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MEMORANDUM

TO: Agriculture Education Teachers
FROM: Kylie Sahagun
SUBJECT: COLT Conference

As you prepare for the summer, please take time to consider starting your year off with your Chapter officer team at Chapter Officer Leadership Training. COLT is a great way to provide quality training for your local officers and jump start their year of service. This year, COLT is available at Camp John Hope in Fort Valley and the FFA-FCCLA Camp in Covington. We will have a professional presenter and the 2026-2027 State Officer Team at both conferences. Teams will be encouraged to set goals, interact with other chapters to gain new ideas, and work with advisors to plan their Program of Activities. Officers will also be empowered to take on their role as chapter leaders and bond together as a team. **Registration for BOTH conferences will open Thursday, May 7th at 8:00AM. You can find registration on the GAAGED website under event registration.**

COLT – JULY (Camp John Hope - Fort Valley)

July 8-10, 2026

Price: \$145 - Includes lodging Wednesday and Thursday night, meals, and conference materials.

At this conference you will have time and opportunities to meet with your officer team and plan events. Please bring a calendar/planner and other chapter materials needed for team time.

COLT – AUGUST (FFA-FCCLA Camp – Covington)

August 7-8, 2026

Price: \$80 - Includes lodging Friday night, meals, and conference materials. **Keep in mind this conference is shorter in length, which does not allow for much team time.**

NOTE FOR BOTH CONFERENCES:

Both conferences will offer similar content and activities. Everyone in attendance should bring the following items:

- Linens, pillows, towels, personal articles
- Close-toe shoes
- Appropriate casual clothing
- Appropriate clothing for water activities and/or recreation
- **Official FFA Dress**

Please mark your calendars for COLT and know that once registration is full it will close. You can email ksahagun@gaaged.org to be placed on a waiting list.

COLT at the FFA-FCCLA Camp in Covington will have 250 seats available, while COLT at Camp John Hope in Fort Valley will have 150 seats available. Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. **No refunds will be issued once we are 2 weeks out from each conference.**

There will be no lodging/meals cost for non-advisor chaperones. Chapters are to bring a chaperone for each gender and have a ratio of one adult per 10 students. If you do not bring a chaperone you will need to arrange for another advisor present to serve as the chaperone in the cabin. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

As always, there is no cost for bus drivers. Additional T-shirts for bus drivers and chaperones are \$10 each.

Detailed schedules will be sent to registered chapters once registration closes.

Chapter Officer Leadership Training is a great opportunity for you and your chapter officers to come together and plan a successful year for your FFA Chapter. If you have any questions concerning the 2026 COLT Conference, please do not hesitate to call me at (706) 988-2033.

Sincerely,
Kylie Sahagun