



**97th FFA State Convention / Activities Week  
FFA Advisor Resource Guide**



**Effective: April 7, 2026**

**FFA Convention & Activities Week will be held June 9-11, 2026.**

This year we will be using East Halls for lodging/dining and the Bryce Jordan Center for sessions.

We hope you and your students are looking forward to this event at The Pennsylvania State University, University Park campus.

Please register all participants at the PSU website: [PSU FFA Week](#)

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER – Midnight May 8, 2026**

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- April 7, 2026  
Registration Opens
- May 8, 2026  
Online Registration Deadline (must be registered by midnight)
  - Chapters whose registrations are not in by MIDNIGHT MAY 8 will not be permitted to participate.
- June 9, 2026  
All payments must be received.  
All permission/medical forms must be submitted by the close of on-site registration.

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS, DUE DATES and CONTACTS

Dairy Handlers/Showmanship Entry Forms	May 1, 2026	Darla Romberger DeShong
Marketing Plan	May 1, 2026	Lyndsay Wilcox
Public Speaking Manuscripts	May 1, 2026	See Below
Safe Tractor Driving Forms	May 1, 2026	Curt Turner
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Official State Authorization & Medical Form – Signed (one for each registered student)	June 9, 2026	Submit at Registration
Conduct Code Form – Signed (one for each registered student)	June 9, 2026	Submit at Registration

### Special Note for Public Speaking Manuscripts

- A PDF of the manuscripts for Public Speaking LDEs (Prepared, Conservation & Junior Prepared) including all alternates should be e-mailed directly to the appropriate chair of each LDE.
- For all Prepared Public Speaking LDEs, both the authenticity statement and running header on the cover page of the manuscript are options for state competition in 2026.

## Registration Details

### Leadership Development Workshops

- Students must be pre-registered for these workshops.
- These workshops will be presented by our visiting National Officer and visiting state officers from other states.
- Any student not competing in a CDE/LDE on any day of the event are **REQUIRED** to register and attend these workshops.

### Parking

- Parking next to the dorms is not permitted, regardless of tag type.
  - All cars and vans must park in the **East Parking Deck**.
  - Buses will be directed to the **Stadium West parking lot**.
- A drop-off location will be identified next to East Halls.
  - Vehicles with municipal plates are free but **MUST** park in PORTER WEST parking lot.

### Payments

- Payment may be made by credit card or check.
  - **All payments must be received by June 9, 2026**
- To make a credit card payment, select the credit card option at the end of your registration. A processing fee will be added.
- Checks should be payable to Penn State and mailed to the address below.

Office of Conferences and Short Courses  
Attn: FFA  
301B Ag Administration Building  
University Park, PA 16802

### Refunds

- Refunds will be made in full for cancellations received by May 8, 2026.
  - No refunds will be issued after this date.
- The credit card used at the time of payment will be the only credit card refunded.
- No cash or checks will be dispersed for a credit card refund.

### Cancellations

- The University reserves the right to cancel or postpone any event due to insufficient enrollment or unforeseen circumstances.
- If any event is canceled or postponed, the University will refund registration fees but cannot be held responsible for other costs, charges or expenses including cancellation/change charges assessed by travel agents or airlines.

## Instructions

### Teachers and Chaperones Requirements

- Provide a cell phone number during registration to be used as an emergency contact number.
- List a chaperone for each student who is the same gender as the student.
- Have permission from all chaperones being identified.
  - PSU ratio – 1 chaperone per 10 students AT ALL TIMES on campus.
  - This includes entering and exiting the dining halls.
- The registration site will time out after 20 minutes.
  - Have all information ready when you start the registration process.
  - You can save your work and come back in.

### Schools with 100+ Attendees

- The registration system allows you to enter one main registrant plus 100 additional attendees during one registration process.
- If your school has more than 100 total attendees, you will need to go through the registration process a second or third time until you have all your attendees registered.
- When beginning a new registration process, a teacher/chaperone that has not registered yet must be the next “main registrant” and will be required to use a different e-mail address.
- A new registration confirmation number and e-mail confirmation will be generated with each registration process that is completed.
- You may submit two or three separate invoices to your school for payment or if you prefer one invoice, you can call 814-865-8301 and request a compiled invoice.

