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To: 2018 Washington Leadership Conference Participants

From: Scott Johnson, Iowa FFA Executive Secretary

RE: WLC Iowa Bus Trip Information

Congratulations on your decision to attend the Washington Leadership Conference. Please read the following information carefully!! This packet outlines the bus information as well as details pertaining to the conference. The information has also been emailed to your FFA Advisor, so please discuss it with them.

Bus Chaperones

Bus Chaperones will board at the first stop of the trip and will depart at the last stop of the trip. All chaperones will be staying at the Omni Shoreham Hotel and participating in the Advisor Washington Leadership Conference. Each set of chaperones will be responsible for the students assigned to their bus during the transport to and from Washington, D.C. The chaperones will check in students as they board the bus at the designated locations.

2018 Chaperones: Bus 1 – Jim & Sandra Russ – New Hampton
Bus 2 – Dan Doeing – Oelwein & Randi Koehler – Lawton

IMPORTANT: Confirmation, Medical and Permission Forms

Bring all forms (Student Medical Information, Consent to Medical Attention, Personal Conduct Agreement, and Monsanto Release) with you to the conference (all included in this packet). **Do NOT mail them to the National FFA Center or to Iowa FFA.** It is imperative to bring these forms with you. You are not eligible to participate unless the front and back of these forms are **completed in full, signed**, and submitted to the conference staff on the day you arrive. If these forms are misplaced, you can log into National FFA and replacements can be downloaded from https://www.ffa.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/wlc_student_forms_packet.pdf.

Registration Fee Includes

Your student registration fee includes a participant workbook, training materials, supplies, meals, tours, lodging, in-town bus transportation and secondary accident insurance (covers deductible and nonpayment on primary insurance coverage). The student fee is based on four students in each room. Extra money will be needed for taxicab fares, souvenirs, snacks, film, etc. See packing list below.

Student Supervision & Conference Size

WLC staff will reside in the Omni Shoreham Hotel and accompany participants during all workshops and tours throughout the week. The conference hotel also employs nighttime security personnel. The conference session will have over 300 students at the Omni Shoreham, which allows for maximum participation and personal contact with the WLC staff members.

Emergency Phone Numbers

Omni Shoreham Hotel

2500 Calvert Street
Washington, DC 20008
(202) 756-5124

Iowa FFA Association – Scott Johnson

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Legislative Visits

The Iowa FFA Association will schedule an Iowa group photo and short question and answer period with Iowa's legislators during the Capitol visit on Thursday morning. The chaperones will know the details of this state meeting. You will not have time to set up appointments with your specific legislator.

What to Pack

On Wednesday evening, Thursday morning, and most of Friday, students will be asked to wear official FFA dress*. All other times casual dress (slacks, jeans, skirts, and shorts) will be worn. **No sleeveless shirts are allowed. Sleeves must be the width of a dollar bill. No mini-skirts - skirts must not be shorter than 2 inches above the knee.** Be sure that your casual clothing is appropriate for staying in a hotel. Be prepared to walk extensively. Comfortable shoes are required. *Note: It is suggested that females only wear flat black shoes with official dress because of the large amount of walking during the tours.* The hotels have swimming pools so bring appropriate swimwear.

*Official FFA dress consists of: jacket, white shirt, tie/scarf, black slacks/skirt, black socks/pantyhose, and dress shoes. Capri pants are not an acceptable form of official dress.

*Replacement official dress apparel can be purchased in advance through

<https://shopffa.org/products>.

Packing List

Official FFA jacket	Casual jeans/shorts (2-4)
Official FFA tie/scarf	Casual shirts (3-4)
Black slacks/skirts (2-3)	Casual dress slacks/skirts (1-3)
White shirts/blouses (2-3)	Casual shoes/sneakers (1-2 pair)
Black socks or pantyhose (2-3 pair)	Dress shoes (1-2 pair)
Flat, comfortable black shoes (1-2 pair)	Shorts – appropriate length (1-2)
Swimsuit - appropriate	Raincoat and/or light jacket
Extra spending or taxi money (\$75-\$150)	Camera
Camera batteries	Phone card
One set of work clothes (<i>something you don't mind getting dirty</i>)	
Appropriate work shoes (<i>sandals are not recommended</i>)	

Bus and Hotel Assignment

There are two buses for the Iowa delegation attending the conference the week of June 11. Your assignments are listed next to your name on the enclosed bus list. It is important that you stay on the bus designated to drop off at your hotel. To enrich the experience of meeting new people and developing leadership, chapter members have been divided equally between the two busses.

Bus Information and Schedule

South Central Motor Coaches transports the Iowa delegation to and from Washington D.C. The estimated time of arrival in Washington D.C. is 12:00 PM EDT (Noon) on Tuesday, June 12. The buses will load for departure from Washington D.C. at 12:00 AM EDT (Midnight) on Sunday, June 17.

To make the trip safe and enjoyable, students are not allowed to have sunflower seeds, or glass bottles. iPods are permitted. The bus will travel through the night, so a pillow is encouraged.

2018 WLC Bus Schedule – <u>June 11-June 17</u>			
(Allow 1 hour on either side of the scheduled time for departure and return.)			
<i>Town</i>	Location	Depart June 11	Return June 17
Clear Lake	Perkins Restaurant (Exit 94)	9:30 AM	7:30 PM
Boondocks	Flying J Truck Stop (Exit 144) west side of I-35	10:30 AM	6:30 PM
Ames	Quality Inn and Suites Starlite Village (Exit 113)	11:15 AM	5:45 PM
Altoona	Adventureland Inn Motel	12:00 PM	5:00 PM
Little Amana	Seven Villages Holiday Inn (Exit 225 and US 151)	3:00 PM	3:00 PM
Walcott	I-80 Truck Stop-Amoco	4:00 PM	2:00 PM

The chaperones and the bus drivers will plan meals depending upon the schedule. You must bring money to use for food on the trip out and back.

Students will be encouraged on the ride home to call home and make sure that someone will be at each pickup. **The buses will probably run ahead of schedule, so be prepared to be early.**

Additional Information

It is very important that you read the enclosed WLC information carefully. If you have any questions, please contact your Chapter Advisor or the State FFA Office. If you do not plan to attend the program for any reason, contact Scott Johnson at 712-790-2345 immediately.

This conference is truly what you make of it. Let this be an experience of a lifetime. Have fun!!

Cc: FFA Advisors
Fred Lenz
Tessa Meyer