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MEMO

Date: August 2, 2023

TO: Chapter Advisors

FROM: Amanda L. H. Powell, Delaware FFA Executive
Secretary 2023-2024 State FFA Officers

RE: COLT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE INFORMATION

The FFA Chapter Officer Leadership Conference for High School FFA Chapters will be held at Camp Barnes in Frankford, DE on October 4-5, with registration starting at 8:30 a.m. and welcome session at 9:00am. Please make every effort to be there no later than 8:50 a.m., in order to attend welcome session and draw for Opening and Closing Ceremonies contest. The program will conclude on October 5, no later than 4:00 p.m.

We are allotting each school to bring 8 members. If your chapter has more than 8 that would like to attend, please email Mrs. Powell, at apowell@delawareffa.org to check for additional space. Remember to select Opening and Closing Ceremonies CDE if you have a team participating. Each team must consist of the six (6) constitutional FFA officers. If the chapter has a Junior advisor they will present the Advisor part, if not a state officer will read the advisor part. The advisor portion, if conducted by Chapter member will receive points for individual officer recognition only. It will not count for or against your team total to provide consistency in team scoring for those chapter who do not elect that specific office. The State Officers are planning to organize the groups so that officer teams will stay together for better team leadership development.

Registration for COLT is open on Judging Card and will close on September 6. Please complete your registration no later than September 6, with T-Shirt sizes.

The cost per attendee will be \$100. Payment is due to Dr. Gill by September 28. Make checks payable to Delaware FFA Association. Please note that Judging Card automatically creates an invoice when the data is entered properly. If you register six students and only three attend, you are responsible for the cost of six. Cancellations must be phoned in to me at least five (5) working days before the conference. The chapter is responsible for the cost of their students after September 28, 2023.

Students are encouraged to be prepared for rain with an umbrella and/or rain jacket/poncho. Students will be wearing casual dress during the conference but in Official Dress for Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Please make sure they understand what appropriate casual dress is for a leadership conference. At some time during the two days, all officers will be participating in several physical team building activities. Please make sure students have clothes and shoes appropriate for these activities.

If you have questions or problems registering your students, please let me know.

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