

2023 State Leadership Events
The Monument, Rapid City
December 3-4, 2023

To: South Dakota FFA Advisors

From: Dani Herring, LDE Event Coordinator

Congratulations to those members who qualify for the state level in their respective Leadership Development Events. We look forward to seeing you all in Rapid City and wish you the best of luck! In addition, with the move of State FFA LDE's to Rapid City there is more information than normal in this welcome letter. If you have additional questions, please feel free to reach out.

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Registration: must be submitted online by Monday 27th

- **Registration link is available on the “Leadership Development Events page of the website and will be completed through JudgingCard.com**
 - Number of students competing (\$20 each)
 - Number of Advisors attending (complimentary)
 - Number of additional chaperones, parents/guests (\$20 each)
 - Number of non-competing members attending (\$20 each)
 - Names of competitors, including team members
 - All teams and individuals will be assigned timeslots in advance.
 - A membership check will be completed by the state office prior to the event. Please double check that your participants are in the roster system.
 - Invoices will be completed by the State Office and come from their invoice system. **Please mail your checks to the state, do not bring it with you to Rapid City.** Fees go to pay for travel stipends for state winning teams and offset the cost of the meal.
- **Chapters (NOT district hosts) must upload all their written information by November 27th at 11:50 CST to the JudgingCard.com registration link.**
 - Job Interview Cover Letters, Resumes and Applications
 - Prepared Public Speech and Letters of Originality
 - Marketing Plans and Letters of Originality
 - Ag Communications Media Plans

Dues: All members competing must have their dues paid to the state office in Brookings by Dec 1st. Any member that has not paid state/national dues will not be allowed to place, whether in an individual or team event.

Thank You's: Stamped thank you letters, addressed to the LDE sponsors and LDE chairman for each of the events your students are participating in, must be turned in at registration. Chapters failing to do so will not be allowed to compete. These names and addresses will be posted on the website.

Consent Forms: All FFA members attending any state level event are required to turn in the following consent forms prior to participation: **Code of Conduct and Photo Consent, Health**

Release Form. These forms should be turned in through the online submission link on the LDE Information page.

Hotels: Blocks and information were sent out to advisors in October, please let me know if you need that information again.

Event Location: All LDE's will be held at The Monument. Maps and door signs will be provided to help navigate the new layout.

Parking: Attached is a parking map. Sunday only if you have buses, please use lots E4 & E5, Mini Busses or vehicles can use Any A, B or E1 & E2. Monday parking is open in all lots for buses in A, B, or E. Do not park in the Central High school parking lot on Monday and please avoid E3 behind the Holiday Inn. There is another event going on in the building on Sunday, so parking on the east side of the building will be strictly enforced.

Meal: Instead of a banquet prior to the awards on Monday, members and advisors will be invited to eat at the self-serve buffet being held from at The Monument on Sunday evening in Rushmore Hall North and the Food Court.

Hang out spots: Kids are more than welcome to use the tables in the Food Court as a spot to study, wait for your contest, or hang out during the events.

Scoring: Will be done exclusively online through JudgingCard.

Testing: For Ag Communications, Parliamentary Procedure, Conduct of Chapter Meetings and Ag Sales, your teams will do their tests on Scantrons. Please make sure these teams know how to fill out a scantron prior to the event. They will need to know their chapter number and have been assigned a team member ID.

- Ag Sales: Universal C
- Ag Communications: Universal F
- Parliamentary Procedure: Universal C
 - Contestant number assignments:
 - Member 1: 01
 - Member 2: 02
 - Member 3: 03
 - Member 4: 04
 - Member 5: 05
 - Chair: 06
- Conduct of Chapter Meetings: Universal C
 - Contestant number assignments:
 - President: 01
 - Vice President: 02
 - Secretary: 03
 - Treasurer: 04
 - Reporter: 05
 - Sentinel: 06
 - St. Advisor: 07