

TRIP PROPOSAL
For Approval

The Polk County High School FFA
9 Students
1 Teacher

Polk County High School FFA
Trip to
2026 North Carolina FFA State Poultry Judging Career Development Event
Raleigh, NC

Submitted to:
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Michelle Bean, Principal
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Submitted by:
Ashley Gilbert

Submitted On:
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TRIP OVERVIEW:

The 2026 North Carolina FFA State Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at the Exposition Center Building on the NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, NC; located at 4285 Trinity Rd, Raleigh, NC 27607. Since this trip is in Raleigh, NC we will be leaving the day before, on Monday, March 30th to head to this event.

The purpose of the Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event (CDE) is to stimulate learning activities related to production and management, processing, marketing, and consumption of poultry products. Skills such as selection and management of poultry, communicating industry terminology effectively, in addition to evaluating and justifying decisions are attained through participation in this event.

Two teams will be allowed to compete in this year’s competition: a junior team and a senior team. Therefore, nine students will be representing the Polk County High School FFA Chapter at this event (four members on the junior team and five members on the senior team). Senior team members include Brinson Ashworth, Konnor Huskey, Hannah Kirby, Samantha Stevenson, and Zulem Ramirz-Chavez. The four junior team members have not yet been finalized.

STUDENT and CHAPERONE COST:

Expenses:

- Registration fees (\$15 per student & advisor) - \$150
- Four Hotel Rooms/one night at State Rate (including chaperone room) - \$131 plus tax per room at Four Points by Sheraton Raleigh, NC - \$524 plus tax total
- Teacher Meals – \$84
- Rental Van - Ford Transit 15 Passenger Van – \$659.02
- Fuel for rental van

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 the teacher room, meals, transportation and student registration.
- Students’ meals will be paid for themselves (approximately \$75), unless they lack the funds, at which time the Polk County FFA Chapter will provide their meals.

DEPOSIT DUE:

None

BALANCE DUE:

None

LODGING:

Four Points by Sheraton
1200 Hurricane Alley Way
Raleigh, NC 27607
Phone: 919-854-0502

TRANSPORTATION:

Enterprise Rent-A-Car
1907 Spartanburg Hwy
Hendersonville, NC 28792
15 Passenger Ford Transit Van

CHAPERONES:

Ashley Gilbert (Agriculture Teacher/FFA Advisor) will chaperone trip. Additionally, Mrs. Gilbert has 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. Please note changes to the attached permission slip form (initialed by the parent) and return to Mrs. Gilbert before the trip.

PERMISSION TO TRAVEL

Our child, _____, has permission to travel to Raleigh, North Carolina with the Polk County FFA Chapter for the leadership and career development purposes at the NC FFA State Poultry Evaluation 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 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 \$75 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 _____

Additional Notes/Information/Medical Info that Needs to be Provided:

Please return this sheet to Mrs. Ashley Gilbert.

Thank you for your cooperation.