

ADVISOR'S PLANNING GUIDE

88th Georgia FFA Convention



APRIL 28-30, 2016

MACON, GA



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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

Hall of Georgia 2016

Tell the story of Georgia agriculture and win a trip to the National Convention.

To enter contact Mr. Casey Shumate at caseyshumate@gaaged.org



CONVENTION CAREER SHOW

Thursday
April 28

Doors Open - 11:00 a.m.

Show Closes - 4:30 p.m.



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OPPORTUNITIES

CONVENTION T-SHIRTS

Available through online registration & on site



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registration

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CONVENTION SPEAKERS



Jane Herlong

Sirius XM, best-selling 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, original 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.

CONVENTION CONCERT

\$20 per person

Friday, April 29

Tickets available only to registered convention attendees through the online chapter registration site.



Doors open at 8:30 p.m.
Show starts at 9:00 p.m.

Find Love & Theft music on

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AGENDA ~ 88th Georgia FFA Convention

Thursday, April 28

- 9:30 a.m. **Parliamentary Procedure CDE,**
Convention Center
- 10:00 a.m. **Rebuilding Macon House Projects**
- 11:00 a.m. **Proficiency Finalist Interviews,** *Marriott*
- 11:00-4:30 p.m. **Career Show,** *Exhibit Hall*
- 12:00-6:00 p.m. **Convention Registration**
- 1:00 p.m. **Agriscience Fair Set-up opens**
- Food Bank Community Service Project**
- 1:00 p.m. **Talent Rehearsal (Mandatory),** *Arena*
- 3:00 pm. **UGA Preparing for College workshop**
- 4:30 p.m. **Courtesy Corps Meeting,** *Convention Center*
- 5:00 p.m. **FFA Foundation Sponsors Dinner**
- 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*

Friday, April 29

- 8:00 a.m. **CDE Preliminaries (Bracket #1)**
Extemporaneous Public Speaking (*Convention Center*)
Senior Prepared Public Speaking (*Marriott Hotel*)
Junior Prepared Public Speaking (*Convention Center*)
FFA Creed (*Marriott Hotel*)
- Second General Session,** *Arena*
State Officer Candidate Introductions
CDE Awards Presentations
Agricultural Communications
Agricultural Mechanics
Agricultural Sales
Dairy Cattle Evaluation
Environmental/Natural Resources
Farm Business Management
Floriculture
Forestry
Horse Evaluation
Job Interview

Friday, April 29 (continued)

- Second Session (continued)**
Livestock Evaluation
Marketing Plan
Meats Evaluation
Nursery/Landscape
Poultry Evaluation
FFA Quiz
Floral Design
Land Evaluation
Lawnmower Operation
Tractor Operation & Maintenance
Wildlife Management
Honorary State FFA Degree Ceremony
Recognition of State Officer Team's
Teachers and Administrators
- 8:30 a.m. **Agriscience Fair Judging**
- 9:00 a.m. **CDE Preliminary**
Discussion Meet (*Marriott Hotel*)
- FFA Alumni Silent Auction Opens**
- 10:00 a.m. **CDE Preliminaries (Bracket #2)**
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*)
- 10:30 a.m. **Third General Session,** *Arena*
Proficiency Awards Presentations
Middle School SAE Record Book Awards
GVATA Remarks
WLC Scholarships
Scholarship Presentations
- 11:30 a.m. **Alumni Leaders Conference**
Workshops (*Room 306 & 308*)
- 12:30 p.m. **Convention Committee Meeting**
- 12:45 p.m. **Retired Agriculture Teachers Luncheon**
- 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 Breakout Workshops (<i>Convention Center</i>) | Saturday, April 30 8:00 a.m. | Fifth General Session, Arena Alumni Greetings Greetings from Dr. Barbara Wall 10 Year Past President Greetings Conferring of State FFA Degrees |
| 1:45 p.m. | TAG: Teach Ag Georgia workshop <i>Ballroom C</i> | | |
| | Alumni Leaders Conference Workshops (<i>Room 306</i>) | 10:30 a.m. | Award Winner Rehearsal, Arena |
| 2:30 p.m. | Fourth General Session, Arena National Officer Address- Abbey Gretsch National FFA V.P. New Chapter Charters Reporter, Secretary, Treasurer awards FFA Week Observance awards Chapter Achievement/Gold Emblem awards Hall of Georgia awards Delegate Business Session -Seating of delegates -Committee reports -Election of state VPs | 11:00 a.m. | Sixth General Session, Arena Announcement of 2016-2017 State VPs Seating of Delegates Election of State FFA President Agriscience Awards <i>CDE Awards Presentations</i> Sr. Parliamentary Procedure Jr. Parliamentary Procedure Sr. Prepared Public Speaking Jr. Prepared Public Speaking Extemporaneous Public Speaking FFA Creed Discussion Meet Recognition of State Officer's parents Election of State FFA Secretary 100% Membership awards Convention in Review Installation of 2016-2017 State Officers |
| 3:30 p.m. | Alumni Business Meeting and Awards Program, Room 306 | | |
| 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Agriscience Exhibit Pick-up | | |
| 6:00 p.m. | Alumni Silent Auction closes | | |
| 9:00 p.m. | Convention Concert: <i>Love & Theft</i> <i>(Exhibition Hall)</i> | | |

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.



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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 + tax
Reserve Rooms by March 28

Hilton Garden Inn - Mercer

1220 Stadium Drive
478-741-5527
Rate: \$114.00 + tax
Reserve 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) 475-0200
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.



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.

Encourage your students to join this
wonderfully rewarding profession!



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Convention Registration

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

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

*\$250
Per Chapter*

*Payment due
April 8*

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