

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Mike Sitter, Athletics & Activities Director
TO: District 301 Board of Education
DATE: May 13, 2026
RE: FFA Chapter Overnight State Trip June 9th - June 11th, 2026

Our FFA Sponsors Mr. Robinson & Mr. Dalen are requesting to take the Central FFA chapter to the state FFA Convention. They will be traveling by activity bus and chaperoning approximately 9 students.

The reason for attending the State FFA Convention is for students to compete in state competitions and also be recognized for achievements from state contests held throughout the year, specifically for the State Champion Vet Science Team, State Winner in Agriscience, State Finalist in Star in Agriscience (winner will be announced on stage), and 4 State FFA degree recipients. The Convention will be held at the Bank of Springfield Center, Springfield, IL.

Below is the tentative itinerary for this trip:

Tuesday, June 9th

Leaving Central High School at 7:30 a.m.

Stopping for breakfast & lunch along the way (bring money)

Check into hotel Change into official dress – Head to convention center

1:00 pm SESSION 1

Retiring Address – State FFA President

Golden Owl Award Winners

3:00 pm BUSINESS SESSION

Approval of State Degrees Committee Reports

Approval of Constitutional Amendments

5:00 pm DINNER

6:30 pm SESSION 2 American Degree Recognition

State Secretary Keynote

WBL Awards



Wednesday, June 10th

8:00 am SESSION 3 &/or Leadership/Career Workshops
State Treasurer & VP Keynote
Proficiency Awards Recognition
State Officer Candidate Impromptu Question
11:00 am LUNCH
12 pm COLLEGE/CAREER FAIR
2:00 pm SESSION 4
National Officer Keynote Address
State Degree Ceremony
Illinois Department of Ag Director - Keynote Speech
7:00 pm DINNER & Chapter Activity

Thursday, June 11th

8:00 am Delegate Election Session
Past State Officer Recognition
12:00 pm LUNCH
1:00 pm SESSION 5
State Vet Science Champion Recognition
Retiring President Keynote
Leave Springfield @ 3:00 pm (approximately)
Arrive at Central High School 7-8p.m. (approximately)

Hotel Information

Crowne Plaza Springfield by IHG
3000 S Dirksen Parkway Springfield, IL 62703
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