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Convention Schedule

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Tuesday – May 27

- 8:00 am State Officer Candidate Process begins for the day
- 8:30 am State Band Check-In & Rehearsal Begins, McCain Auditorium, Room 201 (1501 Goldstein Cir)
- 8:30 am State Chorus Check-In & Rehearsal Begins, McCain Auditorium, Room 204 (1501 Goldstein Cir)
- 9:00 am State Officer Candidates Report – Kansas Department of Agriculture
- 9:00 am **Parliamentary Procedure Leadership Development Event – Senior ****NEW TIME******
Finals will follow the conclusion of the Preliminary event.
- 1:00 pm State Band Rehearsal
- 1:00 pm State Chorus Rehearsal
- 5:15 pm Band & Chorus Pizza Party – McCain Loft

Wednesday – May 28

- 8:00 am State Officer Candidate Process begins for the day
- 8:00 am **Prepared Public Speaking Leadership Development Event - Preliminary Round**
- 8:00 am **Extemporaneous Public Speaking Leadership Development Event - Preliminary Round**
- 8:30 am State Band Rehearsal – McCain Auditorium, Room 201
- 8:30 am State Chorus Rehearsal – McCain Auditorium, Room 204
- 9:00 am **Conduct of Meetings Leadership Development Event ****NEW TIME******
- 10:00 am **Employability Skills Leadership Development Event**
- 10:00 am **Leadership Development Workshop** – Caroline Groth, National FFA Eastern Region Vice President – K-State Student Union, Bluemont Room
- 10:00 am **K-State College of Agriculture Interactive Workshops (Workshop concludes at 11 am)**
Savor the Flavor - We will explore the relationship between taste, aroma, and flavor. Students will sample

food products and describe their sensory characteristics. We will discuss careers opportunities as a sensory scientist, flavor chemist, and product developer.

- 10:30 am **Ag Issues Forum Leadership Development Event**
- 10:30 am **Extemporaneous Public Speaking Leadership Development Event - Semi-Final Round**
- 10:45 am **Kansas FFA Opportunities Fair Grand Opening – K-State Student Union, Ballroom Foyer**
- 11:00 am **Convention Registration Opens – McCain Auditorium Lobby**
- 11:00 am **25th Annual Kansas FFA Opportunity Fair – K-State Student Union, Grand Ballroom**
Student engagement opportunity: Each exhibitor at the opportunity fair will have a supply of tokens that they may give to a student who has a productive interaction with them. These tokens can then be turned in for a commemorative Kansas FFA Convention T-shirt. This incentive encourages students to engage in meaningful conversations with vendors and learn more about the opportunities available to them at the fair.
*The first 275 members to collect **three convention tokens** from exhibitors for having a quality, engaging conversation will be able to turn them in for a Kansas FFA convention t-shirt.*
- 11:00 am **McDonald's Blue & Gold Conclave – Session 1 – K-State Student Union, Big 12 Room**
- 11:00 am **K-State College of Agriculture Interactive Workshops (Workshops conclude at 12 pm)**
Flour Power – Do you like to bake? Discover the science of baking by exploring that not all flours are created equal. Participate in hands-on baking activities and learn about career opportunities in the commercial baking industry.
Or
The Daily Grind to Make Daily Bread – Take a tour through the Grain Science & Industry pilot flour mill and learn about what it takes to make wheat flour and the careers available in the industry. The Hal Ross Mill is equipped with regular full-size equipment for our students to begin to learn the science and craft of flour milling.
Or
Feed Your Curiosity – What is that tall building? – At the O.H. Kruse Feed Technology Center, K-State Ag provides training in the areas of feed processing & safety, quality assurance, pet food development, and grain handling. Take a walking tour of this world-class facility used for teaching the next gen of feed industry leaders through student involvement, hands-on instruction and internships. * Special note: Visitors must wear closed-toed shoes for safety reasons.
- 11:30 am **Prepared Public Speaking Leadership Development Event - Semi-Final Round**
- 11:30 am **Career Development Workshop - Wildcat Chambers, KSU Student Union**
- 12:00 pm **Convention Delegate Process – K-State Union (Times tentative for Delegate Process Below)**
****Dress code for delegate activities is Official Dress.****
12:45 pm Training & Technology Checks
1:15 pm State Officer Candidate Facilitations
3:15 pm Committee Meetings
4:15 pm Meet the Candidates – K-State Alumni Center, Ballroom
5:30 pm Delegates Dismissed
7:00 pm First General Session
Delegates seated in McCain Auditorium for Candidate Speeches
- 12:30 pm **Hands-on Service Activities **Registration Required****
- 1:00 pm **Creed Public Speaking Leadership Development Event**

