

Georgia FFA

2019 STATE CONVENTION ADVISOR'S PLANNING GUIDE



A message from State FFA Advisor, Mr. Billy Hughes

I am excited to invite you all to the 91st Georgia FFA Convention in Macon, Georgia on April 25th-27th, 2019. This will be my first state convention as State FFA Advisor and will be a great time of celebration for FFA members, advisors, and supporters. This year, the theme is "Just One." Just one experience, just one conversation, just one moment can permanently change the course of one's life. I encourage each and every one of you to engage this year as this convention may be that "just one" for some of you. It may have been "just one" conversation that led you to become an FFA member, take a chance and participate in a CDE, or run for chapter office and that is how you've found yourself in this place this year. During the Convention there will be exciting announcements of agriculture proficiency winners, State FFA Degree recipients, and newly elected state officers in addition to powerful speakers and great entertainment. The weekend also offers the chance to meet agricultural industry professionals and form collegiate connections during the FFA Convention Career Show and hear from the talented Georgia State FFA Officer Team during each Convention session. Other exciting aspects of the State FFA Convention will be competitions in various leadership events as well as the community service opportunities students are given to fulfill the fourth line in the FFA motto "Living to Serve" in the Macon community.

I implore all of you to arrange your schedule and take "just one" opportunity to attend the 2019 Georgia FFA Convention on April 25, 26, and 27, 2019 in Macon. I hope to see each of you there!

HALL OF GEORGIA 2019

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

To enter, visit the State Convention section of the Georgia FFA Website



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THURSDAY
APRIL 25TH

DOORS OPEN - 11:00 A.M.

SHOW CLOSES - 4:30 P.M.

CONVENTION SPEAKERS



WALTER BOND

LIKE MANY YOUNG MEN GROWING UP IN CHICAGO, WALTER BOND DREAMED OF BECOMING AN NBA ATHLETE. FACING INJURIES AND OTHER CHALLENGES WITH UNUSUAL DETERMINATION, HE ROSE FROM BEING A RESERVE PLAYER COMING OFF THE BENCH

TO BECOME THE FIRST ROOKIE FREE AGENT TO START FOR THE DALLAS MAVERICKS. THIS ASTONISHING JOURNEY PROVIDES THE FOUNDATION FOR THE POWERFUL PRINCIPLES WALTER TEACHES TODAY. WALTER'S STORIES GIVE LISTENERS A ROADMAP THEY CAN FOLLOW TO REINVENT THEMSELVES AND RECOVER THE CONFIDENCE THEY NEED TO LEVEL UP IN THEIR PROFESSIONAL LIVES. DRAWING ON LESSONS LEARNED IN THE TRENCHES BOTH IN SALES AND AS AN ENTREPRENEUR, WALTER'S PRESENTATIONS OPEN UP NEW WAYS OF LOOKING NOT ONLY AT BUSINESS CHALLENGES, BUT ALSO THE WORLD.

WALTER'S STORIES ARE RICH WITH HUMOR, EMOTIONS, AND AUTHENTIC BREAKTHROUGHS. HIS INVENTIVE PHRASING, MANNERISMS, BODY LANGUAGE, PACING, AND WISDOM EXERT A POWERFUL EFFECT ON HIS AUDIENCES, MAKING HIS MESSAGE MEMORABLE FOR MONTHS AND YEARS TO COME.

WALTER HAS IMPACTED HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN HIS RAPID RISE TO THE TOP OF THE SPEAKING INDUSTRY. THROUGH HIS KEYNOTES, WORKSHOPS, BOOKS AND CDS, WALTER TEACHES THAT WHEN YOU LEARN TO ELIMINATE EXCUSES, UNDERSTAND THE POWER OF MENTORSHIP AND CONTROL YOUR MINDSET, THAT CONFIDENCE AND SUCCESS ARE POSSIBLE FOR ALL WHO DESIRE IT. RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S PREEMINENT EXPERTS ON SALES, MOTIVATION, AND LEADERSHIP, WALTER HAS BEEN HELPING PEOPLE TURN SELF-LIMITING BELIEFS INTO SELF-EMPOWERING STRATEGIES FOR MORE THAN A DECADE.

MR. BOND WILL BE SPEAKING IN THE OPENING SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, APRIL 25.

ADRIAN SCHUNK



EVEN THOUGH ADRIAN SCHUNK KNEW ALL ABOUT FFA FROM HER DAD, WHO AS A MEMBER, IT WASN'T UNTIL HER AGRICULTURE TEACHER ENCOURAGED HER TO COMPETE IN THE CREED SPEAKING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT THAT SHE DEVELOPED A PASSION FOR THE ORGANIZATION.

