

Wisconsin FFA Convention – 2019

Tuesday, June 11

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. What’s new in Ag in the Classroom?Mendota 7

Darlene Arneson

Ag in the Classroom has A LOT of resources available from the National Ag in the Classroom program, Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom, American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture, and other commodity groups. This session will showcase new resources, highlight some popular ones, discuss changes, and have some hands-on time for you to explore and use some of them.

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Interactive Dairy Science..... Mendota 8

Zach Markhardt, Agriscience teacher; & friends!

You asked, we listened! Mooove through each of the five stations in this flexible workshop on skills & knowledge in the Dairy Sciences. Workshop room is open from 10:00-12:00 and 2:30 – 4:00 on Tuesday. Come in and do a few stations now, a few stations later, or do them all at once! Members completing all stations by end of Tuesday will be entered in to win a wild prize.

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Parliamentary Procedure 101.....Mendota 4

University of Wisconsin-River Falls Agricultural Education Society

Do you seem to never accomplish anything in meetings? Do they go on forever because people are talking over each other? Does one person seem to be the only one to have their voice heard? In this workshop, you will learn how to keep meetings efficient and orderly. Learn basic Parliamentary Procedure and how you can use it in your chapter!

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 Honeybees – Angels of Agriculture.....Mendota 7

Hannah Sjostrom, 2019 American Honey Queen

Come learn from the 2019 American Honey Queen Hannah Sjostrom of Wisconsin about how honeybees play an avid role in our society, whether it’s in the rural farmland or the booming cities. Queen Hannah will talk about how beekeepers advance agriculture throughout the United States, the medical properties of honey, and the mechanics that make up a beehive. She will also share the many different uses of honey and will share recipes involving honey-the only food that never spoils! Join Hannah as she dives into the world of beekeeping and explores the wondrous mysteries the honeybee has to share!

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Sparking Change.....Mendota 7

Layni LeBlanc, National FFA Secretary

Join us to learn more about your part in the power chain and the importance and value of each of us in creating change. In this workshop, we will dig deeper into community issues and how each of us play a vital role in continuing the spark of change.

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Play Your Part.....Mendota 7

Wiley Bailey, Past National Officer and Motivational Speaker

Playing the banjo and traveling with a bluegrass band for fifteen years has taught Wiley the importance of playing his part on stage, and in other’s lives. In an interactive and fun workshop-environment, Wiley teaches students that everyone has something to offer, even if it seems small.

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Change Lives, Teach Ag! Mendota 5

Ms. Kayla Darr and Ms. Kessa LeBlanc, Agricultural Educators

Must register to attend! This program at the State FFA Convention will be an action-packed two-hour program that includes a panel of current teachers to share their stories of why they decided to become an agricultural education instructor as well as representatives from the universities in how you can earn a degree in agricultural education. There will be an opportunity to be the teacher and the learner to get a hands on feel of what it is like to be an agricultural teacher.

4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Do you wish to be part of Our Tradition, Our Future, Our Legacy?.....Mendota 8

Kathryn Lampi and Ciara Koboski, Past State Officers

Have you ever considered running for state office? Do you want to be part of the tradition to impact the future of our members and leave a legacy? What about college? Money? Time? Travel? Benefits? Come find out more about running for state office and have all your questions answered. We can't wait to see you!

Wednesday, June 12

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. FFA Alumni CAMP!Mendota 8

Wisconsin FFA Alumni

Come check out how we CAMP FFA alumni style! We will show you the importance of CAMP and how you can use it everyday, not only for FFA and Alumni, but for life as well. Don't miss out on this fun CAMP workshop. You will be in for a treat!

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. To Infinity and a Job!Monona

Jared Retzlaff and Haleigh Ortmeier-Clarke

Jobs in agriculture are endless, but how do you make yourself stand out? While navigating this topic can be difficult, you've already won half the battle by being at state convention. We will dive into ways you can build your resume and gain valuable skills before even leaving high school. Join us for an interactive workshop focusing on self-development and how FFA can help you find new opportunities.

