

ADVISOR'S PLANNING GUIDE

90th Georgia FFA Convention



MACON, GA

APRIL 26 - 28, 2018

I CAN



WE WILL



Message from State FFA Advisor, Mr. John "Chip" Bridges...

I am honored to invite each of you to the 90th Georgia FFA Convention in Macon, Georgia on April 26 - 28, 2018. This event will be a great opportunity for FFA members, advisors, and supporters to celebrate the success of Georgia FFA. With a fitting theme, **"I Can, We Will"**, there are countless reasons for everyone to attend the State FFA Convention.

With every single agricultural education student that accepted the challenge of participation in an FFA event this year with a confident **"I Can"**; now is the time to come together and confirm **"We Will"** celebrate the amazing success each member has experienced. During the Convention there will be exciting announcements of agriculture proficiency winners,

State FFA Degree recipients, and newly elected state officers in addition to powerful speakers and great entertainment. The chance to meet agricultural leaders during the FFA Convention Career Show and hear from the amazing Georgia State FFA Officer Team during each Convention session will be a highlight for those in attendance. Other great aspects of the State FFA Convention will be competitions in various leadership events as well as the community service opportunities students are given to fulfill the fourth line in the FFA motto "Living to Serve".

My hope is that each of you will arrange your schedule to say, **"I Can"** attend the 2018 Georgia FFA Convention. If you will plan to be in Macon, Georgia on April 26, 27, & 28, 2018 for the 90th annual convention, I assure you that **"We Will"** experience the best of Georgia FFA.

God Bless You and I hope to see each of you at the 2018 Georgia FFA Convention.

State FFA Advisor

John "Chip" Bridges

Hall of Georgia 2018

Tell the story of Georgia agriculture and win a trip to the National FFA Convention.

To enter sign up on the Google Doc created and shared by Mrs. Casey Shumate.



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REGISTRATION & ON SITE

\$16

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REGISTRATION

\$20

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CONVENTION CAREER SHOW

**Thursday
April 26**

Doors Open - 11:00 a.m.

Show Closes - 4:30 p.m.



COLLEGES &
UNIVERSITIES

FFA TALENT

JOB
OPPORTUNITIES

CONVENTION SPEAKERS



Alex Sheen

Sparked by the loss of his father in 2012, Alex Sheen created a movement to better humanity by not missing opportunities to help others.

Alex founded *Because I Said I Would*, and began sending promise cards to anyone who requested them at no cost. Today *Because I*

Said I Would has sent more than 8 million promise cards to 150 countries around the world. Alex travels the world encouraging others to find ways to make a difference, make a commitment and follow through.

Alex Sheen is the convention kickoff speaker and will share the powerful message of *Because I Said I Would* at the opening session on Thursday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m. Learn more about Alex at www.becauseisaidiwould.com.

Ian Bennett

Ian Bennett, a member of the Lowndes County FFA chapter, was elected at the 90th National Convention to serve as 2017-2018 National Southern Region Vice President. Ian served as an Area and State officer, competed in the Extemporaneous Speaking and Discussion Meet CDEs, and developed



an SAE consisting of beef cattle and sheep production, and agriscience fair research. Ian is taking a one year leave of absence from the University of Georgia, where he is a junior majoring in Agriscience and Environmental Systems, to travel more than 100,000 miles across the U.S. and Japan serving as ambassador for Agricultural Education and the FFA.

Be sure to catch Ian's message when he speaks at the fifth session at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27.

CONVENTION CONCERT

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FRIDAY
APRIL 27

TICKETS
AVAILABLE ONLY
TO REGISTERED
CONVENTION
ATTENDEES
THROUGH
THE ONLINE
CONVENTION
REGISTRATION
PROCESS

DOORS OPEN AT 9:30 P.M.

SHOW STARTS AT 10:00 P.M.

