

**TRIP PROPOSAL
For Approval**

**The Polk County High School FFA
16 Students
2 Teachers**

**Polk County High School FFA
Trip to
North Carolina FFA State Convention
Raleigh, North Carolina**

**Submitted to:
Ms. Michelle Bean, Principal
&
Polk County School Board**

**Submitted by:
Ashley Gilbert
Chauncey Barber**

May 14, 2026

TRIP OVERVIEW:

The North Carolina FFA State Convention will be held June 23-25 in Raleigh, North Carolina at the Raleigh Convention Center. The Polk County FFA Chapter will leave Polk County High School on Monday, June 22 and return on Thursday, June 25.

Sixteen students will be representing the Polk County High School FFA Chapter at the North Carolina FFA State Convention by competing in different Career Development Events (CDEs). Those events include Introduction to Horticulture, Floriculture, Nursery Landscape, and Tool Identification. All of these teams qualified at the western regional event to advance on to this state level event.

STUDENT and CHAPERONE COST:

Expenses:

- Registration Fees: \$30/per Student – \$480.00
 - \$30/per Advisor – \$60.00
 - Total Registration - \$540.00
- Hotel Rooms (staying three nights):
 - 5 student rooms - \$219 +tax/per room/per night - \$3,285.00
 - 2 advisor rooms - \$219 +tax/per room/per night - \$1,314.00
 - Hotel Rooms Total - \$4,599.00
- Teacher Meals - \$185.40/per advisor

FUNDRAISING:

Students with financial needs will be funded with these fundraisers and through Polk FFA as needed. No child will be refused this trip because of an inability to pay.

- Career and Technical Education Funds will be used for teacher and chaperone room, meals, and student registration.
- Student rooms and meals will be sponsored by Polk County High School FFA

LODGING:

Hampton Inn and Suites Raleigh/Crabtree Valley
3920 Arrow Drive
Raleigh, NC 27612
(919) 881-7080

TRANSPORTATION:

Polk County Schools

CHAPERONES:

Teachers, Mr. Chauncey Barber and Mrs. Ashley Gilbert will be chaperoning this trip. Additionally, Mrs. Kaye Harris, Polk County CTE Coordinator, will be attending the trip separately, but will also serve as a chaperone while we are at the convention center. We have also arranged for North Carolina FFA State Staff and other North Carolina agriculture teachers to assist with chaperoning our students during this trip.

LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS:

None

STUDENT MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM:

It is the responsibility of the students and parents to provide any updated information in reference to student health/medical situations. If any changes have occurred since filling out the form in June, please note changes on the attached form (initialed by the parent), and return to Mr. Chauncey Barber or Mrs. Ashley Gilbert before the trip.

PERMISSION TO TRAVEL

Our child, _____, has permission to travel to Raleigh, NC with the Polk County FFA Chapter for the leadership and career development purposes at the North Carolina FFA State Convention & Expo on June 22-25, 2026.

We have received a copy of the trip proposal and the Behavior Guidelines/Expectations.

- We expect our child to adhere to all items mentioned in the Behavior Guidelines/Expectations, as well as any information contained in the Polk County High School Student Handbook.
- We realize that these guidelines, rules and regulations are put in place to make traveling a safe experience.
- We will hold our child responsible for any infraction of the rules and regulations that result in any harm to personal self, school or hotel property.
- We understand that the trip cost is \$100 per student, which is to cover the cost of meals while on the trip. My child may need less or more than the stated amount depending on how much they will eat while on this trip.

Parent/Guardian Signatures: _____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____

Please return this sheet with your trip balance to Mrs. Gilbert.

Thank you for your cooperation.

2026 Trip Itinerary

Monday, June 22

12:00pm Leave PCHS for NC FFA State Convention in Raleigh, NC

Tuesday, June 23

7:30am – 8:00pm Convention Registration Open

8:00am Floriculture CDE Check-In – Exhibit Hall A

8:00am Introduction to Horticulture CDE Check-In – Exhibit Hall A

9:00am Floriculture CDE Begins

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10:00am – 4:30pm Career Show & Expo Opens – Exhibit Hall B & C

11:30am First General Session Doors Open - Ballroom A, B, & C - Land Judging Recognized

12:00pm First General Session Begins

2:30pm Nursery Landscape CDE Check-In – Upper Exhibit Hall A

3:00pm Nursery Landscape CDE Begins - Exhibit Hall A (Phase 2 practicums will be held off-site on Wednesday, June 25.)

6:30pm Second General Session Doors Open

7:00pm Second General Session Begins

Wednesday, June 24

7:30am Nursery Landscape Practicum (if they qualified) - Off Site - Bus picking up outside convention center lobby at 7:00am

9:00am – 4:00pm Career Show & Expo Opens

12:00pm Ag Tools & Materials ID CDE Check-In – Upper-level Exhibit Hall A

12:30pm Ag Tools & Materials ID CDE Begins – Exhibit Hall A

3:30pm Third General Session Doors Open

4:00pm Third General Session Begins

6:30pm Fourth General Session Doors Open

7:00pm Fourth General Session Begins

Thursday, June 25

8:30am Fifth General Session Doors Open

9:00am Fifth General Session Begins - recognition of CDE winners for Floriculture, Intro to Hort, Nursery Landscape, and Tools

10:30am Sixth General Session Doors Open

11:00am Sixth General Session Begins