

ADVISOR'S PLANNING GUIDE

89th Georgia FFA Convention



APRIL 27-29, 2017

MACON, GA



TRANSFORM

PURPOSE TO ACTION



Message from State FFA Advisor, Mr. John "Chip" Bridges...

Coming in April 2017, Georgia FFA will have another great opportunity to showcase the best and brightest young leaders in the world. In the Macon Centreplex on April 27, 28, and 29, 2017, we will have the chance to witness the 89th Georgia FFA Convention. It is always exciting to see the great work of agricultural education students and teachers as they make another theme come to life. This year the National FFA theme is TRANSFORM. Seems fitting since that is exactly what is happening for the Georgia FFA Association. Membership for Georgia FFA has more than doubled in the past 15 years with an incredible record of 18 consecutive years of membership growth. The 89th Georgia FFA Convention will be a platform for success in promoting Premier Leadership, Personal Growth, and Career Success through agricultural education.

As always, there will be an awesome career show, amazing FFA member talent, inspiring speakers, and impressive awards for excellence in career development events, proficiency areas, and agriscience research. In addition, AgEd students will receive the State FFA Degree as well as recognition of the State FFA Stars. Together we will watch the 2016-2017 State FFA Officer Team conduct the convention sessions. I can assure you that this great team of State Officers will be prepared for an excellent convention. Each year, thousands of Georgia FFA members attend the State Convention and TRANSFORM purpose into action in the FFA. You will also want to witness eight new FFA members as they are selected to serve as the 2017-2018 State FFA Officer Team. I sincerely hope each of you will make plans to attend the 89th Georgia FFA Convention.

There is always something great to witness at the Georgia FFA Convention. Students, teachers, school administrators, parents, FFA alumni members, and all supporters should make it a priority to attend the 89th Georgia FFA Convention in Macon on April 27-29, 2017. This is the chance of a lifetime for FFA members to help TRANSFORM Georgia FFA. Let's come together to witness something great.

Chip Bridges
State FFA Advisor

Hall of Georgia 2017

Tell the story of Georgia agriculture and win a trip to the National FFA Convention.



To enter sign up on the Google Doc created and shared by Mrs. Casey Shumate.

CONVENTION CAREER SHOW

Thursday
April 27

Doors Open - 11:00 a.m.

Show Closes - 4:30 p.m.



COLLEGES &
UNIVERSITIES

FFA TALENT

JOB
OPPORTUNITIES

CONVENTION T-SHIRTS

Available through online registration & on site



\$12

pre-order through
online
registration

\$15

on-site
purchase

CONVENTION SPEAKERS



Dave Roever

Dave Roever is an American hero – a Vietnam veteran and a recipient of the Purple Heart. At the height of the Vietnam War, he joined the U.S. Navy and served as a river boat gunner in the elite Brown Water Black Beret. It was there that his life changed forever. For the past three decades,

Roever has traveled the world spreading his powerful message of hope by challenging audiences in humorous and powerful ways. Mr. Roever's message will inspire and entertain.

Dave Roever is the convention kickoff speaker and will address the audience at the opening session on Thursday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m. Learn more about Dave at www.roeverfoundation.org.

Valerie Earley

Valerie Earley, a member of the Spring Valley-Wyckoff FFA chapter in the state of Minnesota, was elected at the 89th National FFA Convention to serve as the 2016-2017 National Central Region Vice President. Valerie developed an SAE consisting of Agricultural Education and Beef Cattle



Production. Valerie is an Agricultural Communications and Marketing student at the University of Minnesota. In high school, in addition to serving her local FFA chapter, Valerie was a member of both the National Honor's Society and her school's prep and concert band.

Valerie will speak at the 5th session on Friday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m.

\$10 per person

Tickets available only to registered convention attendees through the online chapter registration site.

Friday, April 28



CONVENTION DANCE

Doors open at 9:30 p.m.

Dance starts at 10:00 p.m.

