

# National FFA Convention

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*Oct. 27 – Nov. 2, 2025*

*Max 11 students attending*

*Gayle Smith, FFA Advisor*

*Transportation: Southwest Flights, and rental cars*

*Indianapolis, IN*

Dear Santa Rosa City Schools Board,

The Santa Rosa FFA Chapter has students interested in attending the National FFA Convention this year. The Santa Rosa FFA Chapter requests approval to attend the National FFA Convention. While at convention, the students would participate in many leadership and skill building workshops, attend sessions presented by our National FFA Officers, explore the college and career exposition hall, tour college campuses, and tour leading agricultural industries. We are very excited to have one of our students who is in the running for a National Proficiency award. While on the trip, we will support her in her interviews and watch her deliver her presentation on the National stage.

It is a special honor and privilege to be able to attend the National FFA Convention and represent the Santa Rosa FFA chapter.

We plan to leave Monday, Oct. 27 at 3:00 am from Santa Rosa High School and travel to Oakland Airport where we will start our trip to the Convention. We are still finalizing our itinerary and a rough itinerary has been submitted along with this letter of intent. The flexibility of our schedule allows us to better plan around our times and industry schedules.

All three instructors will be traveling with the students. All advisors have been on this trip and know the area well. We are excited at the opportunity to share the agriculture in Indiana and many of our interested students have not had the opportunity to travel out of California.

We appreciate your consideration and we look forward to your response. Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gayle Smith  
Ag Teacher  
Santa Rosa High School

Lisa Piehl  
Ag Teacher

Adrianna Begley  
Ag Teacher

# 98th Annual National FFA Convention Itinerary for Santa Rosa FFA

\*Please note that this is a rough estimate of our itinerary and things are subject to change.\*

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday 10/27	3:00 AM	Depart from SRHS for the Oakland Airport
	5:00 AM	Depart from OAK
	6:55 AM	Arrive in PHX
	7:45 AM	Depart from PHX
	2:05 PM	Arrive in Indianapolis
	4:00 PM	Depart from airport for the hotel after rental car pick up
	4:30 PM	Arrive at hotel
	6:00 PM	Dinner
	10:00 PM	Bed Checks
Tuesday 10/28	6:30 AM	Grab breakfast from Starbucks or Ms. Smith's Room
	7:00 AM	Leave for Hummell Livestock
	9:00 AM	Arrive for Tour at Hummell
	10:30 AM	Complete tour and head to Purdue
	12:30 PM	Tour of Purdue University
	1:45 PM	Grab lunch in town
	2:15 PM	Drive to Indy
	4 PM	Tour of Indy Speedway

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	6:30 PM	Dinner at Hotel
	10:30 PM	Bed Checks
Wednesday 10/29		
**Depending on Riley Piehl's National Agriscience interview schedule, we are still working on the details for this day.		
Thursday 10/30	7:00 AM	Head to Opening Session
	8:00 AM	Opening Session 1B
	10:30 PM	Student Workshops
	12:00 PM	Lunch at Food Court
	1:00 PM	Student Workshops
	1:30 PM	Head to Second Session
	2:00 PM	Second Session

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	4:00 PM	Early Dinner at Hotel
	5:00 PM	Rodeo
	8:30 PM	Return to Hotel
Friday 10/31	8:00 AM	Breakfast & Grab Snacks for the day
	9:00 AM	Leave for Kentucky
	10:10 AM	The Greatest Race Viewing Churchill Downs
	10:30 PM	Kentucky Derby Track Tour
	1:30 PM	University of Louisville Tour
	1:40 PM	Louisville Slugger Tour
	3:30 PM	Late lunch/Early Dinner Joes Crab Shack, Louisville
	5:30 PM	Head back to Indy
	8:00 PM	Fright Fest
	10:15 PM	Bed Checks
Saturday 11/1	6:00 AM	American Degree Ceremony
	9:00 AM	Pack luggage
	10:00 AM	Head to local museum
	11:30 AM	Early Lunch
	1:00 PM	7th General Session

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After the 7th general session we will tour the Indy Zoo and then check into our hotel for the night. We fly out Sunday 11/2.

## **Flight Info:**

Flight #2087 Departs from OAK 5:00 AM Arrives at PHX 6:55 AM

Flight #3138 Departs from PHX 7:45 AM Arrives at IND 2:05 PM

Flight #0380 Departs from IND 4:10 PM Arrives at OAK 5:25 PM

## **Hotel Info:**

Oct 27th - Oct 29th: Fairfield Inn & Suites 4000 South St Lafayette, IN 47905

Oct 29th - Nov 1: JW Marriott Indianapolis 10 S West St, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Nov 1st - Nov 2nd: Crown Plaza Indianapolis 2501 S High School Rd, IN 46241