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**TO:** FFA ADVISORS, COUNTY FARM BUREAU PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES

**FROM:** DALE M. BEATY, DIRECTOR  
TRAINING & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

**SUBJECT:** 2012 FFA FARM FORUM REGISTRATION PACKET

**DATE:** NOVEMBER 16, 2011

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The 2012 Farm Bureau FFA Farm Forum will be held **February 24-25** at the Hotel Mead in Wisconsin Rapids. FFA Farm Forum is a two day conference specifically designed to target **high school juniors** contemplating agricultural careers.

**Advisors:** Please let prospective student participants know that this conference is different. **It is not a rah-rah leadership conference. While we endeavor to make learning fun, FFA Farm Forum is for mature students who are ready and willing to explore serious topics and learn outside of their comfort zone.** FFA Farm Forum focuses on current & future agricultural issues, preparation for agricultural careers, and an introduction to Farm Bureau. Student participants must be prepared to be engaged in comprehensive learning presentations.

The sponsor of this program is the **Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation**.

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau strongly encourages county Farm Bureaus to contact all FFA advisors in their county to suggest participation in this program and to help sponsor FFA members to attend. Likewise, FFA advisors should make contact with their county Farm Bureau.

Once again, only FFA members who are **high school juniors** are eligible to attend.

Each FFA chapter may send a maximum of **4** student members.

**Please be aware that openings for this event are limited. The first 200 student applications and the first 30 advisor applications will be accepted. Registrations are due on January 13th, so be sure to register early!**

Possible sources of sponsorship for students are: County Farm Bureau, local businesses, FFA chapter and/or FFA Alumni.

The 2012 FFA Farm Forum will begin with registration on Friday, February 24 from 9–11 a.m. and will conclude on Saturday, February 25 by 1:30 p.m. Enclosed is a tentative agenda.

Also, registration forms for students and advisors are attached, as well as a Personal Conduct Agreement form that must be submitted for each student. You may download registration forms from our web site at [www.wfbf.com](http://www.wfbf.com). If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (608) 828-5714 or [dbeaty@wfbf.com](mailto:dbeaty@wfbf.com). I look forward to seeing you and your students in Wisconsin Rapids!

Attachments

FFA Farm Forum  
February 24-25, 2012  
Hotel Mead, Wisconsin Rapids

**FFA ADVISOR  
REGISTRATION FORM**

Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored by: \_\_\_\_\_ Self Or \_\_\_\_\_

- **Return with fee of \$100.00 postmarked by January 13, 2012.**
- **Please add \$25/person for applications postmarked after January 13, 2012.**
- **No applications will be accepted postmarked after January 20, 2012.**
- **The first 30 FFA Advisor applications will be accepted.** I will confirm your reservation by email or mail.

**Please note:** FFA advisors will be paired two per room unless other arrangements are made directly with Dale Beaty in advance. **An additional charge of \$50 will be required in advance for single rooms.**

Make checks payable to: **Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation**

Mail to: Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation  
FFA Farm Forum, ATTN: Dale M. Beaty  
P.O. Box 5550  
Madison, WI 53705-0550

FAX: 608-828-5718

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**HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR FFA MEMBER  
REGISTRATION FORM**

**Please Note:** It is our policy to randomly assign four FFA students of the same sex to one hotel room. Our hotel room policy is based on two objectives: (1) FFA Farm Forum offers a great opportunity to meet new people and establish new networks between individuals and chapters. (2) Our conference registration fee is reasonable because we keep the number of hotel rooms needed to a minimum by maximizing the occupancy of each hotel room. However, if a FFA chapter insists on rooming its students together, the chapter may reserve and pay for a hotel room directly through the Hotel Mead - in addition to paying our registration fee. **Exception to our policy:** If a chapter is bringing four males or four females, then they may be assigned to one hotel room. If a specific chapter hotel room is requested, **no refund** will be given for any cancellations.

**FFA Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

FFA Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Career Objective: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERMISSION TO ATTEND APPROVED BY:**

Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature(s)**

Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

School Principal: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

**Sponsored by:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

- ❖ Return with fee of \$85.00 postmarked **by January 13, 2012.**
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# PERSONAL CONDUCT AGREEMENT

## General Behavior Expectations

While participating in the leadership conference, managed by the Wisconsin Association of FFA ("FFA"), there are certain behavioral expectations that must be observed by all participants to maintain good standing with FFA and participation in these programs.

All participants in an event or activity sponsored by FFA are prohibited from involvement in unsafe, irresponsible, and/or illegal conduct. You are prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages. In addition, you must abide by all rules and regulations established by FFA for participation in the leadership conference.

- a) I promise that my attitude, conduct and appearance will be such to reflect credit on my chapter, school, community and state FFA association.
- b) I promise to abide by the National FFA Code of Ethics
- c) As a representative of nearly 500,000 FFA members, I will be well groomed and dress appropriately during the leadership conference.
- d) I will not be in a hotel room of another participant of the opposite sex. Failure to abide by this rule will result in immediate dismissal from the conference and my parent(s)/ guardian(s) will be notified.
- e) I will not use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco at any time during the conference. I understand if I violate this rule, I will be sent home immediately at my own expense and my parent(s)/guardian(s) will be notified.
- f) I will pay for all personal costs and any damage of hotel property directly to the hotel before I depart. My room will be kept neat and clean.

FFA reserves the right to immediately terminate from the conference anyone who is found to have violated these behavioral expectations. Students terminated from the conference will be sent home at their own expense and will be responsible for all other expenses associated with their termination.

## General Behavior Expectations Agreement

In exchange for my being allowed to participate in an event or activity sponsored by FFA, I, and 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. I agree to participate in FFA's leadership conference according to the guidelines set forth in this Personal Conduct Agreement and other applicable FFA publications.
  - 2. I understand that FFA reserves the right and I agree that FFA has the right to immediately terminate my participation in the conference at the sole discretion of FFA, through its representatives, if I (a) engage in behavior that is unsafe, irresponsible, illegal, or otherwise contrary to FFA policy as expressed above or (b) consume alcohol.
  - 3. I further understand and agree that if my participation in the leadership conference is terminated pursuant to the preceding paragraph, (a) I will be solely responsible for all costs associated with my early termination, including my travel expenses, and (b) I will not be entitled to any refund of money I have paid to FFA for my participation in the conference.
  - 4. I agree to allow FFA and its representatives to make reasonable, unannounced searches of my living quarters and personal belongings if FFA reasonably suspects that I am violating the behavioral expectations set forth in this Agreement and other applicable FFA publications.
- By signature below, I acknowledge that I have read this Personal Conduct Agreement, understand the behavioral expectations of the conference, agree to abide by those behavioral expectations, and agree to each of the above paragraphs.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name (Participant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

In exchange for my child being allowed to participate in the conference sponsored by the FFA and as the custodial parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the above-named individual, I/we verify that I/we fully understand, agree to, and accept all provisions and obligations set forth in this Personal Conduct Agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name  
(Parent or Legal Guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name  
(Parent or Legal Guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Date