### Registration Fees

- Student Double - \$225
- Teacher Double Room - \$225
- Chaperone or Guest Double Room - \$225
- Teacher Single Room - \$250
- Chaperone or Guest Single Room - \$250
- Student Commuter - \$175
- Teacher Commuter - \$175
- T-Shirts - \$15
- Parking Pass - \$20

## OTHER DETAILS

- Please remember to bring your own towels, pillows and blankets, only sheets will be provided
- Students may attend State FFA Convention and register **ONLY** for Leadership Development Workshops—they do **NOT** need to register to compete in a CDE or LDE!
- Nominating Committee members may *not* participate in any other CDE/LDE or activity.
- Students interested in applying for the National FFA Band and Chorus should visit the National FFA web site at [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org) and apply direct.
- Talent entries must be registered to participate in a CDE/LDE or other FFA activity.
  - Talent acts will be performed on stage only at the discretion of the chairperson.
- To be registered for Environmental & Natural Resources (ENR) Team Event, two students should be registered in Aquatics and two in Wildlife – Creating one team in ENR.

# CDE/LDE Eligibility – State, Regional and National

## National FFA CDE/LDE Competition

- Any school that wins a state level Career or Leadership Development Event (CDE/LDE) will represent Pennsylvania in their respective National FFA CDE/LDE, if the CDE/LDE exists, providing they meet the following criteria:
  - No more than one-half of the state winning team has been substituted for any reason. If the CDE/LDE team consists of three members, then only one substitution is allowed.
  - No substitute on the winning team has ever previously competed in the same CDE/LDE at the National Convention.
- If a team or individual is no longer eligible to compete in a CDE/LDE at the National Convention or Big E, the opportunity passes down the list of winning teams/individuals until the next highest eligible team/individual can be found to replace them.
- No substitutions shall be allowed in CDE/LDE with individual contestants. First place will represent Pennsylvania at the National FFA CDE/LDE.

## National Regional FFA CDE/LDE Competition

- Any school that places 2<sup>nd</sup> in a state level CDE/LDE will represent Pennsylvania at the Big E, if the CDE/LDE exists, providing they meet the following criteria:
  - No more than one-half of the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team has been substituted for any reason. If the CDE/LDE team consists of three members, then only one substitution is allowed.
  - No substitute on the 2<sup>nd</sup>-place team has ever previously competed in the same CDE/LDE at the Big E.
- No substitutions shall be allowed in CDE/LDE with individual contestants. Second place will represent Pennsylvania at the Big E, if such CDE/LDE exists.

## State FFA CDE/LDE Competition

- Once a student competes at the National FFA Convention, places first in an individual state CDE/LDE, and/or is the member of a first-place team in a team state CDE/LDE, they have exhausted their eligibility and are no longer eligible to compete in that respective CDE/LDE at the State Level.
- Check your 2026 National FFA CDE/LDE Handbook for specific skill areas or components <https://www.ffa.org/participate/awards>. They will be in effect for 2026 FFA Activities Week.
- State Officer Candidates can ONLY compete in Public Speaking or Parliamentary Procedure, not both.
- Jr. Prepared & Sr. Prepared speakers may compete in another CDE during Activities Week. Arrangements will be made with the chairs for Tuesday (testing day) in that CDE.
- Leadership Workshops will be offered on Tuesday and Wednesday for all students not competing in a CDE/LDE.
  - Noncompeting students MUST BE signed up for these workshops and MUST ATTEND. If they are not in attendance, they will be disqualified and sent home.

