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MEMORANDUM

TO: Middle School Agricultural Education Teachers
FROM:  Ben Lastly, FFA Executive Secretary
DATE: November 1, 2022
SUBJECT: Discovery Conference – Gold Session (January 2023)

The Discovery Conference is a wonderful opportunity for middle school FFA members. It is a great way to get young students excited about the FFA and the opportunities it offers.

The Gold session of the 2022-2023 Discovery Conference will be held on January 27-28, 2023, at the FFA/FCCLA Center in Covington. Registration for the conference is available through the Event Registration link of the Georgia Agricultural Education website.

Students should plan to wear appropriate casual dress for the entire conference. Conference on-site check-in is from 2:30 – 4:45 PM on Friday, January 27. The conference will conclude at noon on Saturday, January 28. Lunch for Saturday is not included in the conference registration fee. However, chapters can add lunch when completing the online conference registration. Lunch is \$10 per person.

The cost to attend the Discovery Conference is \$60 per person (students and advisors). That fee includes all conference materials, a t-shirt, an official FFA manual, two meals and one night of lodging. Each student attending the conference must have a completed online Parental Consent Form and should receive a copy of the Camp policies. Participants should also bring linens or sleeping back and pillow(s), toiletries, towel/washcloth, and appropriate indoor and outdoor wear.

Each attendee must be registered online to attend the Discovery Conference. Payment for the conference should be submitted (postmarked) by January 11, 2023. Registration must be completed through the Event Registration link on the Georgia Agricultural Education website. All invoicing will be added to your Georgia Agricultural Education online account. The January session of the Discovery Conference will be capped at 250 students. While registration is set to remain open until January 4, registration is first come-first served; and once the 250 spots are filled, we will begin a waiting list prioritized by time stamp of online registration.



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Please be aware of these conference policies:

- Full payment for each student/chapter registered must be received prior the conference beginning.
- No refunds will be issued. If a student cancels, that student can be replaced with a different student of the same gender. Any student deletions after January 11 will still be charged the full conference fee.
- There will be no lodging/meal cost for non-advisor chaperones. Chapters are expected to bring an advisor or adult chaperone for each gender of students who attend. There is also no cost for bus drivers to attend. Bus drivers and chaperones receive meals and lodging at no cost. T-shirts for bus drivers and chaperones are \$10 each.

An FFA Quiz will be given at the Discovery Conference. All students will individually have the opportunity to complete a written FFA quiz. The top ten scores from the written quiz will be allowed to participate in the oral quiz finals on Saturday during the final session. The winner of the Discovery Conference quiz competition will win their choice of either a new FFA jacket, or \$75 toward a scholarship to attend the 2023 Summer Leadership Camp (SLC).

If you have any questions about the Discovery Conference, please do not hesitate to contact me in the office at (706) 552-4456, on my cell at (706) 410-4604, or by email. I look forward to seeing you and your students at the Discovery Conference in January.