- 1:00 pm **K-State College of Agriculture Interactive Workshop (Workshops conclude at 2 pm)**
Unlock Your Potential #TeachAg – Explore the boundless opportunities that come with being an Agricultural Educator. Students will be able to explore the different roles and tasks of being an agricultural teacher by connecting pathways and interests to different pathways through taking on the role of being a teacher for the day!
- Or**
- The Daily Grind to Make Daily Bread**
- Or**
- Feed your Curiosity – What is that tall building?**
- 1:30 pm **Invitational Spanish Creed Speaking Leadership Development Event**
- 1:30 pm **Career Development Workshop** - Purple Pride Room, K-State Alumni Center
Voices in the Field: Advocating for Agriculture and Shaping Policy – Discover how your voice can make a real impact in the future of agriculture! This workshop will introduce you to the world of agricultural advocacy and the policymaking process. You'll learn how local and national policies affect the food system, farming, sustainability, and rural communities — and how young leaders like you can speak up and drive change.
- 1:45 pm **Hands-on Service Activities** ****Registration Required****
- 2:00 pm **Leadership Workshop** – Caroline Groth, National FFA Eastern Region Vice President - K-State Alumni Center, Tadtman Boardroom
- 2:00 pm **K-State College of Agriculture Interactive Workshop**
Flour Power (Workshop concludes at 3 pm)
- 2:00 pm **Deadline to submit scrapbooks for evaluation**
- 3:00 pm **Creed Public Speaking Leadership Development Event Finals** ****Finals are open for general attendance****
- 3:00 pm **Courtesy Corps Meeting** – McCain Auditorium Lobby
- 3:30 pm **Leadership Workshop** - K-State Alumni Center, Tadtman Boardroom
Ag in a Bag: Big Ag Lessons in Small Packages! – Calling all high school FFA members! Ready to take your ag education skills to the next level? **Ag in a Bag** is a hands-on workshop where you'll learn 10 fun, ready-to-use activities designed to teach elementary students all about agriculture—using simple, everyday supplies!
- Each activity fits inside a bag, making it easy to grab, go, and teach. From planting seeds in snack bags to learning what the chambers of a cow's stomach do with a fun, bag-based demo, you'll dive into interactive lessons that make ag exciting and accessible for young learners. You'll try out each activity yourself and leave confident in your ability to lead them with the next generation of ag lovers!*
- 5:45 pm **District Officer McCain Preview** - McCain Auditorium, Loft and Auditorium walkthrough
- We ask all session attendees to please stay seated throughout the entire session and award winners to return to their seats after being on stage.
- Note: Attire in McCain Auditorium will be Official Dress.**
- Members receiving recognition on the auditorium stage must be in proper Official Dress**
- OPENING SESSION, McCain Auditorium** ****Delegates seated & roll called****
- 7:00 pm Laser Light Show, Sponsored by K-State College of Agriculture
Posting of Colors

National Anthem
 Opening Ceremony
 Welcome to Kansas State University
 Presentation of Chapter Charters
 Creed Speaking Awards – Creed presented by State Creed Speaking Finalists
 Invitational Spanish Creed Speaking Recognition
 Retiring Address – Quinn Browning, State Secretary
 Senior Parliamentary Procedure Awards
 Recognition of Conduct of Chapter Meeting
 Presentation of State Officer Candidate Speeches
 Closing Ceremony

9:00 pm **FFA Night at LEAP Trampoline Park** - 3011 Anderson Avenue

9:30 pm **Slade Coulter Concert** – The Hat in Aggieville (1315 Laramie St) ****Ticket Required****

Each local chapter advisor will receive one free advisor's ticket (non-transferable) with the purchase of ten (10) tickets.

Dress code for the concert is as follows:

- Jeans of a solid color with no logos, designs, rips, or holes with either an unaltered (1) Kansas FFA issued or purchased t-shirt; (2) Chapter FFA issued or purchased shirt; (3) a FFA event issued or purchased t-shirt, or (4) button-down/ collared shirt.
- No midriffs exposed.
- No shorts allowed.

Members arriving at the concert in clothing that does not meet the above-listed code will not be allowed to enter until dressed appropriately.