## TENTATIVE CDE/LDE Schedule by Day

### CDE/LDEs - Begin and End on Tuesday

- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Jr. Prepared Speaking
- Scrapbook
- Senior Prepared Speaking
- Talent

### CDE/LDEs – Begin and End of Wednesday

- Dairy Cattle Handlers/Showmanship
- Environmental & Nat. Resource
  - (MUST HAVE TWO REGISTERED IN AQUATICS and TWO REGISTERED IN WILDLIFE)
- Farm Business Management
- FFA Knowledge
- Land Use and Management
- Marketing Plan
- Nursery & Landscape

### CDE/LDEs – Participation Tuesday AND Wednesday

- |  |                                 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| • Agriculture Education                | • Forestry                      |
| • Agronomy                             | • Horse Evaluation              |
| • Ag Communications                    | • Livestock Evaluation          |
| • Ag Sales                             | • Meats Evaluation & Technology |
| • Ag Technology & Mechanical Systems   | • Milk Quality & Products       |
| • Aquatics                             | • Parliamentary Procedure       |
| • Chapter Delegate                     | • Poultry Evaluation            |
| • Conduct of Chapter Meetings          | • Small Gas Engines             |
| • Creed Speaking                       | • Safe Tractor Driving          |
| • Dairy Cattle Management & Evaluation | • Turfgrass Management          |
| • Employment Skills                    | • Veterinary Science            |
| • Floriculture                         | • Wildlife                      |
| • Food Science & Technology            |                                 |

**PA FFA State Dairy Showmanship CDE**

2026 Entry Form

(Typed Applications Preferred)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

25-26 Grade (circle)      7      8      9      10      11      12

Ag Teacher/FFA Advisor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ FFA Region \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

FFA Dairy Cattle Showmanship Experience (Years in FFA) \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Name of Show	Placing

(use additional lines if necessary)

4-H Dairy Cattle Showmanship Experience (Years in 4-H) \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Name of Show	Placing

(use additional lines if necessary)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Teacher

Email to [DRomberger@cvschools.org](mailto:DRomberger@cvschools.org) by 11:59 pm on **May 1, 2026**

Contest Chair: Darla Romberger, Cumberland Valley High School



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**STATE CONFERENCE/CONVENTION AUTHORIZATION FORM  
 AND HEALTH and MEDICAL FORM**

(Please complete all forms in their entirety, sign where noted, and provide to state staff at registration)

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Student's Name)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of State FFA Event) (Date(s))

**FIELD TRIP EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Advisor/Chaperone: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student's Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**In the event of an emergency during this trip, please call the following telephone number(s):**

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**If parents/guardians are unable to be reached please contact:**

<b>1.</b> _____	_____	_____
Name	Phone Number	Relationship
<b>2.</b> _____	_____	_____
Name	Phone Number	Relationship

**Family Physician's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Physician's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL INFORMATION:**

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Physical restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALLERGIES: (check one)**

\_\_\_\_\_ My child has no food allergies, sensitivities, or restrictions.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ My child has the following food allergies/sensitivities/restrictions:

## STATE FFA EVENT - CODE OF CONDUCT

The Courtesy Corps and FFA Board of Directors have identified two general categories of disciplinary action. The Courtesy Corps will determine the category of disciplinary action based on the seriousness of the infraction. The two categories of disciplinary action are listed below.

### Major Infractions

- Possession or use of a weapon or harmful object with the intent to hurt or intimidate others
- Throwing any object from host facility windows
- Possession or use of vaping, alcohol, drugs and/or tobacco products
- Destruction of property or nuisance behavior
- Student(s) of opposite sex beyond the lobby areas of the dormitory
- Student(s) of opposite sex in sleeping rooms of conference hotels
- Discrimination, segregation, harassment, and/or bullying of any kind
- Other conduct deemed inappropriate for FFA Members

**Potential Consequences:** *CDE/LDE Disqualification, Immediate Dismissal from Conference/Convention, Police Referral, FFA Membership Suspension, Local School Discipline*

### Minor Infractions

- Violating the rules of the CDE - talking, cheating, etc.
- Failing to attend the scheduled sessions of the event
- Changing room assignments without consent of State FFA Staff
- Leaving the event site without consent of State FFA Staff (includes downtown State College)
- Violating the curfew of the event
- Removal of screens from windows or other damage to sleeping rooms
- Other conduct deemed inappropriate for FFA Members

**Potential Consequences:** *CDE/LDE Disqualification, Immediate Dismissal from Conference/Convention, FFA Membership Suspension, Local School Discipline*

As an FFA Member, you agree:

- To conduct myself in a manner that will be a credit to the FFA, my school, my family and myself.
- To abide by the FFA Code of Ethics as printed in the Official FFA Manual.
- To abide by any additional rules set for specific FFA event attending.
- To abide by the FFA Code of Conduct.

