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MEMORANDUM

TO: Agricultural Education Teachers

FROM: Kylie Sahagun, Leadership Program Specialist

DATE: August 13, 2026

SUBJECT: FFA Day at the Fair

FFA Day at the Fair- Georgia National Fairgrounds

Perry, Georgia- Reaves Arena

October 13, 2026

This program is open to ALL agricultural education students (6th-12th grade), and has been developed to be an engaging, informative, and motivational experience for agricultural education students and FFA members at all knowledge and experience levels.

Registration Opens August 26, 2026

Registration Closes September 15, 2026

Registration will take place on your GAAGED account under event registration. Enter the number of students, advisors, and chaperones into their respective categories. Payment will be expected **prior** to arrival at FFA Day at the Fair. You will need to know the following information to complete registration-

- # of blue student registration
- # of blue advisor registration
- # of gold student registration
- # of gold advisor registration
- # of chaperones (not FFA advisors)
- # and size of t-shirts *** **ONLY if you selected GOLD** registration for advisors/students
- # of armbands
- # and size of extra t-shirts for chaperones (optional)

Once the deadline of September 15th passes NO changes can be accommodated. This is a hard deadline in place for the Georgia National Fairgrounds. There will be no exceptions. If you do not make the deadline you will not be able to attend.

** New policy from the Georgia National Fairgrounds: If you show up with chaperones that you did not pre-register, they will not be admitted through our gate. They also will have to pay the regular fair entry price that day and not the chaperone price provided for the program. This is a policy they will be enforcing this year. So, make sure that all your correct info is turned in by September 15th. **

PAYMENT:

Blue Registration (\$12) PER STUDENT & ADVISOR

1. Admission into the Fairgrounds
2. FFA Day at the Fair Program

Gold Registration (\$18) PER STUDENT & ADVISOR

1. Admission into the Fairgrounds
2. FFA Day at the Fair program
3. FFA Day at the Fair T-shirt- *You will need to select how many of each size you would like to purchase before registration closes.* The T-shirt design will be sent soon

Chaperones will be charged **\$14.00** for fair entry. Note that this is a GNFA policy and all chaperones must be preregistered to enter the gates.

FULL payment is due to the Georgia FFA office by September 26th

Unlimited Ride Armbands

Midway armbands can be purchased through our registration portal for **\$30.00**. These armbands will allow students to ride most attractions at the Georgia National Fair. Armbands are good for one person and one day. Armband purchases are final and nonrefundable unless a state of emergency is declared. If you choose not to purchase armbands through registration you will only be able to buy them via card or cash on the fairgrounds site. Those stands can be found on the midway as you enter.

Area Officer Boards, Booths, and Activities

Each year, 48 students are elected from across our state to serve as Area FFA Officers. You will see these officers at events throughout the year, and they are the ones responsible for putting on the FFA Day at the Fair program. Prior to the start of the program, Area Officers will be stationed throughout the floor of Reaves Arena at informational boards with topics ranging from horticulture, animal science, forestry, ag mechanics, leadership, etc... As you plan to attend FFA Day at the Fair, I hope that you will encourage your students to visit each of these boards. In addition to these boards, representatives from various colleges such as UGA, ABAC, and Fort Valley State University will be set up. This year we will have interactive leadership initiatives lead by area officers on the floor of Reaves Arena.

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9:30 AM	<i>Doors Open</i> Chapters will check in at Reaves Arena to confirm payment and to pick up t-shirts if they pre ordered them.
10:00 AM	<i>Pre-Session</i> Prior to the start of the session, chapters can participate in activities lead by area officers and learn more about the total program of agricultural education through informational boards set up in the concourse area. Encourage your students to visit these boards as well as the college representative booths.
11:00 AM	<i>FFA Day at the Fair Program</i> Includes a keynote speaker, greetings from the GNFA, State FFA Advisor, presentation of the FFA Creed by our state Creed speaking champion, and a message from the Georgia FFA Foundation
12:15 PM	<i>Wristband Pickup at your Region Table/Midway Opens</i> At the conclusion of the program, wristbands will be available for pick up

NOTE: Encourage your students to walk around, engage, and participate in the activities provided. This year we will have limited floor seating. With that, do not send students to go sit down, they should visit with the booths on the floor and participate in the activities the area officer's conduct. We will have a bingo card given for every student at registration. If they complete everything on the card and turn it in, they will be entered in an incentive giveaway prize.

If you have questions, please contact me.

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