

2024

STATE CONVENTION



PLANNING GUIDE

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95th Louisiana FFA State Convention

Louisiana FFA members are the greatest people in the world! You have all worked hard this year to develop your potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education, and you deserve to be recognized for your achievements!



Louisiana FFA members have come together to AMPLIFY our association this year, so in that spirit, the 2023-2024 State FFA Officer Team invites you to join us for the 95th State FFA Convention to be held June 3-6. This convention will recognize the achievements of our members, say thanks to our stakeholders and supporters, and offer inspiration from our State Officer Team.

Convention Details

- Dates:** June 3-6, 2024
- Location:** Randolph Riverfront Center, 707 2nd Street, Alexandria, LA 71301
- Details:** Per State Bulletin 741, each advisor and a minimum of two members per chapter are required to attend convention. In addition to delegate work, activities will include state award presentations, motivational speeches by state and national officers, an engaging career expo, informational workshops, Career Development Events, Day of Service activities, and more!
- Dress Code:** All FFA members should be in full Official Dress at all times in the convention center and when participating in events in the hotels. Tasteful casual is acceptable at the concert, Day of Service, dance, and fireworks. Adult attendees should wear business professional. This means coat, tie, and slacks for men and a dress or a blouse/dress shirt with dress pants/skirts for women.

Convention Fees

- Early Registration:** \$35 per person; due by May 10; payment must be postmarked by this date; registration can be accessed at la-ffa.org/what-we-do/state-convention-and-expo/registration.html.
- Late Registration:** \$40 per person
- One-Day Pass:** \$5 per day; for non-member, non-advisor guests only

Housing, Parking, and Travel

Many housing options are available in the Alexandria/Pineville area to fit your budget and needs. You can find housing details on our website at la-ffa.org/what-we-do/state-convention-and-expo/housing.html.

There is free parking all around the Riverfront Center. You can park in the lot on Jackson Street in front of the Southern Heritage Bank, the lot on 2nd Street behind the Holiday Inn, or the parking garage on 4th Street across from St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. School buses can park in the lot behind the Holiday Inn and Riverfront Center off of 2nd Street.

Chapters must provide their own transportation to Day of Service events.

Convention Schedule

You can find the most updated version of the convention schedule at <https://la-ffa.org/what-we-do/state-convention-expo.html>. Please check this frequently as it is subject to change.

Expo Information

Our Convention Expo will provide interactive opportunities for members and guests. Universities from around the state and region will share information regarding your higher education options. Ag Teacher Alley will provide resources for teachers to enhance their programs. Industry and government partners will discuss career opportunities for students. Food trucks will be stationed under the convention center. Merchandise vendors have cool items for purchase. Golden Ideas Alley can help you maximize your Program of Activities next year.

Expo times:

- Monday, June 3 from 11:00am to 6:00pm
- Tuesday, June 4 from 8:00am to 5:00pm
- Wednesday, June 5 from 8:00am to 2:00pm

Food and Merchandise

There are numerous food options around Alexandria and Pineville, many of them within walking distance downtown.

Food trucks will be located under the Riverfront Center on 2nd Street. They will be open from 11:00am to 1:00pm and 4:00pm to 7:00pm on Monday and Tuesday, and 11:00am to 1:00pm on Wednesday. A concession stand will be available inside the Riverfront Center.

You may also purchase the convention T-shirt and FFA-branded merchandise from the FFA merchandise booth in the Expo.

Special Events

Aside from the sessions and expo, many special events are scheduled during the week.

Sam L. Smith Concert:	Tuesday, June 4 at 8:00pm in the Session Hall; delegates participating in committee meetings and Delegate Business Session 1 will receive free tickets
FFA Trivia Show:	Wednesday, June 5 at 9:00am in the Session Hall
State Degree Reception	Wednesday, June 5 at 11:00am; all State Degree recipients and advisors are welcome to attend
Convention Dance	Wednesday, June 5 at 7:00pm at the City Hall
Fireworks on the River	Wednesday, June 5 at 9:30pm on the levee

Mobile App

All convention information will be found on the mobile convention app. Delegates will use the app for voting. Learn how to download the app to your smartphone at <https://la-ffa.org/what-we-do/state-convention-and-expo/mobile-app.html>.

Emergency Information

In case of an emergency, dial 911!

Alexandria Police Department	318-449-5099
Alexandria Fire Department	318-441-6600
Rapides Regional Medical Center	211 4th Street, Alexandria, LA

For help onsite, visit the Information Desk on the second floor of the Riverfront Center near the escalators.

On the mobile app, be sure to subscribe for mobile alerts.

