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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Middle School Agricultural Education Teachers

FROM: Kylie Whitworth, Leadership Program Specialist

SUBJECT: Discovery Conference 2023/2024

The Discovery Conference is the premier leadership experience for middle school FFA members in Georgia. This event is great for sparking, maintaining, and renewing a passion for the FFA and personal development in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. We hope that you and your students will join us as we cultivate and grow together this year. This year there are two Discovery Conference dates to choose from. One will be held at Camp John Hope (September 22-23), the other will be located in Covington (January 26-27).

**Discovery Conference Blue Session-**

The first session of Discovery Conference will take place on September 22-23, 2023 at Camp John Hope in Fort Valley, GA. Registration will open **August 7<sup>th</sup>** and close once we reach capacity of 150 students. The total cost for registration is \$65.00 per student/advisor. 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.

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.

Content for the conference will surround supervised agricultural experiences, goal setting, and general leadership development. For any questions, please contact Kylie Whitworth at [kwhitworth@gaaged.org](mailto:kwhitworth@gaaged.org).