### STUDENT SIGNATURES AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I understand that any infraction of any of the rules of conduct will be sufficient cause for my participation to be terminated and to me to be sent home at my own expense immediately. I agree to follow the rules of conduct and to abide by the expectations regarding health and medical care as outlined in this document and my school district policies.

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**Student's Printed Name**

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**Student's Signature**

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**Date**

## PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURES AND AUTHORIZATION

*The signature below authorizes and accepts acknowledgement of all statements below.*

1. My child has medication prescribed by a physician as listed above: (If your child is prescribed a medication after the form is signed but before the trip, please send in medication information prior to the trip.) The Contracted State FFA Nurse has my permission to contact the physician with any questions or concerns.
2. As I consider my child responsible, I will not hold trip personnel or state FFA staff responsible for any problems that may arise with regards to my child's self-administered medication. She/he has been instructed in and understands the medication's purpose, frequency, and appropriate method of use.
3. My signature above indicates authorization for the Contracted State FFA Nurse to administer all medication listed on this form. I understand that the school and all employees, as well as the PA State FFA Association and staff shall incur no liability arising from medication administered.
4. I also give permission to State FFA Staff and the Contracted State FFA Nurse to administer basic first aid and to seek medical attention for my child in the event of an emergency. This includes but is not limited to transporting him/her to a hospital and permitting said hospital to administer necessary medical care.
5. I authorize the registered advisor/chaperone for my son/daughter to enforce the rules of conduct and accept the consequences as outlined in the attached Code of Conduct. I understand that I will be responsible for immediate transportation home for my son/daughter if they are found to be in violation of those rules, or the guidelines of the health and medical form.
6. I authorize my school district and the State FFA Association to take and use photographs from this event that may contain my son/daughter to promote the local FFA chapter and the State FFA Association. Such use may include but is not limited to print media, newspaper, television, and social media.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## ADMINISTRATOR SIGNATURES AND AUTHORIZATION

I authorize the above-named chaperone/advisor to be an **official chaperone of my school district**. This chaperone will have the authority to enforce the rules of conduct in conjunction with the State FFA Staff and Courtesy Corps.

In addition, I understand it is **my responsibility to coordinate or provide transportation home, immediately**, for any student(s) found to be in violation of the rules of conduct with a consequence requiring student dismissal from the event.

I also authorize the **Contracted State FFA Nurse** to act in accordance with all **Health and Medical information** and authorizations provided by the student's parent/guardian on this form.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Administrator Printed Name & Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Administrator Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## PERMISSION FOR PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION:

Medication	Dosage	Time to be given	What is the medication for?

**Please Note:**

1. Medications must be in their **original containers**, marked with the child’s name, and handled according to individual school policy and procedure prior to departure. Those same medications shall be given to the Contracted State FFA Nurse upon arrival at the conference/convention.
2. Please be aware that the medications listed on this form will be the only ones given by the school staff and the Contracted State FFA Nurse.
3. Students may not carry medication at any time (for example: aspirin, motion sickness pills, cough medicine, etc.), unless pre-approved by school chaperones/administration. There is an exception for asthma inhalers and epinephrine auto-injectors, which may be carried by students with proper forms.

## PERMISSION FOR NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION:

In the event my child experiences any minor aches or pains, (i.e., headache, injury or fever, etc.); I give permission for State FFA Staff and the Contracted State FFA Nurse to administer basic first aid and for the following to be administered as needed: *(select all that apply)*

Acetaminophen \_\_\_\_\_ Ibuprofen \_\_\_\_\_ Antacid \_\_\_\_\_

In the event of allergy symptoms, I give permission for the following to be administered as needed:

**Benadryl** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*NOTE:** Over the counter medication, not ordered by a doctor, (Diphenhydramine Hydrochloride) will be administered per label instructions by age/weight.

