



# 2016 MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 2-3/3-4, 2016

Florida FFA is excited to announce the 2016 Middle School Conference: Start Up! This conference is the third phase of the leadership continuum for middle school students and is designed to bring the FFA mission to life for our members. The conference is offered in twice: December 2-3 and December 3-4. Both offerings are located at the Florida FFA Leadership Training Center in Haines City. Chapters are welcome to choose which offering works best for them. Chapters are not allowed to stay for both and will not be able to stay over or arrive early.

The Middle School Conference (MSC) is a conference specifically designed to introduce middle school FFA members to opportunities in FFA. The conference helps middle school members discover leadership opportunities, potential career choices in agriculture, and the values of the FFA mission.

## FACTS

### LOCATION

Florida FFA  
Leadership Training Center  
5000 Firetower Road  
Haines City, Florida 33844

### ELIGIBILITY

Open to all Middle School FFA members

### REGISTER ONLINE

Registration is available online @ [FloridaFFA.org](http://FloridaFFA.org). Please note registration should be completed by the FFA Chapter Advisor.

## COSTS

**STUDENT** ..... \$75  
**ADULT DOUBLE** ..... \$100  
**ADULT SINGLE** ..... \$150

Price includes meals, lodging, conference materials, shirt, etc.

Adult Single Occupancy is based on availability.



## REGISTRATION

Registration should be completed using the online registration system. You will need to visit the Florida FFA website to register you and your students. Registration must be completed for each attendee attending the conference, including advisors and chaperones. To register, visit [www.flaffa.org](http://www.flaffa.org). Once we have your registration we will reserve your spot. We anticipate this conference to fill up early.

### REQUIRED FORM (PAGE 2)

Florida FFA requires that each student complete and submit the Florida FFA Permission and Emergency Medical Form, including notary signature, for each overnight event. This form is attached to this email and can be found on the Florida FFA website at [www.flaffa.org](http://www.flaffa.org). Please bring completed form with you to the conference. Please do not fax or send permission forms prior to the event.

### CANCELLATION POLICY

Fees are non-refundable unless cancellations are made 48 hours in advance to check-in. All payments are due at time of check in. If payment is not received at check-in, a credit card will be necessary to secure conference attendance.

## CHAPERONES

Please remember that the advisor attendance policy is in effect and all students must be accompanied by a designated school district representative. In the event that the designated representative is not the FFA advisor, a chaperone designation letter from the school principal is required at the time of check-in. It is imperative that the letter specify the name of the chaperone and include the principal's signature. If your designated school district representative is another FFA advisor from your county, it is imperative that all parties are aware before arriving at the conference.

## DRESS CODE

Students should be in official dress for the opening of the conference. Students will need business casual clothing for the remainder of the conference.

## SCHEDULE

### DAY 1

3:00 pm  
*Check In*  
5:00 pm  
*Opening Session (Official Dress)*  
6:00 pm  
*Dinner (Change into Business Casual)*  
7:00 pm  
*First Session (Business Casual)*  
8:00 pm  
*Break*  
8:15 pm  
*Second Session (Business Casual)*  
9:15 pm  
*Ice Cream Social*  
10:00 pm  
*Reflections*  
10:15 pm  
*Lights Out*

### DAY 2

7:30 am  
*Breakfast (Conference T-Shirt)*  
*Check Out*  
8:30 am  
*Third Session (Conference T-Shirt)*  
9:30 am  
*Break*  
9:45 am  
*Fourth Session (Conference T-Shirt)*  
11:00 am  
*Closing Session (Conference T-Shirt)*

TO REGISTER ONLINE, VISIT [WWW.FLAFFA.ORG](http://WWW.FLAFFA.ORG)



# FLORIDA FFA STUDENT PERMISSION FORM

EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORM, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, PERSONAL CONDUCT AGREEMENT AND PROMOTIONAL RELEASE

Participant Last Name		Participant First Name		Age	Chapter
Parent or Guardian Name		Home Phone Number		Work Phone Number	
Insurance Company		Insurance Company Address			
Policy Number		Allergies (if any)			
Current Medications		Any medical conditions or disabilities of which Florida FFA should be aware of? Please Explain.			
Emergency Contact Name		Emergency Contact Phone Number		Relationship	

## WAIVER OF LIABILITY

In exchange for my being allowed to participate in the specified program (the "Program"), a program administered by the Florida FFA Association ("Florida FFA"), I, and if I am not yet 21 years old, my parent or legal guardian (individually and collectively referred to below in the first person singular) agree to be bound by each of the following:

1. Voluntary Participation. I understand and confirm that my participation in the Program is voluntary.
2. Identification of Risks. I understand that Florida FFA and its representatives may not be present during my participation in the Program. I understand that my participation in the Program may involve risk of injury and loss, both to person and to property. I also understand that the risk of injury may include the possibility of permanent disability and death. I understand that this Waiver and Release of Liability is intended to address all of the risks of any kind associated with my participation in any aspect of the Program, or with the time I am involved in the Program, including, particularly, such risks created by actions, inactions, or negligence on the part of Florida FFA or its directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, successors, or assigns, including but not limited to risks created by the following: (a) the use and condition of various modes of transportation, premises, facilities, and equipment; (b) the lack or inadequacy of policies, rules, or regulations of the Program; (c) the failure of Florida FFA to foresee or to protect me from actions, inactions, negligence, recklessness, or intentional or criminal misconduct of persons, other than those affiliated with Florida FFA; (d) the inadequacy or unavailability of medical facilities or treatment; or (e) the lack or inadequacy of supervision.
3. Assumption of Risk. I assume all risks, known and unknown, foreseeable and unforeseeable, in any way connected with my participation in the Program. I accept personal responsibility for any liability, injury, loss, or damage in any way connected with my participation in the Program.
4. Release and Waiver. I release Florida FFA and its directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, successors, and assigns from any and all liability for and waive any and all claims for injury, loss, or damage, including attorneys' fees, in any way connected with my participation in the Program (a "Claim"), whether or not caused in whole or part by the negligence or other misconduct of Florida FFA or any of the individuals mentioned above.
5. Indemnification. I agree to indemnify and to hold harmless (in other words, to reimburse and to be responsible for) Florida FFA and its directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, successors, and assigns from all claims for any liability, injury, loss, damages, or expense, including attorneys' fees (including the cost of defending any Claim I might make, or that might be made on my behalf, that is released or waived by this instrument), in any way connected with or arising out of my participation in the Program, whether or not caused in whole or in part by the negligence or other misconduct of Florida FFA or any of the individuals mentioned above.
6. Binding Effect. This instrument shall be binding upon my relatives, personal representatives, heirs, beneficiaries, next of kin, or assigns and shall inure to the benefit of Florida FFA and its successors and assigns.
7. Consent to Medical Treatment. I authorize Florida FFA to provide to me, through medical personnel of its choice, customary medical assistance, transportation, and emergency medical services. This consent does not impose a duty upon Florida FFA to provide such assistance, transportation, or services.
8. Severability. If any term or provision of this instrument or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall to any extent or for any reason be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this instrument and the application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby, and each term and provision of the instrument shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.
9. Applicable Law. Because Florida FFA and the Program are headquartered in the State of Florida, and in order to provide certainty in the law to be applied to the construction of this instrument, this instrument shall be governed, construed, and enforced in accordance with the law of the State of Florida.

## PERSONAL CONDUCT AGREEMENT

While participating in the Program, attendees represent FFA, their schools, and communities. FFA has established behavioral expectations that must be observed by all participants. All students attending must be properly chaperoned. The Florida FFA Association does not assume supervisory responsibility of any students. Supervision is the sole responsibility of the local school district and its appointed representatives. Florida FFA requires that an appointed school district representative attend the Program with their students.

FFA reserves the right to immediately terminate Program attendance of any member found to have violated these behavioral expectations. They will be required to leave the property and will be

responsible for all expenses associated with termination. Registration fees will not be reimbursed. School/county administrators will be notified.

In exchange for my being allowed to participate in an event or activity sponsored by Florida FFA, I, and if I am not yet 21 years old, my parent(s) or legal guardian(s) (individually and collectively referred to below in the first person singular) agree to be bound by the behavioral expectations set forth above and each of the following:

1. Attend all sessions, meetings and activities as directed by my advisor.
2. Conduct myself in a manner that will be a credit to FFA, my school, family, and myself.
3. Not be in the hotel/sleeping room of a member of the opposite sex.
4. Abide by the National FFA Code of Ethics as printed in the Official FFA Manual.
5. Wear official FFA dress as listed in the Official FFA Manual.
6. Keep my advisor informed of my activities and whereabouts at all times.
7. Not possess any alcohol, tobacco or other illegal substances.
8. Wear my identification badge at all times.
9. Abide by the curfew set by the FFA Association.

## PROMOTIONAL RELEASE

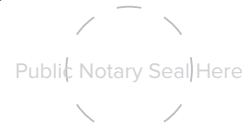
I grant the Florida FFA Association (FFA) permission to photograph and/or videotape me for possible appearance and inclusion in any of the FFA publications, promotional materials, on-air broadcasts or website or used in any other way that is deemed appropriate by FFA for education or for promotion of the FFA.

I release Florida FFA of any liability, claims, demands, damages, actions and causes of actions arising from or connected in any way with the use of the photographs and/or videotapes.

I understand that I will receive no compensation for participation and that all photography and videotape resulting from participation will become the sole property of Florida FFA.

In exchange for my being allowed to participate in an event or activity sponsored by Florida FFA, I, and if I am not yet 21 years old, my parent(s) or legal guardian(s) (individually and collectively referred to below in the first person singular), I verify that I fully understand, agree to and accept all provisions and obligations set forth in this Promotional Release.

Participant Signature	Date
Parent or Legal Guardian Signature	Date
Public Notary Signature	Date
Public Notary Printed Name	Commission Exp.



## ADVISOR AND PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the applicant has shown outstanding ability as evidenced by his/her leadership and cooperation in student, chapter, and community development. Therefore, without reservation, I approve his/her attendance at the specified Florida FFA event.

Advisor Signature	Date
School Administrator Signature	Date