ADVISOR'S PLANNING GUIDE



APRIL 28-30, 2016

MACON, GA





Message from State FFA Advisor, Mr. John "Chip" Bridges...

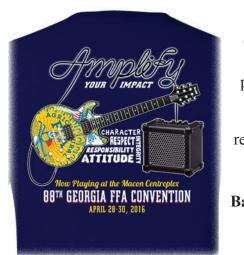
Coming in April 2016, Georgia FFA will have another great opportunity to showcase the best and brightest young leaders in the world. In the Macon Centreplex on April 28, 29, and 30, 2016, we will have the chance to witness the 88th Georgia FFA Convention. It is always exciting to see the great work of agricultural education students and teachers as they make another theme come to life. This year the National FFA theme is AMPLIFY. Seems fitting since that is exactly what is happening for the Georgia FFA Association. Membership for Georgia FFA has more than doubled in the past 15 years with an incredible record of 17 consecutive years of membership growth. The 88th Georgia FFA Convention will be a platform for success in promoting Premier Leadership, Personal Growth, and Career Success through agricultural education.

As always, there will be an awesome career show, amazing FFA member talent, inspiring speakers, and impressive awards for excellence in career development events, proficiency areas, and agriscience research. In addition, AgEd students will receive the State FFA Degree as well as recognition of the State FFA Stars. Together we will watch the 2015-2016 State FFA Officer Team conduct the convention sessions. I can assure you that this great team of State Officers will be prepared for an excellent convention. Each year, thousands of Georgia FFA members attend the State Convention and AMPLIFY their passion for success in the FFA. You will also want to witness eight new FFA members as they are selected to serve as the 2016-2017 State FFA Officer Team. I sincerely hope each of you will make plans to attend the 88th Georgia FFA Convention.

There is always something great to witness at the Georgia FFA Convention. Students, teachers, school administrators, parents, FFA alumni members, and all supporters should make it a priority to attend the 88th Georgia FFA Convention in Macon on April 28-30, 2016. This is the chance of a lifetime for FFA members to help AMPLIFY Georgia FFA. Let's come together to witness something great. Chip Bridges
State FFA Advisor



Available through online registration & on site

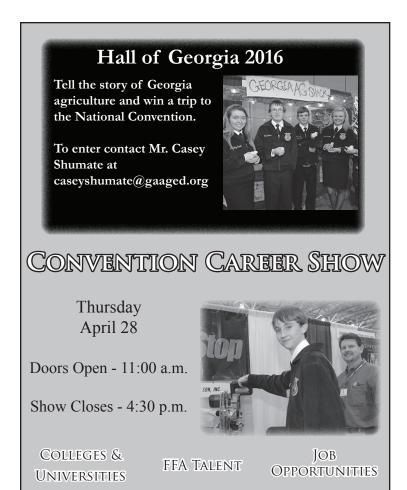


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\$12 pre-order through online registration

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CONVENTION SPEAKERS



Jane Herlong

Sirius XM, bestselling author and professional singer, Jane Herlong, delivers a simple message...work smart, laugh often and live your dream! Combining humor and truth, Jane uses comedy, orginal Southern stories and

singing to inspire and entertain audiences around the world. Jane and her family live in South Carolina.

Jane Herlong is the convention kickoff speaker and will address the audience at the opening session on Thursday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m. Learn more about Jane at www.janeherlong.com.

Abbey Gretsch

Athens Christian
FFA member, Abbey
Gretsch is the 16th
Georgian to serve as a
National FFA Officer.
Abbey was elected
back in October and is
taking a one year leave
of absence from the
University of Georgia



to travel more than 100,000 miles sharing the message of the FFA. Abbey served as State FFA Vice President in 2013-2014; competed in the Ag Communications and Extemporaneous Speaking CDEs; and developed a strong beef cattle SAE.

Abbey will speak at the 4th session on Friday, April 29, at 2:30 p.m.



