

The Santa Rosa FFA Chapter would like to take 8 high school students to Indianapolis, Indiana for the 2022 National FFA convention. **Our departure date is Sunday, October 23, returning Saturday, October 29.**

FFA members and advisors, FFA Alumni members, agriculture industry representatives and more gather for one of the largest student conventions in the country. They compete, volunteer, celebrate and shape the future of the 557,318-member National FFA Organization! We will also see three of our alumni receive their American FFA Degree, the highest honor an FFA member can receive! Santa Rosa FFA last attended this conference in 2017 after the Tubbs fire and were scheduled to go in 2019 but had to cancel due to the kincade fire evacuations and the displacement of our families. Since the pandemic this will be the first time we will be able to send a delegation to this conference.

National FFA Convention is an opportunity for members to meet other members from around the nation, attend leadership activities, and tour various agriculture industries and point of interest throughout Indianapolis and the surrounding mid-western states. Students from Santa Rosa FFA will have the opportunity to work and participate in activities, tours, workshops and leadership training with FFA members from all over the United States during the National FFA convention. While traveling to the National Convention in Indiana, we will have several tour stops. As a chapter, we have coordinated our own itinerary. So that our students will have an opportunity to see parts of the midwest both agricultural and historical. Our trip begins in Tennessee, where we will fly into the Memphis airport and take some time to visit sites in Memphis-specifically, Graceland and University of Tennessee. We hope to connect with SRHS alumni and former Olympian Molly Hannis. Then we plan to drive to Nashville, where along the drive we plan to tour some of the farms we pass along the way. The midwest grows many crops not seen in California like soybeans, additionally there are some historical sites-where students can learn from the lessons in our past like the Sam Davis plantation. While in Nashville we will visit the Grand Ole Opry taking in a backstage tour of this iconic historic location. From Tennessee we drive to Kentucky, enjoying the sites along the way. Eventually visiting with the barn manager, stables and racetrack of the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs, and touring the Louisville slugger facility, where students will see local wood is converted into the greatest baseball bats in the world at the woodshop facility. On Wednesday we will reach our final destination of Indianapolis, Indiana and begin the National Convention. Throughout the convention students will be attending educational and career workshops, attend general sessions with fabulous key note speakers and tour the career/collegiate show. Students will also attend a Rascal Flatts concert, Rodeo and tour the automotive garages, business facilities, media center, racetrack and museum of Indy sprint cars at the Indy 500 Speedway in conjunction with the convention package. I have attached the educational standards aligned with the convention activities students will be participating in. This will truly be a trip of self exploration, learning and once in a lifetime memories.

Students have raised funds for this trip from their SAE projects, a drive thru dinner BBQ, served at local functions to earn monies, our boosters and Agriculture budget has supported them in reducing costs and we will be making a request of our Santa Rosa Foundation for funds as well.

We have held a parent meeting discussing itinerary, logistical information and communication protocols.

All three FFA teachers will be attending the conference as chaperones.