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Dates to Remember:

August 15 – Agriscience Fair
Certifications due postmarked August 15 to the National FFA Center

August 15 – Prepared Public Speaking
CDE manuscripts due postmarked to the National FFA Center

August 21 – FFA Today on RFD-TV

August 31 – Promo price ends for
Official Jackets.

September 5 – Courtesy Corp
applications due to the National FFA
Center

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THE LATEST FROM FFA

National FFA Board of Directors held their annual summer meeting at the end of July. For more information on the event, please see the attached 2006 Board Summary.

Roberta L. (Bobbie) Donahue, CFRE, has joined the National FFA Foundation
Director of United Citizens and Civic Foundation Relations. Donahue

menu located on the right hand side of the page. Complete the Million Hour Challenge Form. All projects submitted will display on your Manage My Profile page.

Or for more information on the 1 Million Hour Challenge:

Visit <http://www.ffa.org> Click on Ag Educators and visit the Educators Workroom Scroll down to the 1 Million Hour Challenge section and click to visit the official page. After reading the info, click the link at the bottom and log into myFFA Click on Manage MyProfile or select the Million Hour Form link on the myFFA menu located on the right hand side of the page. Complete the Million Hour Challenge Form. All projects submitted will display on your Manage My Profile page.

NEW! Log your service hours and you could win **\$1,000** and a **spot on TV!**

Chapters and members deserve little fame for their fabulous efforts with the 1 Million Hour Challenge. Those who log their service hours have a chance to win in one of the categories below. All winners will be recognized on FFA.org and on a future episode of FFA Today! on RFD-TV.

- Most service hours by a chapter (based on total number of hours). The winning chapter will receive a \$1,000 Living to Serve Award to be put towards a new service project or expand on an existing service project!
- Most service hours by a state (based on total number of hours from all chapters within the state).
- Most unique service project by a chapter (judged by panel of staff at National FFA Organization, narrowed down to five finalists and one winner).

For more information on the 1 Million Hour Challenge, contact: Joe Martinez, 317-802-4316, jmartinez@ffa.org.

MERCHANDISING

Official Jacket \$39- at ffaunlimited.org: Promo price is only available online at ffaunlimited.org. Purchase standard sized official jackets for \$39 now through the end of August. If you were thinking about replacing a standard sized jacket now is the perfect time to get ready for fall. To place your order, go to ffaunlimited.org.

Replenish Your Chapter Owned Jackets- 10 Jackets for Only \$375: Now through the end of August we are offering a set of 10 jackets in core sizes for \$375. These jackets will be embroidered with the state and chapter names only (no front lettering). The sizes that are included in this set are girls- 36, 38, 40, 42 and boys- 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48. This is a great opportunity for you to replace your current chapter owned jackets with the "new fit" jackets that were introduced last fall. Use them to be sure you are ordering the right size jackets for your students. To place your order call 1-888-332-2668 and order ODJKT-10. Limit one set per chapter.

Merchandise Catalogs: All catalogs have been mailed and should be arriving in the next 10 days. If by the end of August you have not received your catalogs

FFA Marketplace

Online Links

- [MyFFA Login](#)
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please call 1-888-332-2668 and request a new set.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

2006 CDE deadlines: Deadlines for the 2006 National FFA CDEs are as follows:

Aug. 15	Prepared Public Speaking Manuscripts due
Sept. 15	Agricultural Communications Portfolios due Agricultural Issues Portfolios due Job Interview Portfolios due Marketing Plan Portfolios due
Oct 11	Add/Delete Forms Due

CDE Staff Changes: The National FFA CDE staff would like to say "thank you" to all of the state staff, as you have helped to make CDE Certification run smoothly this year. We look forward to continuing to serve you. For questions in the following areas, please contact:

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CDE Speaking Judges and CDE Assistants Forms: Please submit you CDE SPEAKING JUDGES AND CDE ASSISTANTS FORMS if you have not yet done so. Each state with an individual in the Creed Speaking, Extemporaneous Public Speaking or Prepared Public Speaking events MUST submit the names of judges for the preliminary and semi-finals rounds of judging. The CDE assistants program is a great opportunity for your advisors to learn more about a CDE. Please access form at <http://www.ffa.org/programs/cde/> and submit to Dianne Kincaid via email dkincaid@ffa.org or fax 317-802-5312.

STATE STAFF AND ADVISOR INFORMATION

Identify Yourself on “my FFA” – With the use of the myFFA system for State and Chapters to access Online Convention Registration, Nominating Committee and Million Hour Challenge Applications all state staff and chapter advisors should eventually be registering to myFFA to gain access to these applications. **However, you may already be in the system and not know it!** When the Former Member Reconnect application was merged with myFFA, all registered users were migrated to myFFA. Anyone formerly registered with the Former Member system are now registered to myFFA and identified as a former member.

