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Washington Leadership Conference

2016 Washington Leadership Conference Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

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WLC will be held at:
Omni Shoreham Hotel
2500 Calvert St.
Washington, DC. 20008
(202) 234-0700

WHAT ARE THE DATES FOR WLC 2016?

Week 1: June 7 - 11
Week 2: June 14 - 18
Week 3: June 21 - 25
Week 4: June 28 - July 2
Week 5: July 12 - 16
Week 6: July 19 - 23
Week 7: July 26 - 30

Pre and Post-Conference Hotel Rooms:

If you plan to arrive prior to Tuesday or stay after Saturday night, you will need to contact the hotel reservation coordinator, Laura Ryan, directly at 202-234-0700 at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date you plan to arrive. Please note that the hotel can sell out of rooms so it is best to reserve your extra nights as soon as possible. The FFA discounted rate at the Omni Shoreham is \$164.00, plus tax @ 14.5%, but it cannot be guaranteed if the hotel is close to sell out capacity. If there are issues with getting pre and post-conference nights reserved, please contact the WLC registration office at wlc@FFA.org.

WHAT IS THE COST FOR WLC?

Conference Fee Schedule

Package Type	Price
Student Package - this option includes a shared room with up to 3 other students, conference materials, polo shirt, t-shirt, meals, transportation throughout the program, and all scheduled tours.	\$813
Advisor Double Package - this option includes a shared room with another registered advisor, meals, transportation during the program, and all scheduled tours.	\$906
Advisor Single Package - this option includes a private room, meals, transportation during the program, and all scheduled tours.	\$1,310
Advisor & Guest Package - this option includes a private room for an advisor and 1 guest (spouse, chaperone, etc.) meals, transportation during the program, and all scheduled tours for both parties.	\$1,666
Advisor Room Only package - this option includes a private room for the duration of the program only. Please note - meals, transportation, and tours are NOT included.	\$819
Child Add-On Package - this option includes meals, transportation, and tours for 1 child (ages 5 - 12) in addition to any of the Advisor Packages listed above.	\$382



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CANCELLATION POLICY

- 30 days prior to the first day of your conference week: **100% refund**
- 29-11 days prior to the first day of your conference week: **50% refund**
- 10 days or less prior to the first day of your conference week: **NO REFUND**

**If a student does not show up for the conference and did not cancel in writing, no refund will be issued.

All cancellations must be received in writing via wlc@ffa.org

STUDENT INFORMATION PACKET: IMPORTANT

Please make sure your students bring all forms (Student Medical Information, Consent to Medical Attention, Personal Conduct Agreement, and Monsanto Release Form) with them to the conference (all included in their packet). Do NOT mail these items to National FFA. Students are not eligible to participate unless these forms are completed in full, signed, and submitted to the conference staff on the day of arrival. If these forms are misplaced, please visit www.FFA.org, sign in, and download the Student Information Packet (forms).

WILL THE STUDENT PARTICIPANTS BE CHAPERONED AT ALL TIMES?

WLC staff will reside in the hotel and will accompany participants during all workshops and tours throughout the week, with the exception of registration on Tuesday and Saturday afternoon when participants have free time to tour Washington D.C.

Room checks are conducted by WLC staff every evening; the conference hotel also provides nighttime security personnel.

CONFERENCE SIZE:

Most conference sessions have an average enrollment of 340 students, which allows for maximum participation and personal contact with the WLC Staff.

TRAVELING TO THE CONFERENCE

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From Baltimore and the North –Via I-95 South or 295–Take either Baltimore/Washington Parkway (295) or I-95 South to exit I-495 West. Follow 495 West to exit 33 South (Connecticut Avenue.). Travel South approximately 5.5 miles. Turn right onto Calvert St. The hotel is one block up on the left.

From the South-Via I-95 North and I-395 North – From I-95 North, merge onto I-395 North via exit 170 A. Take

I-395 North across the 14th Street bridge. Merge onto US-1 North via exit on the left. Stay straight to go onto 14th Street. Follow 14th Street to R Street. Turn left onto R Street. Turn right onto Connecticut Avenue. Cross the Taft Bridge. Turn left onto Calvert Street. The hotel is one block up on the left.