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Connecting to Careers in Agriculture.....Mendota 8

Chase Jones and Paige Dilley, Compeer Financial

Explore your passion for agriculture and discover pathways to a fulfilling career aligned with your goals. Whether you're looking to operate in production agriculture or engage your creative side, this workshop will give you the tools to identify your ideal career while maintaining a tie to the agriculture community.

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Rooted in FFA, Grow your STEM.....Monona

UW-Madison Collegiate FFA

Interested in conducting research but don't know where to start? We've got you covered! Starting is often the hardest part, but we've got some tips & tricks for how you can use your roots in FFA to get you going. Join UW-Madison's Collegiate FFA to learn more about how YOU can grow your STEM in FFA & beyond!

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Our Tradition. Our Future. Our FFA Alumni.....Wingra

Wisconsin FFA Alumni

During this time, we will talk about how to be an effective FFA Alumni member and what we can bring back to our chapters in order to better support our Agricultural Educators. This will be a great opportunity to network with other alumni from around the state and become stronger as a unit. We look forward to seeing you there!

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. The Co-op Connection.....Monona

Karen Jones, GROWMARK

Why would anyone want to join a co-op? What makes cooperatives different? This session will teach you the basics of cooperatives and help set you on a path to creating your own cooperative business within your chapter!

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. FFA Family Feud.....Mendota 8

Bill Kriese, Rural Mutual Insurance

Want to find out more information about safety/emergency procedures, what lock out/tag out is, personal protection equipment in a fun filled game? Come join the staff of Rural Mutual Insurance as they challenge you to a fun faced pace game of FFA Family Feud. You are sure to take away valuable information while having fun and competing against other FFA members. The game is limited to the first 20 members with the rest being part of the viewing audience.

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. The Science Behind Flavor.....Wingra
Michelle Kuffa and Dylan Knudsen, Kerry

You may not know what Food Science or Culinology is, but you are probably curious. If you are, this session is for you. Guided by two industry professionals, you'll learn through a series of kitchen cabinet level demonstrations and hands on examples, not only what these two distinct scientific fields are & why you might want to pursue them, but also how several key food science concepts relate to your everyday food consumption and development of flavor.

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Logs to Lumber.....Mendota 8
Logan Wells, Past State Officer and WI DNR Forest Products Specialist

What is a sawmill and how do they fit into Wisconsin Forestry? Come learn about different types of sawmills and the types of products they produce. Grade lumber sawmills are the most common industrial scale sawmills in the state of Wisconsin and we will learn about the types of saws and equipment they use to turn hardwood logs into grade lumber!

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Parliamentary Procedure 201.....Wingra
University of Wisconsin-River Falls Agricultural Education Society

Do you have a basic understanding of Parliamentary Procedure, but want to dive deeper? Then this workshop is for you! We will explore some more difficult motions and the Wisconsin FFA Parliamentary Procedure LDE. A base understanding of Parliamentary Procedure is recommended.

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Aquaponics – A sustainable and fascinating method of growing fresh food...Monona
Team members of Nelson and Pade, Inc

In aquaponics, the nutrient-rich water from raising fish provides a natural fertilizer for the plants and the plants help to purify the water for the fish. Aquaponics can be used to sustainably raise fresh fish and vegetables for a family, to feed a village or to generate profit in a commercial farming venture, year 'round, in any climate. Schools around the world are using aquaponics to teach many classes. This includes agriculture, science, math, engineering, business, nutrition, culinary arts and much more. In this workshop, you will learn what aquaponics is and how it works. Most importantly, you will learn how you can implement an aquaponic system at your school! Examples of system inputs, equipment and end products will be shared and discussed.

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Inclusion in AG and FFA.....Monona
Sam Pinchart, Past State Officer

The agricultural industry is diverse and ever-changing. As the ag industry and FFA modernizes itself, it is important to maintain a mindset of inclusion. Come learn about how inclusion affects you and your chapter and grow your inclusion skills!