"EVER SINCE THEN, I HAVE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH THE CORDUROY COMMUNITY AND THE GROWTH WE PURSUE TOGETHER," SHE SAID. WHILE ATTENDING MASON HIGH SCHOOL, SHE HAD TWO SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCES (SAE): AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND MAPLE SYRUP PRODUCTION.

SCHUNK WAS ELECTED TO THE 2018-2019 NATIONAL FFA OFFICER TEAM AS EASTERN REGION VICE PRESIDENT AT THE 91ST NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION AND EXPO. MAJORING IN COMMUNICATIONS, SCHUNK IS A SOPHOMORE AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY. SHE SERVED AS THE 2017-2018 MICHIGAN FFA STATE PRESIDENT.

"IN EVERY CONVERSATION I AM AFFORDED THIS YEAR, I HOPE FFA MEMBERS ARE POINTED BACK TO THEIR VALUE AND POTENTIAL," SCHUNK SAID. "OUR CHAPTERS, COMMUNITIES, ORGANIZATION, AND INDUSTRY NEED EACH OF US. I CANNOT WAIT TO CONTINUE PURSUING DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION TO MEET THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF OUR WORLD, TOGETHER."

ADRIAN WILL BE SPEAK DURING SESSION FIVE OF THE CONVENTION AT 7:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, APRIL 26.

CONVENTION DANCE



FRIDAY APRIL 26TH

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLY TO REGISTERED CONVENTION ATTENDEES THROUGH THE ONLINE CONVENTION REGISTRATION PROCESS

TICKETS - \$10

CONVENTION TALENT



TALENT APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE STATE CONVENTION WEBSITE

APPLICATION AND AUDITION VIDEOS ARE DUE **MARCH 15** TO THE STATE FFA OFFICE

CONVENTION MOBILE APP

DOWNLOAD THE FREE MOBILE APP FOR THE 91ST GEORGIA FFA CONVENTION AVAILABLE APRIL 1ST

AGENDA - 91ST GEORGIA FFA CONVENTION

THURSDAY - APRIL 25

9:30 a.m. Living to Serve Project Orientation
Convention Center Ballroom A & B

10:30 a.m. Parliamentary Procedure LDE
Convention Center
Conduct of Chapter Meeting LDE
Convention Center

11:00 a.m. Proficiency Award Interviews
Marriott (Grand Salon & Magnolia)
Convention Registration
Convention Center Ballroom D & E

11:00 a.m. - Career Show
4:30 p.m. Exhibit Hall

1:00 p.m. Agriscience Fair Set-up begins
Monument Room
Alumni Silent Auction Item &
Chapter Display Drop-off
Convention Center Rotunda
Talent Rehearsals
Arena

3:00 p.m. Leadership Workshop:
National FFA V.P. Adrian Schunk
Convention Center Ballroom C

4:30 p.m. Courtesy Corps Meeting
Convention Center

5:00 p.m. Foundation Sponsors Dinner
Convention Center Ballroom A & B

7:00 p.m. First General Session (Arena)
EMC Electrification CDE Awards
Retiring Address - Ava Jane Teasley
Sponsor Recognition
Kickoff Speaker - Walter Bond
Stars Over Georgia Presentation

FRIDAY - APRIL 26

8:00 a.m. LDE Preliminaries (Bracket 1)
Extemporaneous (Convention Center)
Sr. Prepared (Marriott)
Jr. Prepared (Convention Center)
FFA Creed (Marriott)

FRIDAY - APRIL 26 (CONTINUED)

8:00 a.m. Parliamentary Procedure LDE Finals
Finals Hall - Ballroom A & B

Second General Session (Arena)
State Officer Candidate Introductions
Honorary State Degree Ceremony
CDE & LDE Award Presentations
Agricultural Communications
Agricultural Mechanics
Agricultural Sales
Agricultural Tech & Equipment ID
Dairy Cattle Evaluation
Employment Skills
Environmental/Natural Resources
Farm & Agribusiness Management
FFA Quiz
Floral Design
Floriculture
Forestry
Forestry Field Day
Horse Evaluation
Land Evaluation
Lawnmower Operations
Livestock Evaluation
Marketing Plan
Meats Evaluation
Nursery/Landscape
Poultry Evaluation
Tractor Operations
Wildlife Management
Veterinary Science
Retiring Address - Thomas Maddox
Recognition of State Officer Team
Teachers & Administrators