AGENDA ~ 90TH GEORGIA FFA CONVENTION

Thursday, April 26

- 9:30 a.m. **Rebuilding Macon Project Meeting**
Convention Center - Ballroom A&B
- 10:30 a.m. **Parliamentary Procedure CDE**
Convention Center
- Conduct of Chapter Meetings CDE**
Convention Center
- 11:00 a.m. **Proficiency Finalist Interviews**
Marriott (Grand Salon & Magnolia rooms)
- 11:00 a.m.
-4:30 p.m. **Career Show, Exhibit Hall**
- 12:00-6:00 p.m. **Convention Registration**
- 1:00 p.m. **Agriscience Fair Set-up opens**
- Alumni Silent Auction Item & Chapter Basket drop-off**
Convention Center Rotunda
- Talent Rehearsal, Arena**
- 3:00 pm. **Leadership Workshop - National V.P. Ian Bennett**
Convention Center - Ballroom C
- 4:30 p.m. **Courtesy Corps Meeting, Convention Center**
- 5:00 p.m. **FFA Foundation Sponsors Dinner**
- 7:00 p.m. **First General Session, Arena**
EMC Electrification CDE Awards
Retiring Address - *Jake Harris, State V.P.*
Greetings - *Honorable Sonny Perdue, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture*
Sponsor Recognition
Kickoff Speaker - *Alex Sheen*
Stars Over Georgia Presentation

Friday, April 27

- 8:00 a.m. **CDE Preliminaries (Bracket #1)**
Extemporaneous Speaking (*Convention Center*)
Senior Prepared Public Speaking (*Marriott Hotel*)
Junior Prepared Public Speaking (*Convention Center*)
FFA Creed (*Marriott Hotel*)
- Parliamentary Procedure CDE Finals**
Finals Hall - Ballroom A&B
- Second General Session, Arena**
State Officer Candidate Introductions
Honorary State FFA Degree Ceremony

Friday, April 27 (continued)

- Second Session (continued)**
CDE Awards Presentations
Agricultural Communications
Agricultural Mechanics
Agricultural Sales
Dairy Cattle Evaluation
Environmental/Natural Resources
Farm Business Management
Floriculture
Forestry
Horse Evaluation
Job Interview
Livestock Evaluation
Marketing Plan
Meats Evaluation
Nursery/Landscape
Poultry Evaluation
FFA Quiz
Floral Design
Land Evaluation
Lawnmower Operation
Tractor Operation & Maintenance
Wildlife Management
Retiring Address - *Tyler Robinson, State V.P.*
Recognition of State Officer Team
Teachers & Administrators
- 8:30 a.m. **Agriscience Fair Judging**
- 9:00 a.m. **CDE Preliminary**
Discussion Meet (*Marriott Hotel*)
- Alumni Silent Auction Opens**
- Alumni Leadership Conference**
On-site Registration, Convention Center
- 9:45 a.m. **Conduct of Chapter Meeting Finals CDE**
Finals Hall - Ballroom A&B
- 10:00 a.m. **CDE Preliminaries (Bracket #2)**
Extemporaneous Speaking (*Convention Center*)
Senior Prepared Public Speaking (*Marriott Hotel*)
Junior Prepared Public Speaking (*Convention Center*)
FFA Creed (*Marriott Hotel*)
- Alumni Leaders Conference Workshop**
Convention Center Room 308
- 10:30 a.m. **Third General Session, Arena**
Retiring Address - *Rebecca Wallace, State V.P.*
State FFA Advisor Greetings
Proficiency Awards Presentations

AGENDA ~ 90TH GEORGIA FFA CONVENTION

Friday, April 27 (continued)

- Third Session (continued)**
 Middle School SAE Record Book Awards
 GVATA Remarks
 WLC Scholarships
 Scholarship Presentations
- 11:00 a.m. **Alumni Leaders Conference Workshop**
Convention Center Room 308
- 11:45 a.m. **Creed CDE Finals**
Finals Hall - Convention Center Ballroom A&B
- 12:30 p.m. **Convention Committee Meeting**
Convention Center Room 324
- 12:45 p.m. **Extemporaneous Speaking CDE Finals**
Finals Hall - Convention Center Ballroom A&B
- 1:00 p.m. **TAG: Teach Ag Georgia workshop**
Convention Center - Ballroom C
- 1:00 p.m. **Alumni Business & Awards Session**
Convention Center Room 308
- Discussion Meet CDE Finals**
Marriott - Grand Salon
- 2:00 p.m. **Sr. Prepared Speaking CDE Finals**
Finals Hall - Convention Center Ballroom A&B
- 2:30 p.m. **Fourth General Session, Arena**
 Retiring Address - *Brooks Fletcher, State V.P.*
 Talent Contest Awards
 New Chapter Charters
 FFA Week Observance awards
 National Chapter awards
 Delegate Business Session
 Seating of delegates
 Committee report
 Approval of State Degree list
 Election of state VPs
- 3:15 p.m. **Jr. Prepared Speaking CDE Finals**
Finals Hall - Convention Center Ballroom A&B
- 4:00 p.m. **Agriscience Exhibit Pick-up**