AGENDA ~ 88th Georgia FFA Convention

Thursday, April 28 9:30 a.m. Parliamentary Procedure CDE, Convention Center		Friday, Apri	il 29 (continued) Second Session (continued) Livestock Evaluation Marketing Plan
10:00 a.m.	Rebuilding Macon House Projects		Meats Evaluation Nursery/Landscape
11:00 a.m.	Proficiency Finalist Interviews, Marriott		Poultry Evaluation FFA Quiz
11:00-4:30 p.m.	Career Show, Exhibit Hall		Floral Design Land Evaluation
12:00-6:00 p.m.	Convention Registration		Lawnmower Operation Tractor Operation & Maintenence
1:00 p.m.	Agriscience Fair Set-up opens		Wildlife Management Honorary State FFA Degree Ceremony Recognition of State Officer Team's
	Food Bank Community Service Project	8:30 a.m.	Teachers and Administrators Agriscience Fair Judging
1:00 p.m.	Talent Rehearsal (Mandatory), Arena		
3:00 pm.	UGA Preparing for College workshop	9:00 a.m.	CDE Preliminary Discussion Meet (Marriott Hotel)
4:30 p.m.	Courtesy Corps Meeting, Convention Center		FFA Alumni Silent Auction Opens
5:00 p.m.	FFA Foundation Sponsors Dinner	10:00 a.m.	CDE Preliminaries (Bracket #2)
7:00 p.m.	First General Session, Arena EMC Electrification CDE Awards Greetings from Mr. Richard Woods Stars Over Georgia Presentation Sponsor Recognition Kickoff Speaker - Jane Herlong	Extemporaneous Public Speaking (Convention Center) Senior Prepared Public Speaking (Marriott Hotel) Junior Prepared Public Speaking (Convention Center) FFA Creed (Marriott Hotel) Alumni Leaders Conference Workshops (Room 306 & 308)	
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8:00 a.m. Extemposenior Junior	CDE Preliminaries (Bracket #1) poraneous Public Speaking (Convention Center) Prepared Public Speaking (Marriott Hotel) Prepared Public Speaking (Convention Center) reed (Marriott Hotel)	10:30 a.m.	Third General Session, Arena Proficiency Awards Presentations Middle School SAE Record Book Awards GVATA Remarks WLC Scholarships Scholarship Presentations
	Second General Session, Arena State Officer Candidate Introductions CDE Awards Presentations	11:30 a.m.	Alumni Leaders Conference Workshops (Room 306 & 308)
	Agricultural Communications Agricultural Mechanics	12:30 p.m.	Convention Committee Meeting
	Agricultural Sales Dairy Cattle Evaluation	12:45 p.m.	Retired Agriculture Teachers Luncheon
	Environmental/Natural Resources Farm Business Management Floriculture Forestry Horse Evaluation Job Interview	1:30 p.m. CDE Finals FFA Creed (Marriott Hotel) Senior Prepared Public Speaking (Marriott Hotel) Junior Prepared Public Speaking (Convention Center) Extemporaneous Public Speaking (Convention Center) Discussion Meet (Marriott Hotel)	

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1:30 p.m. Alumni Leaders Conference Saturday, April 30 Breakout Workshops (Convention Center) Fifth General Session, Arena 8:00 a.m. Alumni Greetings 1:45 p.m. TAG: Teach Ag Georgia workshop Greetings from Dr. Barbara Wall Ballroom C 10 Year Past President Greetings Conferring of State FFA Degrees Alumni Leaders Conference Workshops (Room 306) 10:30 a.m. Award Winner Rehearsal, Arena 2:30 p.m. Fourth General Session, Arena 11:00 a.m. Sixth General Session, Arena National Officer Address- Abbey Gretsch Announcement of 2016-2017 State VPs National FFA V.P. Seating of Delegates New Chapter Charters Election of State FFA President Agriscience Awards Reporter, Secretary, Treasurer awards FFA Week Observance awards CDE Awards Presentations Chapter Achievement/Gold Emblem awards Sr. Parliamentary Procedure Hall of Georgia awards Jr. Parliamentary Procedure Delegate Business Session Sr. Prepared Public Speaking -Seating of delegates Jr. Prepared Public Speaking -Committee reports Extemporaneous Public Speaking -Election of state VPs FFA Creed Discussion Meet 3:30 p.m. Alumni Business Meeting and Recognition of State Officer's parents Awards Program, Room 306 Election of State FFA Secretary 100% Membership awards 4:00 p.m. -Agriscience Exhibit Pick-up Convention in Review Installation of 2016-2017 State Officers 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Alumni Silent Auction closes

> Please note that award times are subject to change. Advisors of all winners will receive official notification of dates and times. In case of conflict, please review and follow the information received in the official notification, rather than the information in this guide.



9:00 p.m.

Convention Concert: Love & Theft

(Exihibition Hall)

Lodging Options for the 88th Georgia FFA Convention



Marriott City Center

108 First Street 478-621-5300 Rate: \$117 + tax

When booking rooms at any of these convention hotels, be sure to reference the Georgia FFA when you call.