From West-Via Routes 66 and 50 East– Go over Roosevelt Bridge to Constitution Avenue. Turn left onto 18th Street. Turn left onto Connecticut Avenue. Cross Taft Bridge. Turn left onto Calvert Street. The hotel is one block up on the left.

From Annapolis, MD-Via Route 50 West – Take Route 50 West to New York Avenue. Bear right on Massachusetts Avenue. Go around DuPont Circle, Pass P Street, New Hampshire and 19th Streets. Turn right onto Connecticut Avenue northbound after Starbucks. Cross the Taft Bridge. Turn left onto Calvert Street. The hotel is one block up on the left.

From Ronald Reagan National Airport (8 miles) – Follow George Washington Parkway northbound to Washington, D.C. Continue past the Pentagon to the Memorial Bridge. While on the bridge, merge into the right lane and exit at Independence Drive. Follow Independence Drive back under the bridge along the Potomac River (this becomes Rock Parkway). Merge into the left lane. Road splits after passing under the bridge, merge left. Road splits again, continue to merge left. First traffic light is Calvert Street. Turn left onto Calvert Street. The hotel is located on the left.



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WHAT AIRPORT SHOULD I FLY INTO?

You will need to fly into Ronald Reagan National Airport, WLC staff will be located in the baggage claim area (follow the airport signs) should you need assistance. The staff is there to provide information, and to help you locate ground transportation. It is not necessary for you to locate the staff if you already know how to find the ground transportation. The information on how to find WLC staff is as follows:

- A WLC staff person will be stationed at the baggage claim on the lower level from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Tuesdays.
- The WLC Staff member will be in a blue and white polo shirt and will have a WLC sign.

HOW DOES THE PARTICIPANT(S) GET FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL(S)?

The hotel is approximately 8 miles from the Ronald Reagan Airport. In addition, the Washington Dulles Airport is located 25 miles away from the conference site and BWI is located 60 miles away from the conference site. **WLC Staff will not be stationed at Washington Dulles International or BWI Airports.**

If you are arriving into Washington, D.C. by airplane or commercial bus/train, you have a few options for getting to the hotel; you can take a taxi, Super Shuttle, or Metro.

Transportation can be found by locating ground transportation at the airport – approximate costs (one way):

- Taxi from Ronald Reagan National Airport - approximately \$20 - \$30 - 16-minute drive
- Shuttle Service: Transportation is available through Super Shuttle to the hotel. Super Shuttle is located at Ground Transportation and must be scheduled by the attendee by calling 1-800-BLUE-VAN (1-800-258-3826). The trip is approximately \$12.00 for one passenger and an additional \$10.00 for each additional passenger.
- Metro: Take the Blue Line metro in the direction of Largo to Metro Center. Change to the Red Line in the direction of Shady Grove. Take Red line to Woodley Park/Zoo Metro Station. The hotel is located one block from metro. Once you have exited the Metro via the escalators, go to the right and down the stairs. Go to the left and walk to Calvert Street (1 block). Cross the street and take a right. The hotel will be on your left hand side. Cost for the metro is approximately \$2.00 - \$3.00 per person.

WHAT PARKING OPTIONS ARE PROVIDED?

The hotel has valet parking only at \$42.00 per night. Other options will need to be sought out individually.

WHEN DOES THE CONFERENCE OFFICIALLY END?

The conference officially ends Saturday evening around 11:00 p.m.; however, hotel rooms are included through Saturday evening and students are expected to stay in their hotel rooms that evening.

WHEN ARE PARTICIPANTS FREE TO FLY/DRIVE HOME FROM THE CONFERENCE?

Anytime Sunday following the conference.

DO STUDENT PARTICIPANTS NEED ANY ADDITIONAL SPENDING MONEY?

Student participant's hotel, meals, transportation, and materials are included in the conference fee. Students may need additional spending money for snacks, transportation during free time on Saturday, etc., but it is not required.