AGENDA ~ 89th Georgia FFA Convention

Thursday, April 27

- 9:30 a.m. Rebuilding Macon Project Meeting
Convention Center - Ballroom A&B
- 10:00 a.m. Parliamentary Procedure CDE
Convention Center
- Conduct of Chapter Meetings CDE
Convention Center
- 11:00 a.m. Proficiency Finalist Interviews
Marriott (Grand Salon & Magnolia rooms)
- 11:00 a.m.
-4:30 p.m. Career Show, *Exhibit Hall*
- 12:00-6:00 p.m. Convention Registration
- 1:00 p.m. Agriscience Fair Set-up opens
- Alumni Silent Auction Item &
Chapter Basket drop-off
Convention Center Rotunda
- Talent Rehearsal (Mandatory), *Arena*
- 3:00 pm. Leadership Workshop -
National V.P. Valerie Earley
Convention Center - Ballroom C
- 4:30 p.m. Courtesy Corps Meeting, *Convention Center*
- 5:00 p.m. FFA Foundation Sponsors Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. First General Session, *Arena*
EMC Electrification CDE Awards
Retiring Address - *Lizzi Neal, State Secretary*
Sponsor Recognition
Kickoff Speaker - *Dave Roever*
Stars Over Georgia Presentation

Friday, April 28

- 8:00 a.m. CDE Preliminaries (Bracket #1)
Extemporaneous Speaking (*Convention Center*)
Senior Prepared Public Speaking (*Marriott Hotel*)
Junior Prepared Public Speaking (*Convention Center*)
FFA Creed (*Marriott Hotel*)
- Parliamentary Procedure CDE Finals
Finals Hall - Ballroom A&B
- Second General Session, *Arena*
State Officer Candidate Introductions
Honorary State FFA Degree Ceremony

Friday, April 28 (continued)

- Second Session (continued)
CDE Awards Presentations
Agricultural Communications
Agricultural Mechanics
Agricultural Sales
Dairy Cattle Evaluation
Environmental/Natural Resources
Farm Business Management
Floriculture
Forestry
Horse Evaluation
Job Interview
Livestock Evaluation
Marketing Plan
Meats Evaluation
Nursery/Landscape
Poultry Evaluation
FFA Quiz
Floral Design
Land Evaluation
Lawnmower Operation
Tractor Operation & Maintenance
Wildlife Management
Retiring Address - *Nicole Bridges, State V.P.*
Recognition of State Officer Team
Teachers & Administrators
- 8:30 a.m. Agriscience Fair Judging
- 9:00 a.m. CDE Preliminary
Discussion Meet (*Marriott Hotel*)
- Alumni Silent Auction Opens
- Alumni Leadership Conference
On-site Registration, *Convention Center*
- 9:45 a.m. Conduct of Chapter Meeting Finals CDE
Finals Hall - Ballroom A&B
- 10:00 a.m. CDE Preliminaries (Bracket #2)
Extemporaneous Speaking (*Convention Center*)
Senior Prepared Public Speaking (*Marriott Hotel*)
Junior Prepared Public Speaking (*Convention Center*)
FFA Creed (*Marriott Hotel*)
- Alumni Leaders Conference Workshops
Convention Center Room 306 & 308
- 10:30 a.m. Third General Session, *Arena*
Retiring Address - *Madison Parker, State V.P.*
State FFA Advisor Greetings
Proficiency Awards Presentations

AGENDA - 89th Georgia FFA Convention

Friday, April 28 (continued)