Hampton Inn & Suites

3954 River Place Drive (478) 803-5000 Rate: \$119 + tax Reserve Rooms by March 1

Quality Inn

115 Riverside Parkway (478) 474-4000 Rate: \$67.00 + tax Reserve Rooms by April 1

Homewood Suites

1514 Bass Road (478) 477-9776 Rate: \$129 + tax Reserve Rooms by March 30

Micotel

2020 Bowman Park (478) 254-3300 Rate: \$65.99 + tax Reserve Rooms by March 15

Candlewood Suites

3957 River Place Drive 478-254-3530 Rate: \$69.99 + taxReserve Rooms by March 28

Hilton Garden Inn - Mercer

1220 Stadium Drive 478-741-5527 Rate: \$114.00 + taxReserve Rooms by April 7

Magnuson Hotel

2720 Riverside Drive 478-743-1482 Rate: \$65.00 + tax Reserve Rooms by March 1

Wingate By Windham

100 NorthCrest Boulevard 478-476-8100 Rate: \$89.00 + tax Reserve Rooms by March 1

Holiday Inn North

3953 River Place Drive (478) 803-8200 Rate: \$112.00 + tax Reserve Rooms by April 1

Courtyard by Marriott

3990 Sheraton Drive (478) 477-8899 Rate: \$89.00 + tax Reserve Rooms by March 31

Fairfield Inn

4035 Sheraton Drive (478) 738-9007 Rate: \$109 + tax Reserve Rooms by March 28

LaQuinta

3944 River Place Drive (478) 475-0206 Rate: \$79.00 + tax Reserve Rooms by April 7

SpringHill Suites

4630 Sheraton Drive (478) 803-9100 Rate: \$109 + tax Reserve Rooms by April 18

Comfort Suites Macon

120 Plantation Inn Drive (478) 314-5130 Rate: \$89.00 + tax Reserve Rooms by April 1

Best Western Riverside

2400 Riverside Drive (478) 743-6311 Rate: \$65.99 + tax Reserve Rooms by April 14

Residence Inn

3900 Sheraton Drive (478) 475-4280 Rate: \$129 + tax

Reserve Rooms by: April 1

CONVENTION Talent



Talent Applications available on **State Convention website**

Applications and audition videos/CDs are due March 15 to the State FFA Office



CONVENTION MOBILE APP

Download the free mobile app for the 88th Georgia FFA Convention

"GAFFA2016"



LIVING TO SERVE

Service Projects available at the 88th Georgia FFA Convention



Thursday April 28

1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Middle Georgia Community Food Bank

In addition to the convention food drive (*see below*), Georgia FFA members have the opportunity to donate two hours of their time to help box food items at the Middle Georgia Community Food Bank. A **maximum of fifty** FFA members and advisors can sign up to work from 1:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2016. Chapters who would like to sign up students should complete the Living to Serve Googledoc provided by Mr. Kevin Jump.

Convention Food Drive

The Georgia FFA Alumni will host the Convention Food Drive on Thursday, April 28, during the 88th Georgia FFA Convention. This project connects FFA chapters with Alumni affiliates and communities through regional canned food drives. FFA chapters, and their local FFA Alumni affiliates, are asked to donate canned goods in their local communities and document their donation with the Alumni Food Drive form and a photo. Chapters should turn in their food donation documentation on Thursday, April 28, from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The FFA Chapter that donates the most food will receive a cash prize of \$500. Each chapter who donates more than 500 cans of food will be recognized on the big screen in the main convention arena during a convention session.

To participate, local chapters and their FFA Alumni Affiliate should document the food that they donate to local charities/food banks/etc... by getting a photo of the FFA and Alumni members making the donation, as well as having a signed letter from the receiving body documenting the number of cans (food items) received. More information about the Convention Food Drive is available at www.ffaalumni.org.

Rebuilding Macon House Painting Project



Thursday, April 28 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Rebuilding Macon encompasses several programs to assist the elderly, disabled, and low-income in Macon, Georgia. Rebuilding Macon revitalizes neighborhoods one house at a time. They operate on donations of time, money, materials and volunteers.

Georgia FFA members and advisors have the opportunity to participate in the painting of four houses in the neighborhood surrounding the Macon Centreplex. Work opportunities will be available on Thursday, April 28, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

To volunteer to participate, please be sure that you register for the Rebuilding Macon project using the Googledoc provided by Mr. Kevin Jump.



Encourage your students to join this wonderfully rewarding profession!

Teach Ag Georgia Workshop

Friday - April 29, 2016 1:45 p.m. in Ballroom C

Only 50 spots available Nominate students through the online Convention registration.



Convention Registration

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Chapter registration for the 88th Georgia FFA Convention is available at

https://register.ffa.org/event/47748

Payment due

Online Registration site closes at midnight on April 1.

Mail Payment to:
State FFA Convention Registration
316 Poultry Science Building - UGA
Athens, GA 30602

Make checks payable to:
The Georgia
FFA Association

Individuals wishing to attend should register through their local FFA chapter, or contact the State FFA Office at (706) 552-4456