Friday, April 27 (continued)

- 5:00 p.m. **Past State Officer Reunion Dinner**
Convention Center
- 6:00 p.m. **Alumni Silent Auction closes**
- 7:00 p.m. **Fifth General Session, Arena**
 Retiring Address - *Katibeth Mims, State V.P.*
 Recognition of 2017 National Winners
 Leadership Award Presentations
 Reporter
 Secretary
 Treasurer
 Hall of Georgia awards
 CDE Award Presentations:
 Sr. Parliamentary Procedure
 Conduct of Chapter Meeting
 Sr. Prepared Public Speaking
 Jr. Prepared Public Speaking
 Creed
 Extemporaneous Speaking
 Discussion Meet
 National Officer Address
 Ian Bennett - National Vice President
 Recognition of Past State FFA Officers
- 10:00 p.m. **Convention Concert - Frankie Ballard**
(Exhibition Hall)

Saturday, April 28

- 8:00 a.m. **Sixth General Session, Arena**
 Alumni Greetings
 Retiring Address - *Laurabeth Bland, State V.P.*
 Conferring of State FFA Degrees
- 11:00 a.m. **Seventh General Session, Arena**
 Announcement of 2018-2019 State Officers
 Election of State FFA President
 Retiring Address - *Hinkley Hood, State Secretary*
 Agriscience Awards
 Foundation Ambassador Recognition
 Recognition of State Officer's parents
 Retiring Address - *Tucker Felkins, State President*
 Election of State FFA Secretary
 100% Membership awards
 Convention in Review
 Installation of 2018-2019 State Officers



LODGING OPTIONS FOR THE 90TH GEORGIA FFA CONVENTION

WHEN BOOKING ROOMS AT ANY OF THESE CONVENTION HOTELS, BE SURE TO REFERENCE THE GEORGIA FFA WHEN YOU CALL.

ON-SITE HOTEL

Marriott City Center
108 First Street
478-621-5300
Rate: \$121 + tax

OVERFLOW HOTELS

Baymont Inn & Suites
3680 Riverside Drive
478-474-4989
Rate: \$55 + tax

Baymont Inn & Suites
150 Plantation Inn Drive
478-474-8004
Rate: \$79.99 + tax

Best Western Riverside
2400 Riverside Drive
478-743-6311
Rate: \$71.99 + tax

Best Western Inn & Suites
4681 Chambers Road
478-781-5300
Rate: \$86.99 + tax

Candlewood Suites
3967 River Place Drive
478-254-3530
Rate: \$99 + tax

Comfort Inn & Suites (I-75)
3935 Arkwright Road
478-757-8688
Rate: \$69.99 + tax

Comfort Inn & Suites West
5000 Harrison Road
478-621-7977
Rate: \$115 + tax

Comfort Suites
120 Plantation Drive
478-314-5130
Rate: \$129 + tax

Country Inn & Suites
3915 Arkwright Road
478-803-8300
Rate: \$90 + tax

Courtyard by Marriott
3990 Sheraton Drive
478-477-8899
Rate: \$89 + tax

Econo Lodge Inn & Suites
130 Holiday Drive North
478-405-0106
Rate: \$50.99 + tax

