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MEMORANDUM

TO: Middle School Agricultural Education Teachers

FROM: Kylie Whitworth, Leadership Program Specialist

SUBJECT: Discovery Conference 2025/2026

The Discovery Conference is the premier leadership experience for middle school FFA members in Georgia. The goal of this conference is to spark, renew, or maintain a student's passion for the FFA. It is open to 6th through 8th grade students. We hope that you and your students will join us in an opportunity to grow as individuals this school year. There will be 4 options to choose from when attending Discovery Conference. Discovery Conference Blue 1 and Blue 2 will be held at Camp John Hope in Fort Valley, Georgia. Discovery Conference Gold 1 and Gold 2 will take place at the Georgia FFA/FCCLA Center in Covington, Georgia. The dates are listed below.

Camp John Hope- 150 Students per conference (15 per chapter maximum)

Discovery Conference Blue 1: September 18-19, 2025

Discovery Conference Blue 2: September 19-20, 2025

Registration Opens: August 20, 2025

Georgia FFA/FCCLA Center 250 Students per conference (15 per chapter maximum)

Discovery Conference Gold 1: January 22-23, 2026

Discovery Conference Gold 2: January 23-24, 2026

Registration Opens: November 18, 2025

What will be necessary information when you register?

- # of students
- # of advisor(s)
- # of chaperones (male or female)
- # of each t-shirt size
- # of additional day 2 lunch (if applicable)
- bus driver (if applicable)
- cabin requests (if applicable)

The total cost for registration is \$75.00 per student/advisor. You will not have to provide names at the time of registration. Names will be required during the month leading up to the conference. There is no cost for non-advisor chaperones. Since there is no cost for additional chaperones, we are requiring that if you bring three or more students of one gender, your chapter provides a chaperone that will stay in the cabin with your students. Our preference is that this chaperone will be a part of your school system/community. However, if you are unable to secure a chaperone, please

communicate with another teacher attending the conference to confirm an adult will be sleeping under the same roof as your students in case of an emergency. **Payment should be sent to the Georgia FFA office prior to the conference.** Students should plan to wear casual dress for the entirety of the conference. Additionally, we will host an FFA Quiz Contest during Discovery Conference. All students will have the opportunity to complete a written FFA quiz, with the top scorers answering oral questions for the chance to win a free FFA jacket or a \$75 SLC Scholarship.

Feel free to utilize the Discovery Conference one page flyer in your classroom and on social media to promote the conference opportunity in your school.

For any questions, please contact Kylie Whitworth at kwhitworth@gaaged.org.
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