Thursday – May 29

7:00 am **Convention Registration Reopens** – McCain Auditorium

7:00-8:30 am **State Officer Candidate Breakfast** – McCain Auditorium, Loft

8:30 am State Band Rehearsal – McCain Auditorium, Room 201

8:30 am State Chorus Rehearsal – McCain Auditorium, Room 204

SECOND SESSION, McCain Auditorium

8:30 am Laser Light Show, *Sponsored by K-State College of Agriculture*

Opening Ceremony – Presented by the winning chapter of Conduct of Chapter Meetings Leadership Development Event

Innovative Ideas in Building Communities

Retiring Address – Hayley Hines, State Vice President

Presentation of the Kansas FFA Foundation Board

Leadership Information Recognition

Recognition of SAE Grant Recipients – National and State

KAAE Essay & Video Awards

Recognition of Teacher Service to KAAE and Districts

Presentation of the Nationwide Golden Owl

Special Remarks – Josiah Cruikshank

State Proficiency Award Winners Recognition – *Areas included: Agricultural Communications through and including Environmental Science and Natural Resources*

Closing Ceremony

Session ends at approximately 10:30 am

- 10:00 am **Discussion Meet Finals** ****Finals are open for general attendance**** - K-State Student Union, Wildcat Chambers
- 10:00 am **Career Development Workshop** - K-State Student Union, Flint Hills Room
What Can You Do with a Law Degree & How Fast (and Cheap) Can You Get One? -- *Across rural Kansas, many small towns and communities only have a few practicing attorneys left. There is a great demand for young lawyers to fill this need and salaries and opportunities are quickly growing. For many young people the idea of getting a law degree is daunting and there is little information on what you could do with it once you got it. This session will talk about all of the roles lawyers have across Kansas and the resources available to young people from rural areas to pay for and complete a degree quickly and get started in your career.*
- 10:00 am **Middle Grades Experience**
 10:00 am – Workshop - Caroline Groth, Eastern Region National FFA Vice President
 10:45 am – Workshop – Josiah Cruikshank, Former Western Region National FFA Vice President
 11:30 am – Quiz Bowl
- 10:30 am **Marketing Plan Career Development Event** - K-State Student Union, Room 226 ****NEW TIME****
- 10:30 am **K-State College of Agriculture Interactive Workshop** (*Workshop concludes at 12:00 pm*)
Crops and Weeds in Agronomy – *Time to practice your identification skills on key crops and weeds found in Kansas! As one key part of Agronomy, you will review plants in the field and in the lab.*
- 11:00 am **Extemporaneous Public Speaking Finals** ****Finals are open for general attendance**** - K-State Student Union, Wildcat Chambers
- 11:15 am-12:15 pm Chorus State Rehearsal, McCain Auditorium
- 12:15 – 1:15 pm Band Stage Rehearsal, McCain Auditorium
- 12:00 pm **Proficiency Award Luncheon** – K-State Alumni Center (100 Alumni Center, 1720 Anderson Avenue), Ballroom ****Ticket Required****
- 12:30 pm **McDonald's Blue & Gold Conclave** – Session 2 - K-State Student Union, Big 12 Room
- 1:00 pm **Prepared Public Speaking Finals** ****Finals are open for general attendance**** - K-State Student Union, Wildcat Chambers
- 1:00 pm **K-State College of Agriculture Interactive Workshop**
- 1:30 pm **Leadership Workshop** - K-State Student Union, Big 12 Room

THIRD SESSION, McCain Auditorium

- 2:00 pm Laser Light Show, *Sponsored by K-State College of Agriculture*
- Opening Ceremony
- State Proficiency Award Winners – *Areas included: Equine Science - Entrepreneurship through and including Wildlife Production and Management*
- Retiring Address – Mason Springer, State Reporter
- Recognition of Kansas FFA Foundation Sponsors
- Recognition of Chapter Seed Program
- Recognition of Middle Grades Quiz Bowl Teams (Top 2)
- Scrapbook Awards

Employability Skills Recognition
Agriscience Student Recognition
Recognition of Innovative Ideas in Growing Leaders
Recognition of Presidential CTE Scholars
Special Remarks – Caroline Groth, National FFA Eastern Region Vice President
Scholarships – Alumni and WLC
John Deere Gator Finalist Drawing
Closing Ceremony

Session ends at approximately 4:30 pm

2:30 pm **Career Development Workshop** - K-State Student Union, Flint Hills Room
Your Role, Your Impact: Engaging with Kansas Farm Bureau - Join us for an engaging session where Kansas Farm Bureau staff share insights into exciting programs such as Collegiate Farm Bureau, Shop Kansas Farms, Rural Kansas Apprenticeship Program and more! Learn how you can play a key role in shaping your future while making a meaningful difference in your community. This is your chance to connect, contribute, and create a lasting impact—don't miss out!