8:30 a.m. Agriscience Fair Judging

9:00 a.m. Discussion Meet LDE Preliminary
Marriott (Grand Salon)

Alumni Silent Auction Opens
Convention Center Rotunda

Alumni Leadership Conference
Onsite Registration
Convention Center Rotunda

9:45 a.m. Conduct of Chapter Meeting LDE Finals
Finals Hall - Ballroom A & B



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AGENDA - 91ST GEORGIA FFA CONVENTION

FRIDAY - APRIL 26 (CONTINUED)

- 10:00 a.m. LDE Preliminaries (Bracket 2)
Extemporaneous (Convention Center)
Sr. Prepared (Marriott)
Jr. Prepared (Convention Center)
FFA Creed (Marriott)
- Alumni Leaders Conference Workshop
Convention Center - 308
- 10:30 a.m. Third General Session (Arena)
Retiring Address - Brittany Braddy
State FFA Advisor Greetings
Proficiency Award presentations
Middle School SAE Record Book awards
GVATA Greetings
WLC Scholarship presentations
Scholarship presentations
- 11:00 a.m. Alumni Leaders Conference Workshop
Convention Center - 308
- 11:45 a.m. FFA Creed LDE Finals
Finals Hall - Ballroom A & B
- 12:30 p.m. State Convention Committee Meeting
Convention Center - 324
- 12:45 p.m. Extemporaneous Speaking LDE Finals
Finals Hall - Ballroom A & B
- 1:00 p.m. TAG: Teach Ag Georgia workshop
Convention Center - Ballroom C
Alumni Business & Award Session
Convention Center - 308
Discussion Meet LDE Finals
Marriott (Grand Salon)
- 2:00 p.m. Sr. Prepared Speaking LDE Finals
Finals Hall - Ballroom A & B
- 2:30 p.m. Fourth General Session (Arena)
Retiring Address - Dawson Adams
Talent Contest awards
New Chapter Charters
FFA Week Observance awards
National Chapter Award presentations
Delegate Business Session
Seating of Delegates

FRIDAY - APRIL 26 (CONTINUED)

- 3:15 p.m. Jr. Prepared Speaking LDE Finals
Finals Hall - Ballroom A & B
- 4:00 p.m. Agriscience Fair Project Pick-up
- 6:00 p.m. Alumni Silent Auction closes
- 7:00 p.m. Fifth General Session (Arena)
Retiring Address - Doster Harper
Recognition of 2018 National Winners
Hall of Georgia awards
National Officer Address
Adrian Schunk - National V.P.
Celebration of 50 Years of Females in FFA
LDE Award presentations
Parliamentary Procedure
Conduct of Chapter Meeting
Sr. Prepared Speaking
Jr. Prepared Speaking
FFA Creed
Extemporaneous Speaking
Discussion Meet
- 9:30 p.m. Convention Dance
Exhibition Hall

SATURDAY - APRIL 27

- 8:00 a.m. Sixth General Session (Arena)
Alumni Greetings
Retiring Address - Emily Leonard
State Degree Ceremony
- 11:00 a.m. Seventh General Session (Arena)
Announcement of 2019-2020 State Officers
Election of State President
Retiring Address - Clay Parker
Agriscience Fair Awards
Foundation Ambassador recognition
Recognition of State Officer parents
Retiring Address - Bryce Roland
Election of State Secretary
100% Membership awards
Convention in Review
Installation of 2019-2020 State Officers



LODGING OPTIONS FOR THE 91ST GEORGIA FFA CONVENTION

April 25th – April 27th

To make a reservation, please call the hotel of your choice below via the telephone number provide or the booking link or code provided. Please be sure to mention that you are making a reservation for the "Georgia FFA State Convention" to receive your special group rate.