Fairbridge Inn Express
105 Riverside Parkway
478-474-9902
Rate: \$54.99 + tax

Fairfield Inn by Marriott
110 Plantation Inn Drive
478-474-9922
Rate: \$89 + tax

Hampton Inn & Suites
5010 Eisenhower Parkway
478-803-4900
Rate: \$145 + tax

Hampton Inn & Suites
3954 River Place Drive
478-803-5000
Rate: \$129 + tax

Hilton Garden Inn
1220 Stadium Drive
478-741-5527
Rate: \$122 + tax

Holiday Inn Express West
4970 Harrison Road
478-803-0033
Rate: \$115 + tax

Holiday Inn North
3953 River Place Drive
478-803-8200
Rate: \$119 + tax

Homewood Suites
1514 Bass Road
478-477-9776
Rate: \$129 + tax

Home2 Suites by Hilton
3963 River Place Drive
478-803-5300
Rate: \$139 + tax

LaQuinta Inn & Suites
3944 River Place Drive
478-475-0206
Rate: \$85 + tax

LaQuinta Inn & Suites
4615 Chambers Road
478-788-6226
Rate: \$139 + tax

Magnuson Hotel
2729 Riverside Drive
478-743-1482
Rate: \$89 + tax

Microtel Inn & Suites
2020 Bowman Park
478-254-3300
Rate: \$85 + tax

Ramada Macon West
4755 Chambers Road
478-788-0120
Rate: \$55 + tax

Wingate by Wyndham
100 N. Crest Blvd
478-476-8100
Rate: \$119 + tax

CONVENTION TALENT



TALENT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ON STATE CONVENTION WEBSITE

APPLICATIONS AND AUDITION VIDEOS ARE DUE MARCH 15 TO THE STATE FFA OFFICE

CONVENTION MOBILE APP



DOWNLOAD THE FREE MOBILE APP FOR THE 90TH GEORGIA FFA CONVENTION

“GAFFA2018”



LIVING TO SERVE

SERVICE PROJECTS AVAILABLE AT THE 90TH GEORGIA FFA CONVENTION

To volunteer to participate, please be sure that you register for the Living to Serve projects using the Google Doc provided by Mr. Kevin Jump.

Title Sponsor



THURSDAY
APRIL 26

Level 1 Sponsor



CONVENTION FOOD DRIVE

The Georgia FFA Alumni will host the Convention Food Drive on Thursday, April 26, during the 90th Georgia FFA Convention. This project connects FFA chapters with Alumni affiliates and communities through regional canned food drives. FFA chapters, and their local FFA Alumni affiliates, are asked to donate canned goods in their local communities and document their donation with the Alumni Food Drive form and a photo. Chapters should turn in their food donation documentation on Thursday, April 26, from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The FFA Chapter that donates the most food will receive a cash prize of \$500. Each chapter who donates more than 500 cans of food will be recognized on the big screen in the main convention arena during a convention session.

To participate, local chapters and their FFA Alumni Affiliate should document the food that they donate to local charities/ food banks/etc... by getting a photo of the FFA and Alumni members making the donation, as well as having a signed letter from the receiving body documenting the number of cans (food items) received. More information about the Convention Food Drive is available at www.ffaalumni.org.

LIVING TO SERVE PROJECTS



Rebuilding Macon encompasses several programs to assist the elderly, disabled, and low-income in Macon, Georgia. Rebuilding Macon revitalizes neighborhoods one house at a time. They operate on donations of time, money, materials, and volunteers.

Georgia FFA members and advisors have the opportunity to participate in the painting of houses in the neighborhood surrounding the Macon Centreplex as well as assisting in clean-up of state and national parks in Macon. Work opportunities will be available on Thursday, April 26, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. An orientation meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. in Ballroom A & B at the Centreplex. Lunch and a t-shirt will be provided to each student.

Teach Ag Georgia Workshop

Encourage your students to join this wonderfully rewarding profession!



Friday
April 27, 2018
1:00 p.m.
Ballroom C

Only 50 spots available

Nominate students through the online convention registration



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CONVENTION REGISTRATION

\$250
Per Chapter

Payment due
April 6

Chapter registration for the
90th Georgia FFA Convention is available at

<https://register.ffa.org/event/72163>

Online Registration site
closes at midnight on
April 1.

Mail Payment to:

Georgia FFA Association
State FFA Convention Registration
316 Poultry Science Building - UGA
Athens, GA 30602

Make checks payable to:
The Georgia
FFA Association

**Individuals wishing to attend should register through their local FFA chapter or
contact the State FFA Office at (706) 552-4456**