## STATE FFA SELF-MEDICATION RELEASE:

*(This form is for students requiring inhalers or epinephrine. Such medication must be provided by the student.)*

Students requiring inhalers for asthma and auto-injectors (EpiPen) for emergency use are permitted to self-carry these medications. These medications will remain with the student at all times during the trip and are the responsibility of the student to provide, maintain and utilize as needed.

**We request that (child’s name) \_\_\_\_\_ be permitted to carry the following on her/his person and recognize that he/she is responsible for providing their own supply or device:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Inhaler                      Type of Inhaler: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ EpiPen                      Allergy(ies) of concern: \_\_\_\_\_

## Penn State Activities Week Courtesy Corp Procedures

**Purpose:** To ensure the safety and well-being of all FFA members in attendance at Penn State Activities Week by providing discipline and enforcing consequences as described in the Official FFA Code of Conduct.

Courtesy Corp is stationed in FFA Headquarters and Backstage at the Convention Sessions. Someone from the Courtesy Corp Committee is on duty at all times of Penn State Activities Week, except from 2am-6am each morning.

The primary responsibilities of Courtesy Corp are to maintain safety and security of the event and enforce consequences of discipline for FFA members.

### Responsibilities of Teachers/Chaperones:

- Ensure students know and understand the **FFA Code of Conduct** that each sign before attending Penn State Activities Week.
- Check to ensure that **ALL students are in their rooms at the time of curfew each night.** Dorms do NOT lock down until scheduled curfew times, so students may not be checked in early.
- **Report to the Courtesy Corp representative in the main lobby** of each dorm within 10 minutes after curfew to verify that all students under your care are present and accounted for.
- Escort any students guilty of violating curfew or other Code of Conduct Rules to FFA Headquarters for discipline action.
- **Inform a Courtesy Corp representative of any need for security or emergency care.** If, at anytime, an incident requires you and/or students to be out of the dorms after curfew checks, please report to Headquarters to check-in and be escorted back to your dorms.
- **Arrange transportation home** for students who have broken rules assigned with the consequence of Disqualification and being sent home immediately. It is the responsibility of FFA advisor to coordinate and arrange transportation for such students. In addition, until transportation arrives, a teacher or chaperone representative from that school must always remain at headquarters with those students.
- **Allow Courtesy Corp to enforce consequences** as described in the FFA Code of Conduct signed by each FFA member in attendance.

**If you wish to volunteer to serve on Courtesy Corp in any capacity, please indicate on the registration form, stop by FFA Headquarters anytime on Tuesday of Penn State Activities Week, or email Sherisa Nailor, [snailor@caiu.org](mailto:snailor@caiu.org)**

## COACHING RESPONSIBILITIES CONSENT FORM

Explanation

In CDE/LDEs where the top scoring teams win trips to the National FFA Convention; Springfield, MA; or other locations, the advisors of these teams are responsible for coaching and chaperoning the teams in preparation for and during any additional CDE/LDEs or trips. Coaches must make the necessary travel arrangements for teams, write a news article suitable for distribution, supply a team photo, and collect CDE/LDE materials for coaches in following years. If the advisors of these teams cannot fulfill the obligation, it is the responsibility of that advisor to notify the State Office within 30 days of the closing of convention. If no-one accepts the responsibility, the team will not be able to attend the advanced CDE/LDE.

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### Certification of Coaching Responsibility

I, hereby, certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
(Agriculture Teacher or CDE/LDE Coach's Name)

has permission from \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of School District)

to accompany the team to the next level of competition if it achieves an eligible placing. I realize that failure to sign this form may jeopardize the eligibility of our school's team, not only for the current year but for next year as well.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(School Administrator's Name--please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(School Administrator's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Month, day, year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Agriculture Teacher or CDE/LDE Coach's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Month, day, year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Second Teacher/Coach Signature, if needed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Month, day, year)

**Note:** *This completed and signed form must be submitted at Registration with authorization forms, health and medical forms, and Code of Conduct forms.*