STUDENT PROGRAM – PACKING GUIDE

Student will be asked to wear **official FFA dress** Wednesday night (night tour), Thursday morning (U.S. Capitol visit), and Friday morning thru afternoon (Newseum & Sponsor Engagements). Please note that on Wednesday morning at Arlington you will wear the FFA provided WLC polo with your official dress bottoms. All other times casual dress (appropriate slacks, jeans, skirts, and shorts) will be worn. No mini-skirts – skirts and shorts must be finger-tip length. Sleeveless shirts or dresses must have straps the width of a dollar bill. Be sure that your casual



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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 due to the large amount of walking during the tours.

Official FFA Jacket	Official FFA Tie/Scarf	Black Slacks/Skirts (2-3)
White Shirts/Blouses (2-3)	Casual Shirts (3-4)	Black Socks/Pantyhose
Casual Dress Slacks/Skirts	Casual Shoes/Sneakers	Flat Black Shoes
Shorts	Umbrella	Raincoat/Light Jacket
Extra Spending Money (~\$75)	Camera	Work Clothes/Shoes (may get dirty)

ADVISOR SCHEDULE

Advisors are welcome to join the students on Wednesday for the Capitol visit/tours, and free time on Saturday. Outside of those scheduled tours, WLC will offer meetings, webinars, and suggestions for sight-seeing. Meals will be offered at the hotel at the same time students are scheduled for meals.

WHAT TOURIST ATTRACTIONS WILL STUDENT PARTICIPANTS VISIT AS PART OF THE CONFERENCE?

While in Washington D.C., students have the opportunity to view most all of the major monuments/sites including...

Capitol Hill	Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial	Jefferson Memorial
Korean War Memorial	World War II Memorial	Vietnam Veterans Wall
Washington Monument	Arlington National Cemetery	JFK Gravesite
Newseum	Tomb of the Unknown Soldier	U.S. Marine Corp War Memorial

WHEN WILL THERE BE FREE TIME FOR PARTICIPANTS TO GO SIGHTSEEING?

Students also have opportunities for free time on Saturday afternoon (1:45 – 5:45 p.m.). If there are additional sites you wish for your students to visit, we recommend arriving prior to, or staying after the conference.

WILL ADVISORS/CHAPERONES HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO INTERACT WITH STUDENTS?

While advisors/chaperones are not allowed to participate in the student sessions, they are welcome to attend the following functions with their students: Night Tour (each Wednesday evening) visit to Capitol Hill/congressional visits (each Thursday morning); service event (each Saturday morning); lunch & free time for sightseeing (each Saturday afternoon); student celebration time (each Saturday evening); conference reflections (each Saturday evening).

DO WE NEED TO SCHEDULE CONGRESSIONAL VISITS?

Yes. You and your chapter should make an appointment as soon as possible with your United States Senator or Representative by first phoning the appointment secretary and following up with a letter. This opportunity to visit congressional leaders should be scheduled on **Thursday, between the hours of 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** The telephone number for the House of Representatives and the Senate is 202-224-3121.

WILL THERE BE MUCH WALKING DURING THE CONFERENCE?

Yes. Both the advisor and student programs require a large amount of walking. It is suggested that females wear only flat black shoes with official dress due to the large amount of walking during the tours. Please let our office know at wlc@ffa.org or 317-802-6060, if you need special accommodations.

CAN STUDENTS FROM THE SAME CHAPTER TRAVEL TOGETHER AND STAY IN THE SAME HOTEL ROOM?

No, we do a random sort on the rooming list so that students can meet new people from different chapters and



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states.

HOW MANY STUDENTS STAY IN A HOTEL ROOM?

The student package is a student quad package so there will be four (4) students to a hotel room.

DOES THE HOTEL SUPPLY WHEELCHAIRS?

The hotel does not supply wheelchairs; however, the participant can bring their own or rent from a local medical supply store in the area. Please call 317-802-6060 for assistance.

WHAT ACCOMMODATIONS ARE PROVIDED FOR FOOD ALLERGIES AND OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS?

During the registration process there will be an opportunity to communicate your needs to National FFA. National FFA will pass along this information to the appropriate parties (i.e. WLC on site staff, hotel banquet staff, etc.).

WHEN WILL I KNOW THAT I AM CONFIRMED FOR THE WEEK I HAVE CHOSEN VIA REGISTRATION?

Once you submit your registration online and you receive your confirmation notice via email, you are officially confirmed for WLC. There are no longer any physical registration packets sent in the mail.