Hotel	Rate(s)	Booking Link/Code and Main POC	Reservation Cut-Off Date	Complimentary Breakfast
Candlewood Suites 3957 River Place Drive Macon, GA 31210 (478) 254-3530	\$109 plus taxes and fees	Call hotel directly for Georgia Future Farmers of America Rate. POC: Dana Childress	March 31 st , 2019	Yes
Macon Marriott City Center HOST HOTEL 240 Coliseum Dr Macon, GA 31217 (478) 621-5300	\$125 plus taxes and fees	Call 478-621-5300 to book or use link below: Georgia FFA Convention 2019 - Marriott	April 1 st , 2019	No
Comfort Suites 120 Plantation Inn Drive Macon, GA 31210 (478) 314-5130	\$129 plus taxes and fees	https://www.choicehotels.com/georgia/macon/comfort-suites-hotels/ga624/rates?ratePlanCode=LFFA	March 25 th , 2019	Yes
Courtyard by Marriott JUST RENOVATED 3990 Sheraton Drive Macon, GA 31210 (478) 477-8899	\$99 plus taxes and fees	1 (800) 321-2211 or (478) 477-8899 for "Visitmacon" or "Georgia Future Farmers of America" Rate	March 25 th , 2019	No
Fairfield Inn West by Marriott 110 Plantation Inn Drive Macon, GA 31210 (478) 474-9922	\$94	Call hotel directly and ask for Georgia FFA Rate	March 25 th , 2019	Yes
Microtel Inn and Suites 2020 Bowman Park Macon, GA 31210 (478) 254-3300	\$75 Single \$85 Double plus taxes and fees	Call hotel directly and ask for Jewel Tucker	March 25 th , 2019	Yes
Hampton Inn and Suites West 5010 Eisenhower Parkway Macon, GA 31206 (478) 803-4900	\$129	Call hotel directly and ask for Georgia FFA Rate	March 25 th , 2019	Yes
Hilton Garden Inn 1220 Stadium Drive Macon, GA 31204 (478) 741-5527	\$127 plus taxes and fees	Call hotel directly or book online with group code: GFA	April 11 th , 2019	No
Holiday Inn Macon North 3953 River Place Drive Macon, GA 31210 (478) 803-8200	\$119 plus taxes and fees	Please call 478-803-8200 to make your reservation under GA FFA	March 24 th , 2019	No
Sleep Inn West 140 Plantation Inn Drive Macon, GA 31210 (478) 476-8111	\$119 plus taxes and fees	https://www.choicehotels.com/georgia/macon/sleep-inn-hotels/ga310/rates?ratePlanCode=LFFA	March 25 th , 2019	Yes
Fairfield Inn and Suites 4035 Sheraton Drive Macon, GA 31210 (478) 738-9007	\$92 plus taxes and fees	Call for Reservations: Ask for "Georgia Future Farmers of America" Room Block. POC: Mary Askew	March 25 th , 2019	Yes
La Quinta Inn and Suites 3944 River Place Dr Macon, GA 31210 (478) 475-0206	\$85 plus taxes and fees	Call for RESERVATION	April 5 th , 2019	Yes
Comfort Inn and Suites 3935 Arkwright Rd Macon, GA 31210 (478) 757-8688	\$74.99 plus taxes and fees	Ask for Necole Brown to make reservations KING SUITES WITH SLEEPER SOFA AVAILABLE	April 5 th , 2019	Yes
Sleep Inn North Macon 3928 River Place Dr Macon, GA 31210 (478) 757-8300	\$79 Double \$69 Single Plus taxes and fees	Call for Reservation: Group Code is "GA Future Farmers of America"	April 4 th , 2019	Yes
Homewood Suites 1514 Bass Rd Macon, GA 31210 (478) 477-9776	\$164 King Studio, \$174 One Bed, \$209 Double Queen	Call for reservation under Georgia FFA	March 22 nd , 2019	Yes
Comfort Inn and Suites West 5000 Harrison Rd Macon, GA 31206 (478) 621-7977	BOOKED	Call Hotel Directly. POC: Melvina Palmer Counties/Schools have booked already-currently sold out but call as time gets closer to see if there are open rooms.	March 25 th , 2019	Yes

LIVING TO SERVE

SERVICE PROJECTS AVAILABLE AT THE 91st GEORGIA FFA CONVENTION

TO VOLUNTEER TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE EMAIL
MR. KEVIN JUMP AT KJUMP@GAAGED.ORG



THURSDAY APRIL 25TH



TAGGED TO TEACH AG WORKSHOP

ONLY 50
SPOTS
AVAILABLE

FRIDAY
APRIL 26TH, 2019
1:00 P.M.
BALLROOM C

NOMINATE
STUDENTS VIA
ONLINE
CONVENTION
REGISTRATION

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CONVENTION REGISTRATION

\$300

PER CHAPTER

PAYMENT DUE
APRIL 5TH

CHAPTER REGISTRATION FOR THE 91ST GEORGIA FFA
CONVENTION CAN BE FOUND AT:

<https://register.ffa.org/profile/78604>

ONLINE REGISTRATION
SITE CLOSES AT MIDNIGHT
ON MARCH 29TH

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
THE GEORGIA FFA
ASSOCIATION

MAIL PAYMENT TO:
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STATE FFA CONVENTION REGISTRATION
316 POULTRY SCIENCE BUILDING - UGA
ATHENS, GA 30602