When you first register on myFFA, you may receive the notice that you are already registered. If this happens, please use the lost password request, which will forward you your existing registered username/password. Please also contact the National FFA Center through via e-mail to webteam@ffa.org or webmaster@ffa.org to have your role changed to identify you as State Staff or Advisor. You will know if you are registered as a former member if upon login you are taken to the **Supporters Page**.

The National FFA Organization is seeking a state association to host the entire national officer team in early January 2007 for the annual National FFA Officer Training Experience Week. This is a terrific opportunity to have all six officers in your state for seven days to interact with FFA members, advisors, and supporters. Interested states can request an application by contacting Mark Wilburn at mwilburn@ffa.org, 317-802-4252. Completed applications are due to Mark Wilburn at the National FFA Center by Sept. 1.

ALUMNI

National FFA Alumni Auction: Interested in helping FFA members attend Washington Leadership Conference? Donate an item to the 2006 National FFA Alumni Benefit Auctions to help raise money for student scholarships! Held during national convention the goal of the 2006 Alumni auction is to raise \$100,000 to provide scholarships for FFA members to attend WLC and collegiate scholarships for students pursuing a career in agricultural education. Showcase student projects, local businesses, alumni/supporter talents and help raise us raise \$100,000 for student scholarships! Contact: asmeyer@ffa.org. **Click here for the Auction Donation Form.**

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

THE 79TH NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION IN INDIANAPOLIS

Second Edition Advisor's Planning Guide: Be on the lookout for the ***Second Edition Advisor's Planning Guide***, a big mailing filled with all the planning tools and information you need for the 79th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis this October. With the APGII, you'll receive information on the Collegiate Career Expo, the School Officials Luncheon and more information about the convention host city of Indianapolis. **The online convention registration system will be available after the Second Edition Advisor's Planning Guide is mailed in mid-August.**

Important Indianapolis Information: As the convention moves to its new host city this fall, there will be several changes from years past. First and foremost, for their safety and security, please instruct your students and attendees to **wear their convention badges at all times** – not just when attending convention

sessions or the career show. The city of Indianapolis has an 11 p.m. curfew for all minors under the age of 18. FFA members attending the 79th National FFA Convention will be exempt from this curfew, but only if they can be easily identified. Convention registration badges can also assist Indianapolis volunteers in identifying convention attendees should they need assistance or directions to convention locations and events.

Convention Ticket Refund Information: The process of allocating tickets for national FFA convention sessions and activities is designed to be fair and efficient. By carefully planning ticket purchases, advisors can ensure FFA members receive confirmed access to these opportunities and that as many students as possible are able to participate. As with most public events, convention event tickets are nonrefundable. Please note that opening session tickets may only be exchanged at the on-site convention registration counter in Indianapolis. Exchange of these tickets will only be possible if the desired session has available seats and if the session being exchanged has not already occurred.

Tickets sold for activities such as music concerts, Xtreme Bulls, hypnotist performances, etc., are nonrefundable once an order is processed. These tickets may not be exchanged or returned unless the event is cancelled. In the case of a cancellation, instructions on receiving refunds will be communicated. Questions about the purchase or exchange of convention tickets can be directed to Sheridan Gilchrist, sgilchrist@ffa.org. Your cooperation and careful planning are appreciated and will help guarantee a positive experience for all FFA members and advisors.

National Convention Courtesy Corps: The application to participate in Courtesy Corps at the 2005 National FFA Convention is now available! The application may be downloaded [here](#) and must be returned to the National FFA Center by September 5th. Courtesy Corps is a great way for students to get involved in the national convention, and we are always looking for volunteers! Contact: courtesycorps@ffa.org, 317-802-4321.

Leave Your Mark – Buy a Brick!

You have an opportunity to make your mark in the courtyard at the National FFA Center! Honor an individual, an agriculture teacher, chapter, officer team, or create a memorial tribute by purchasing your very own brick. For \$250, you can purchase a 4-by 8-inch brick with a two-line inscription. For \$1,000, you can purchase a larger, 8-by 8-inch brick with up to four lines inscribed. With the National FFA Convention moving to Indianapolis this year, thousands of FFA members, advisors and friends of the organization will be touring the Center. The bricks in the courtyard serve as a visible reminder of the far-reaching support for FFA and agricultural education. Add your name, chapter name, or the name of a loved one to this special place while supporting FFA members through the National FFA Foundation. You'll be in good company! To purchase a brick, visit the National FFA Foundation web page: www.ffa.org, or call 317-802-4234.

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The FFA Mission

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success

through agricultural education.

The Agricultural Education Mission Agricultural Education prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in the global agriculture, food, fiber and natural resources systems.

The National FFA Organization is a resource and support organization that does not select, control or supervise state association, local chapter or individual member activities except as expressly provided for in the National FFA Organization Constitution and Bylaws.

The National FFA Organization affirms its belief in the value of all human beings and seeks diversity in its membership, leadership and staff as an equal opportunity employer.

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