- Third Session (continued)
Middle School SAE Record Book Awards
GVATA Remarks
WLC Scholarships
Scholarship Presentations
- 11:30 a.m. Alumni Leaders Conference Workshops
Convention Center Rooms 306 & 308
- 11:45 a.m. Creed CDE Finals
Finals Hall - Convention Center Ballroom A&B
- 12:30 p.m. Convention Committee Meeting
Convention Center Room 324
- 12:45 p.m. Extemporaneous Speaking CDE Finals
Finals Hall - Convention Center Ballroom A&B
- 1:15 p.m. TAG: Teach Ag Georgia workshop
Convention Center - Ballroom C
- 1:30 p.m. Alumni Leaders Conference Workshops
Convention Center Rooms 306 & 308
- Discussion Meet CDE Finals
Marriott - Grand Salon
- 1:45 p.m. Alumni Leaders Conference Workshops
Convention Center Room 306
- 2:00 p.m. Sr. Prepared Speaking CDE Finals
Finals Hall - Convention Center Ballroom A&B
- 2:30 p.m. Fourth General Session, Arena
Retiring Address - *Morgan Hart, State V.P.*
Talent Contest Awards
New Chapter Charters
FFA Week Observance awards
National Chapter awards
Delegate Business Session
Seating of delegates
Committee report
Approval of State Degree list
Election of state VPs
- 3:15 p.m. Jr. Prepared Speaking CDE Finals
Finals Hall - Convention Center Ballroom A&B

Friday, April 28 (continued)

- 3:30 p.m. Alumni Business Meeting and Awards Program, Room 306
- 4:00 p.m. Agriscience Exhibit Pick-up
- 6:00 p.m. Alumni Silent Auction closes
- 7:00 p.m. Fifth General Session, Arena
Retiring Address - *Kylie Bruce, State V.P.*
Recognition of 2016 National Winners
Leadership Award Presentations
Reporter
Secretary
Treasurer
Hall of Georgia awards
CDE Award Presentations:
Sr. Parliamentary Procedure
Conduct of Chapter Meeting
Sr. Prepared Public Speaking
Jr. Prepared Public Speaking
Creed
Extemporaneous Speaking
Discussion Meet
National Officer Address
Valerie Earley - National Vice President
100 Year Anniversary of Smith-Hughes Act
- 9:30 p.m. Convention Dance (*Exhibition Hall*)

Saturday, April 29

- 8:00 a.m. Sixth General Session, Arena
Alumni Greetings
Retiring Address - *Courtney Barber, State V.P.*
10 Year Past President Greetings
Conferring of State FFA Degrees
- 11:00 a.m. Seventh General Session, Arena
Announcement of 2017-2018 State Officers
Election of State FFA President
Retiring Address - *Sadie Lackey, State V.P.*
Agriscience Awards
Foundation Ambassador Recognition
Recognition of State Officer's parents
Retiring Address - *Willie Sizemore, State President*
Election of State FFA Secretary
100% Membership awards
Convention in Review
Installation of 2017-2018 State Officers



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LODGING OPTIONS FOR THE 89TH GEORGIA FFA CONVENTION



Marriott City Center

108 First Street
478-621-5300
Rate: \$121 + tax

When booking rooms at any of these convention hotels, be sure to reference the Georgia FFA when you call.

