



ROCORI SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Overnight/Out of State Travel Approval Form

This form is to be completed prior to advertising for an "Extended Field Trip" which is defined as any time students are to travel out of state or overnight (or both).

Name of Group or Organization	ROCORI FFA
Name of Field Trip	National FFA Convention
Educational Purpose	Career Connections, Career Events, Motivational Speakers, Leadership Workshops
Location of Trip	Indianapolis, IN
Date of Departure	October 20
Date of Return	October 24
Grade Range of Students Attending	Grades 9-12
Number of Chaperones	4
Ratio of students/chaperones	13 students 3.25 : 1
Permission slips needed	Yes
Cost per student	~700
Funding Source (District/Student?)	Student
Itinerary Attached	yes - a more detailed one in the works.
Principal Approved	<i>Bgm</i> <i>Hgm</i>
Director of Activities Approval if appropriate (Signature/Date)	<i>WQ</i> 8/21/26



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Superintendent Approval (Signature/Date)	
School Board Approval (Signature Date)	
Advisor #1 (Name and Cell phone)	Tamara Berger 760-500-0245
Advisor #2 (Name and Cell phone)	Rylan Sabo 320-428-2065



99TH NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION & EXPO
OCT. 21-24, 2026 | INDIANAPOLIS

2026 General Sessions

All times Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). Schedules are subject to change

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2026

Opening Session 1A

Doors open: 2 p.m.

Session Time: 3:30 p.m.

Convention Kick-Off
Opening Ceremony
Presentation of Flags
National Advisor's Welcome
Recognition of Sponsors' Board
Chorus
Keynote Speaker

Thursday, Oct. 22, 2026

Opening Session 1B

Doors open: 6:30 a.m.

Session Time: 8:00 a.m.

Convention Kick-Off
Opening Ceremony
Presentation of Flags
National Advisor's Welcome
Band
Keynote Speaker:

Second General Session

Doors open: 1:00 p.m.

Session Time: 2:00 p.m.

Session Chairs: Jael Cruikshank & Lilly Nyland

Opening Ceremony

Proficiency Awards: Agricultural Communication; Agricultural Sales – Entrepreneurship; Agricultural Sales – Placement; Agricultural Services; Agricultural Education; Agriscience Research – Integrated Systems; Service-Learning

Agriscience Fair: Social Science

Talent

Retiring Address: Joey Nowotny

National Chapter Award: Middle School Models of Excellence

Talent

Career Development Events: Agronomy, Creed, Farm & Agribusiness Management, Floriculture, Food Science & Technology, Nursery/Landscape, Veterinary Science

National Chapter Awards: 1, 2 and 3-star

National FFA Talent Competition Round 1

Time: 5:15 p.m.

Third General Session

Session Time: 7:00 p.m.

Session Chairs: Trey Myers & Joey Nowotny

Opening Ceremony

Outstanding Alumni Awards

Proficiency Awards: Agriscience Research-Animal Systems; Beef Production- Entrepreneurship; Beef Production- Placement; Dairy Production- Entrepreneurship; Dairy Production- Placement; Diversified Agricultural Production; Diversified Livestock Production; Equine Science- Entrepreneurship; Equine Science- Placement; Agricultural Processing

Agriscience Fair: Animal Systems; Food Products & Processing

Talent

Retiring Address: Lilly Nyland

National Chapter Award: Model of Excellence

Talent

Career Development Events: Agricultural Sales; Extemporaneous Speaking; Forestry; Livestock Evaluation; Prepared Public Speaking

Friday, Oct. 23, 2026

Fourth General Session

Doors Open: 7:00 a.m.

Session Time: 8:00 a.m.

Session Chairs: T. Wayne Williams & Joey Nowotny

Opening Ceremony

Proficiency Awards: Goat Production; Poultry Production; Sheep Production; Small Animal Production & Care; Specialty Animal Production; Swine Production – Entrepreneurship; Swine Production – Placement; Veterinary Science

Agriscience Fair: Environmental Services & Natural Resources

Chorus

Retiring Address: Claire Woeppel

Honorary American Degree

Distinguished Service Citation

VIP Awards

Keynote Speaker

Premier Chapter Award: Growing Leaders

Chorus

Career Development Events: Agricultural Communications; Agricultural Issues; Dairy Cattle; Employment Skills; Horse Evaluation

Fifth General Session

Doors Open: 1:30 p.m.

Session Time: 2:30 p.m.

Session Chairs: Trey Myers & Lilly Nyland

Opening Ceremony

Proficiency Awards: Agriscience Research – Plant Systems; Diversified Crop Production – Entrepreneurship; Diversified Crop Production – Placement; Diversified Horticulture; Fiber & Oil Crop Production; Forage Production; Fruit and Nut Production; Grain Production; Landscape Installation; Nursery Operations; Specialty Crop Production; Turf and Landscape Maintenance; Vegetable Production

Agriscience Fair: Plant Systems

Band Selection

Retiring Address: Jael Cruikshank

Recognition: National Officer Candidates

Band Selection

Premier Chapter Award: Building Communities

Recognition: National Officer Mentors

Career Development Events: Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems; Conduct of Chapter Meetings; Environmental and Natural Resources;

Marketing Plan; Meats Evaluation and Technology; Milk Quality Products; Poultry

National FFA Talent Competition Finals

Time: 5:30 p.m.

National FFA Band & Chorus Concert

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Sixth General Session

Session Time: 7:00 p.m.

Session Chairs: Claire Woepfel & Jael Cruikshank

Opening Ceremony

Proficiency Awards: Environmental Science & Natural Resources

Management; Forest Management & Products; Outdoor Recreation; Wildlife

Production & Management; Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication;

Agricultural Mechanics Repair & Maintenance – Entrepreneurship; Agricultural

Mechanics Repair & Maintenance- Placement

Agriscience Fair: Power, Structural & Technical Systems

Band

Retiring Address: T. Wayne Williams

Premier Chapter Award: Strengthening Agriculture

Career Development Events: Parliamentary Procedure

Chorus

American Star Awards: Star in Agribusiness

American Star Awards: Star in Agricultural Placement

American Star Awards: Star in Agriscience

American Star Awards: Star Farmer

Recognition: American Star Awards

Saturday, Nov. 24, 2026

American Degree

Doors Open: 6:00 a.m.

Session Time: 7:30 a.m.

Session Chair: Trey Myers

Seventh General Session

Doors Open: Noon

Session Time: 1:30 p.m.

Session Chairs: Jael Cruikshank & Joey Nowotny

Opening Ceremony

Recognition: Nominating Committee

Recognition: Past National Officers
National Officer Family Recognition
Band
Retiring Address: Trey Myers
Delegate Reports
National Officer Election
Chorus & Band
Installation Ceremony
New National President's Remarks
Convention in Review Video