \$10/person and there will now be a special advisor area and experience at this event.**

- Total Friday night Social Tickets: _____ (~~@\$30~~ each) - **(New Reduced Price - \$20 each!!!)**

Would you like to participate in a Thursday morning Niagara Falls Experience?

- Total seats on a Niagara Falls Tour: ___ (@\$30 each) - Only available through April 10.

Convention T-Shirts (\$13 each in advance by April 10, \$20 on site)

- Total Small ___
- Total Medium ___
- Total Large ___
- Total XL ___
- Total XXL ___
- Total XXXL ___

Parking: (How many vehicles of each size will you need parking for each day of convention? This should only apply to daily commuters or those who are staying at hotels outside of the housing block. Parking is \$10/day/vehicle - or \$30 for the entire convention.)

	Passenger - Suburban Size	Mini Bus	Full Sized Bus
Thursday:	-----	-----	-----
Friday:	-----	-----	-----
Saturday:	-----	-----	-----

What about Tours and Workshops? Workshops do not require registration and are available to any interested student attendees. Tour details will be made available for sign up in a separate registration after convention registration opens. That group of tours is limited to one off-site experience per student.

PARTIAL STATE CONVENTION ATTENDEE LIST

Thursday registrations include lunch and dinner. Friday registrations include lunch only.

Saturday only registrations WILL include Saturday lunch.

All chapter credentials will initially be provided to chapter advisors upon arrival at convention for chapter distribution.

----- Attendee Name	Thurs Fri Sat Days Attending (Circle)	----- Cell Phone If Adult	----- Pronouns (optional)	----- Dietary Needs	----- Accessibility Needs
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SINGLE SESSION ONLY GUESTS

A single session registration is a great option for parents or administrators attending convention just to watch a student or staff member receive an award or give a speech. This registration option allows us to track who attends our events, provides a souvenir credential and provides access to the general session hall. This credential does **not** provide a meal. Single session passes have most commonly been used in the past for Empire Degree Session guests but can be used for any individual session.

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For single session attendees, all credentials will be provided to the chapter at convention check in and advisors are responsible for greeting guests upon arrival and providing their credentials.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION PREP WORKSHEET

Primary Advisor: _____ (will need your address, email & phone)

EVENT SIGN UP:

It is highly encouraged that students participate in competitive events. In order to increase quality of their experience, it is strongly recommended that students compete in only one CDE/LDE during each time slot (Thursday afternoon or Friday morning). LDE finalists will be added to their event directly by State Staff.

Non-Time Bound Events:

- Scrapbook Competition
- Reporter's Book Competition
- Secretary's Book Competition

FFA Talent Act Names and Details:

Thursday Afternoon Events

*Students qualified to compete in State Finals of Agricultural Issues, Employment Skills, Jr. & Sr. Extemp, Parli Pro or Sr Prepared should anticipate conflicts on Thursday afternoon.

Discussion Meet (Individuals):

_____, _____

Farm & Agribusiness Mgmt (Team of 4):

_____, _____
_____, _____

Food Science & Technology (Team of 4):

_____, _____
_____, _____

Jr Tool ID (Grade 6-8 only, Team of 2)

_____, _____

Maple CDE (Team of 4):

_____, _____
_____, _____

Veterinary Science (Team of 4):

_____, _____
_____, _____

Agriscience Fair (Individuals or Pairs):

_____, (& _____),
Category & Division: _____

Friday Morning Events

*Students qualified to compete in State Finals of Conduct of Chapter Meetings, Jr or Sr Creed, Jr or Sr People in Ag or Jr Prepared should anticipate conflicts on Friday Morning.

Ag Communications (Team of 4):

_____, _____
_____, _____

Ag Sales (Team of 4):

_____, _____
_____, _____

Ag Education (Individuals):

Aquaculture (Team of 4):

_____, _____
_____, _____

Floriculture (Team of 4):

_____, _____
_____, _____

Forestry CDE (Team of 4):

_____, _____
_____, _____

Jr Quiz Bowl (Team of 4):

_____, _____
_____, _____

Marketing Plan (Team of 4):

_____, _____
_____, _____

Sr Quiz Bowl (Team of 4):

_____, _____
_____, _____

*Chapters will be able to register up to two teams for each competition in the online registration system. This planning sheet can help you identify your names before entering them online.