Hampton Inn & Suites

3954 River Place Drive
(478) 803-5000
Rate: \$119 + tax
Free Breakfast - Yes
Reserve Rooms by March 1

Motel 6 - Macon North

105 Holiday Dr. North
(478) 254-5080
Rate: \$42.99 + tax
Free Breakfast - No
Reserve Rooms by March 1

Hampton Inn West

5010 Eisenhower Parkway
(478) 803-4900
Rate: \$120 + tax
Free Breakfast - Yes
Reserve Rooms by March 27

Micotel

2020 Bowman Park
(478) 254-3300
Rate: \$67 + tax
Free Breakfast - Yes
Reserve Rooms by March 15

Candlewood Suites

3957 River Place Drive
478-254-3530
Rate: \$99.99 + tax
Free Breakfast - Yes
Reserve Rooms by March 31

Hilton Garden Inn - Mercer

1220 Stadium Drive
478-741-5527
Rate: \$119.00 + tax
Free Breakfast - No
Reserve Rooms by April 6

Wingate By Windham

100 NorthCrest Boulevard
478-476-8100
Rate: \$110.00 + tax
Free Breakfast - Yes
Reserve Rooms by March 18

Holiday Inn North

3953 River Place Drive
(478) 803-8200
Rate: \$112.00 + tax
Free Breakfast - No
Reserve Rooms by March 31

Courtyard by Marriott

3990 Sheraton Drive
(478) 477-8899
Rate: \$89.00 + tax
Reserve Rooms by March 31

Comfort Suites Macon

120 Plantation Inn Drive
(478) 314-5130
Rate: \$89.00 + tax
Free Breakfast - Yes
Reserve Rooms by April 1

Comfort Inn & Suites West

5000 Harrison Road
Macon, GA 31206
Rate: \$109 + tax
Free Breakfast - Yes
Reserve Rooms by March 31

Sleep Inn - North

3928 River Place Drive
(478) 757-8300
Rate: \$72 + tax
Free Breakfast - Yes
Reserve Rooms by April 6

TownePlace Suites

1550 Mercer University Drive
(478) 812-8522
Rate: \$109 - \$119 + tax
Free Breakfast - Yes
Reserve Rooms by March 27

CONVENTION TALENT



TALENT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ON
STATE CONVENTION WEBSITE

APPLICATIONS AND AUDITION VIDEOS/CDS ARE
DUE MARCH 15 TO THE STATE FFA OFFICE



CONVENTION MOBILE APP

DOWNLOAD THE FREE MOBILE APP FOR
THE 89TH GEORGIA FFA CONVENTION

“GAFFA2017”



LIVING TO SERVE

SERVICE PROJECTS AVAILABLE AT THE 89TH GEORGIA FFA CONVENTION

To volunteer to participate, please be sure that you register for the Rebuilding Macon project using the Google Doc provided by Mr. Kevin Jump.

**THURSDAY
APRIL 27**

A meeting for all Living to Serve participants will be held at 9:30 a.m. in Ballroom A & B of the Macon Centreplex. Chapters will be dismissed to their work sites from the meeting.

CONVENTION FOOD DRIVE

The Georgia FFA Alumni will host the Convention Food Drive on Thursday, April 27, during the 89th Georgia FFA Convention. This project connects FFA chapters with Alumni affiliates and communities through regional canned food drives. FFA chapters, and their local FFA Alumni affiliates, are asked to donate canned goods in their local communities and document their donation with the Alumni Food Drive form and a photo. Chapters should turn in their food donation documentation on Thursday, April 27, from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The FFA Chapter that donates the most food will receive a cash prize of \$500. Each chapter who donates more than 500 cans of food will be recognized on the big screen in the main convention arena during a convention session.

To participate, local chapters and their FFA Alumni Affiliate should document the food that they donate to local charities/ food banks/etc... by getting a photo of the FFA and Alumni members making the donation, as well as having a signed letter from the receiving body documenting the number of cans (food items) received. More information about the Convention Food Drive is available at www.ffaalumni.org.

REBUILDING MACON PROJECTS



Thursday, April 27

Rebuilding Macon encompasses several programs to assist the elderly, disabled, and low-income in Macon, Georgia. Rebuilding Macon revitalizes neighborhoods one house at a time. They operate on donations of time, money, materials, and volunteers.

Georgia FFA members and advisors have the opportunity to participate in the painting of houses in the neighborhood surrounding the Macon Centreplex as well as assisting in clean-up of state and national parks in Macon. Work opportunities will be available on Thursday, April 27, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. An orientation meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. in Ballroom A & B at the Centreplex. Lunch and a t-shirt will be provided to each student.

Teach Ag Georgia Workshop

Encourage your students to join this wonderfully rewarding profession!



Friday
April 28, 2017
1:15 p.m.
Ballroom C

Only 75 spots available

Nominate students through the online convention registration



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CONVENTION REGISTRATION

\$250
Per Chapter

Payment due
April 7

Chapter registration for the
89th Georgia FFA Convention is available at

<https://register.ffa.org/event/61238>

Online Registration site
closes at midnight on
April 1.

Mail Payment to:

Georgia FFA Association
State FFA Convention Registration
316 Poultry Science Building - UGA
Athens, GA 30602

Make checks payable to:
The Georgia
FFA Association

**Individuals wishing to attend should register through their local FFA chapter or
contact the State FFA Office at (706) 552-4456**