4:30 pm **Delegate Business Session** – K-State Alumni Center, Ballroom

5:30 pm **State Convention Band & Chorus Concert** – McCain Auditorium

6:45 pm **Band & Chorus Recognition** – K-State Student Union, Wildcat Chambers

FOURTH SESSION, McCain Auditorium

7:00 pm Laser Light Show, *Sponsored by K-State College of Agriculture*
Opening Ceremony
Retiring Address – Natalee Bray, State Sentinel
Honorary State FFA Degree Ceremony
Presentation of VIP Citation
Recognition of Discussion Meet Winners
Recognition of Ag Issues Forum
Extemporaneous Speaking Recognition
Prepared Public Speaking Recognition
Innovative Ideas in Strengthening Agriculture
Keynote Speaker – A'ric Jackson
Closing Ceremony

Session ends at approximately 9:00 pm

9:00 pm **Ignite the Night at the Rec**– Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex, Kansas State University

****Registration Required & Tickets****

Alumni Dodgeball Tournament (limit two teams per chapter – total of 50 teams), Pickle Ball, 3 on 3 Basketball, Sand Volleyball, Cornhole, Music, other fun engaging activities and Chris Cakes (aka Pancakes)!

Friday – May 30

7:15 am **Convention Registration Opens** – McCain Auditorium

8:30 am State Band Rehearsal – McCain Auditorium, Room 201

8:30 am State Chorus Rehearsal – McCain Auditorium, Room 204

FIFTH SESSION, McCain Auditorium

- 8:00 am Laser Light Show, *Sponsored by K-State College of Agriculture*
 Opening Ceremony – Presented by the 25th Anniversary State Officer Team
 Retiring Address – Zoë Rhodes, State Treasurer
 Recognition of National Chapter (walkthrough Bronze, Silver, Gold)
 State of the State Remarks
 Recognition of Marketing Plan
 Recognition of Kansas Chapters Participating in National Career Development Events and High Individuals
 Recognition of Career Development Events Sweepstakes Winners
 Scholarships – Ford, State & National
 Delegate Committee Reports (If needed) New Business (If needed)
 Closing Ceremony
Session ends at approximately 10:00 am
- 9:30 am **Career Development Workshop** - K-State Student Union, Flint Hills Room
- 10:30 pm **Hands-on Service Activities** ****Registration Required****
- 10:30 pm **K-State College of Agriculture Interactive Workshop** (*Workshop concludes at 11:30 pm*)
Making a Career Out of an Agriscience Fair Project: The Dos and Don'ts - Dive into the exciting world of agriscience through this hands-on workshop focused on developing impactful Agriscience Fair projects. Participants will learn how to choose a topic, conduct research, and present findings effectively. The session also highlights real-world career paths in agriculture, food, and natural resources that connect directly with scientific research, innovation, and sustainability. Perfect for students looking to grow their skills in this CDE and/or explore future science careers.
- OR**
- Savor the Flavor**
- SIXTH SESSION, McCain Auditorium**
- 10:30 am Laser Light Show, *Sponsored by K-State College of Agriculture*
 Opening Ceremony
 Special Remarks –Alyssa Walsh, Sweet Briar Creative
 State FFA Degree Ceremony
 Drawing for Gator Giveaway (must be present and in Official Dress to win)
 Closing Ceremonies
Session ends at approximately 11:45 am
State FFA Degree Picture – McCain Auditorium (*Immediately following the close of the session*)
- 11:00 am **Past State Officer Reunion** – Beach Museum of Art
- 12:00 noon **Stars Over Kansas Luncheon** – K-State Alumni Center, Ballroom ****Ticket Required****
- 12:30 pm **McDonald's Blue & Gold Conclave** – Session 3 - K-State Student Union, Flint Hills Room
- SEVENTH SESSION, McCain Auditorium** ****Delegates seated & roll called****
- 2:00 pm Laser Light Show, *Sponsored by K-State College of Agriculture*
 Opening Ceremony
 State Convention Band
 Retiring Address – Jory Ratzlaff, State President
 Presentation of Triple Crown Awards (top 10 on stage)
 Presentation of Garlow Memorial Trophy

State Convention Chorus
"Stars over Kansas" Pageant
Recognition of 2024-2025 State FFA Officers
Officer Scholarship Presentation
Election of 2025-26 State FFA Officers
Recognition of Past State FFA Officers
McDonald's of the Southern Plains State Officer Scholarship
Installation of 2025-26 State FFA Officers
Greetings – New State President
Closing Ceremony

Session ends at approximately 4:30 pm

Blue & Gold Celebration – K-State Alumni Center

Starting 20 minutes following the tap of the closing ceremony gavel in the last session.

Invited guests to include State Foundation Sponsors/ Board, State Stars & Parents, Past & Newly Elected Officers & Parents, and Triple Crown Chapters