



Illinois Association FFA

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To: Chapter Advisors

Re: Spring 2017 “212” Conference

Fr: John Edgar, Associate Executive Secretary

Enclosed you will find information for your Chapter’s 212 Conference participants. **Please copy and distribute the following information to your Chapter’s 2017 “212” Conference attendees.** Please note that letters will **not** be mailed to individual students, so it is important that the students are made aware of the following details. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 3, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Hotel Mt. Vernon, Illinois (hotel phone number: (618) 244-7100). The hotel’s address is 222 Potomac Blvd, Mt Vernon, IL 62864. Your students need to arrive in official dress so they may have a photo taken with the State FFA Officers for a conference press release that will be sent after the event. They should plan to wear official dress for the Friday afternoon session and the Saturday morning session. Casual dress will be appropriate for the Friday evening activities. As there will be a pool available, students may want to pack a swimsuit as well.

We will be providing three full meals (Friday lunch and supper, as well as Saturday breakfast), if sodas or snacks are desired during the breaks, students need to budget accordingly. Taking all the “extras” into account, \$20-\$25 in spare cash should be more than enough for most students.

The 212 Conference is an excellent opportunity for students to develop personal and leadership skills that will lead them to success. If you or your students have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Illinois FFA Center at (217) 753-3328. On behalf of the 2016-2017 Illinois Association FFA Officers and myself, we look forward to seeing you at the 2017 “212” Conference!



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2017 212 ° Conference Schedule (tentative)

The overarching objectives for the 2016-2017 212° Virtues conference include:

- Identify personal passions and network with those who have shared passions
- Define virtues and commit to leading a virtuous life
- Describe the decision making process and apply it to better manage time and relationships
- Explore how decisions build or define character - Set SMART goals to live out passions and virtues
- Create a personal pledge and identify a mentor

Friday, February 3, 2017

10:00 a.m.	Registration and Photos Open Drop-off luggage in luggage room
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Session 1 – Passions, 70 minutes
2:10 p.m.	10 minute break
2:20 p.m.	Session 2 – Core Virtues, 65 minutes
3:25 p.m.	10 minute break
3:35 p.m.	Session 3 – Decision Making, 70 minutes
4:45 p.m.	Pass out room keys and check-in to hotel rooms
5:00 p.m.	Pick-up luggage from luggage room
6:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Session 4 – Character, 65 minutes
8:05 p.m.	25 minute break
8:30 p.m.	Evening Activity – All students must be in ballrooms or pool area
10:30 p.m.	Dismiss to rooms
11:00 p.m.	Room Checks

Saturday, February 4, 2017

7:45 a.m.	Drop-off luggage in luggage room
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Session 5 – Goals, 60 minutes
10:00 a.m.	10 minute break
10:10 a.m.	Session 6 – Action, 60 minutes
11:10 a.m.	Pick-up luggage from luggage room Homeward Bound!