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Attend College and Compete for an Army ROTC Scholarship.....Wingra

Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) is one of the best leadership training and development programs in the nation. Come and learn about the leadership training and experiences you could have as a Cadet in the ROTC program. This informational breakout will provide an overview of the ROTC program, scholarship opportunities and student eligibility.

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. The Fight Against Hunger.....Mendota 8
UW-Madison College of Agricultural & Life Sciences

The World Food Prize Youth Programs were founded in 1994 by John Ruan & Norman Borlaug. Today, 23 states around the country participate in these programs, including the College of Agricultural & Life Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison who hosts the Wisconsin State Institute every April. Students have the opportunity to explore UW-Madison and participate in roundtable discussions where they present their research papers about a global challenge in a developing country. Come join us to learn more about our CALS and World Food Prize programs that can prepare you for an education and career in the global fight against hunger.

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Sharing your Agriculture Story.Wingra
Abigail Martin, 72nd Alice in Dairyland

How can you become an agricultural ambassador? What are the tools that Alice in Dairyland uses to educate citizens, promote agriculture, and tell the story of Wisconsin farmers? Have you considered a career in public relations, communications, or marketing? We will explore tools that you can use to create a message for the public and promote Wisconsin Agriculture through fun activities and interactive experiences!

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Working with the Press: Getting Ink for Your FFA Chapter.....Mendota 4
Heidi Clausen, Former Editor of The Country Today

It's important for FFA chapters to get the word out about all the great things they're doing, and local newspapers are one of the best, most efficient ways to keep the community in the loop. Through this workshop, you will learn how to maximize your chapter's relationship with print media outlets by providing clear, timely, informative news releases, articles and pictures that editors will want to run.

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. The Anatomy of Flavor, Presented by: Culver's.....Mendota 8
Jessie Kreke, Lora Kippley and Alison Wedig, Culver's

Looking for a chance to learn more about Culver's Thank You Farmers Project while testing your food science skills? This workshop will dive into the science behind flavors and what makes Culver's menu items taste so good!

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Compete for CentralStar careers in DHI Olympics.....Monona
Gary Holterman and Meagan Finnegan-Voss, CentralStar Cooperative

Test your skills in DHI Olympics. Are you built to be part of the CentralStar team? If not, learn what you should study to be a strong contender. On May 1, 2019, NorthStar Cooperative, Lansing, Mich., and East Central/Select Sires, Waupun, Wis., merged under the name, CentralStar Cooperative. As a strong and talented team in the agricultural industry, CentralStar focuses on enhancing producer profitability through integrated services, providing Accelerated Genetics, GenerVations, and Select Sires genetics; extensive artificial-insemination (A.I.) technician service; genetic consultation; reproduction services; Dairy Herd Information (DHI) services; diagnostic testing; herd-management products; research and development; and more. For more information, visit www.mycentralstar.com.

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Turn Dreams into a Reality!Mendota 7
Kati Kindschuh, Past State Officer

Have a dream but not sure how to make it a reality? Make it a goal! Join us as we learn innovate strategies to achieve our goals, stay motivated and grow our tribe. Please, bring ideas of a tangible action that you want to achieve, and we'll break it down to help you achieve success!

4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. The Food and Agriculture Systems of Today and Tomorrow.....Mendota 8
Melissa Weyland, Midwest East Region Pool Manager CROPP Cooperative/ Organic Valley

Food plays many roles: health, community, tradition, and pleasure to name a few. When we think about what our careers in agriculture and food production will look like in the future, we need to consider the rapid changes in consumer preferences and needs that cause us to react. We'll discuss the current state of the food system and the trends shaping our futures as farmers and agriculturists

4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Finding the Leader in You.....Mendota 4
University of Wisconsin-Platteville Agricultural Education Society

In this workshop, you will discover you own leadership style and how it relates to your life. You will learn about team building activities, leadership strategies that you can use in your chapter and beyond!