

TRIP PROPOSAL
For Approval

The Polk County High School FFA
4 Students
1 Faculty Member

Polk County High School FFA
Trip to
2026 North Carolina FFA State Veterinary Science Career Development Event
Lee County High School
Sanford, NC

Submitted to:
Mr. Scott Hopper, Principal
Mr. Todd Murphy, Superintendent
Mrs. Kaye Harris, CTE Director

Submitted by:
Mrs. Ashley Gilbert, Agricultural Education Teacher

August 25, 2026

TRIP OVERVIEW:

The 2026 North Carolina FFA State Veterinary Science Career Development Event will be held on Saturday, September 26 at 8:00 am at Lee County High School in Sanford, NC.

The purpose of the Veterinary Science CDE is to provide a competitive event for agricultural education students, provide opportunities for participants to develop technical knowledge, and demonstrate practical skills in the field of veterinary science.

Mrs. Kaye Harris, Polk County Schools CTE Director and the veterinary science team, consisting of four high school student FFA members, will be leaving Polk County High School on Friday, September 25th to head to Sanford, NC to prepare for the event.

Team members include Leah Morton (Senior), Mary Marrow (Junior), Kennedie Ross (Junior) and Minda McComas (Sophomore).

STUDENT and CHAPERONE COST:**Expenses:**

- Registration fees (\$22 per student & \$12 for advisors) - \$100 total
- Two Hotel Rooms/one night - \$159 + \$20.67 tax = \$179.67 per room - \$359.34 total
- Teacher/Chaperone Meals - \$79.70
- Transportation – CTE Expedition
- Fuel for Expedition

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 room, meals, transportation and student registration.
- Students' meals will be paid for themselves, unless they lack the funds, at which time the Polk County FFA Chapter will provide their funding.

DEPOSIT DUE:

None

BALANCE DUE:

None

LODGING:

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Sanford
2110 Dalrymple Street
Sanford, NC 27330
Phone: 919-776-6600

TRANSPORTATION:

CTE Expedition

CHAPERONE(S):

Mrs. Kaye Harris, Polk County Schools CTE Director, will chaperone the trip, because Mrs. Gilbert is not able to.

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 August, please note changes on the attached form (initialed by the parent), and return to Mrs. Gilbert before the trip.

PERMISSION TO TRAVEL

Our child, _____, has permission to travel to Sanford, North Carolina with the Polk County FFA Chapter for the leadership and career development purposes at the NC FFA State Veterinary Science Competition.

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 in order 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 approximately \$55 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 due to how much they eat while on this trip.

Parent/Guardian Signatures _____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

Please return this sheet to Mrs. Ashley Gilbert.

Thank you for your cooperation!