

# 2022 ND FFA Leadership Conference

## General Schedule

### Saturday, September 17th, 2022

- 11:00 am Registration for Advisors  
Bismarck Event Center - Lobby
- 11:45 am Start time for Aspire Conference  
Bismarck Event Center – Upper Lobby Area
- 12:00 pm Start time for Blue, Gold, AND 101 Conference  
Bismarck Event Center
- 5:00 pm All Conferences Adjourn
- 5:15 pm Dinner on your own
- 8:30 pm Community Service Project – Sticker Books  
Bismarck Event Center
- 8:30 pm Social/Dance  
Bismarck Event Center
- 8:30 pm Game Night \*Bring Games  
Bismarck Event Center
- 11:00 pm Social/Dance and Game Night Concludes
- 11:15 pm Bismarck Event Center Closes

### Sunday, September 18th, 2022

- 8:00 – 9:30 am Church Services (organized on your own)
- 9:30 am All Conferences Resume  
Bismarck Event Center
- 12:30 pm All Conference Adjourn



*Detailed Conference schedules can be found on the website.*

# A to Z Leadership Conference FAQ's

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## Advisor Conference Charge

The ND FFA Association has two opportunities to make money: Leadership Conference and State FFA Convention. The income from both allows us to host events such as State Winter CDEs without having to charge chapters to participate.

## Bills

Chapters will receive a final bill invoiced at a later date following the conference. Chapters will be assessed the registration fee for students who are registered but do not attend.

## Bus Parking

Bismarck Event Center: Buses will need to enter Parking Lob B, drop members off at Door E42.

## Church Services

Chapters may organize church service options for members wishing to attend.

## Conference Descriptions

**101 Conference:** (Grades 7-9): This conference is put on by the ND FFA State Officer team for FFA members. It will focus on developing their leadership, etiquette and FFA knowledge.

**Blue Conference:** (Grades 10-11): This conference will focus on the basic elements of teamwork. YourNextSpeaker, LLC, based in Oklahoma, will lead the training. These highly trained, professional speakers have spent thousands of hours in front of FFA members and will provide an engaging, interactive, content-focused and meaningful conference experience. The content will be based on the 10 Techniques to Help Your Teams Work curriculum authored by Rhett Laubach, Professional Speaker and Owner of YourNextSpeaker, LLC. This curriculum includes applicable team building lessons that members can use in both their personal and educational experiences.

**Gold Conference:** (Grades 11-12): This conference will focus on the advanced elements of teamwork; including specific ideas applicable for any chapter officers attending the conference. YourNextSpeaker, LLC, based in Oklahoma, will lead the training. These highly trained, professional speakers have spent thousands of hours in front of FFA members and will provide an equal mix of small group discussion, lesson processing from lecture moments and hands-on, "Doing to Learn" activities. The teamwork lessons will include advanced techniques for how to both maximize contributions to teams the members are on today and in the future, as well as how to serve and help teammates do the same.

**Aspire Conference: State Officer Candidates:** (Grade 12): This new conference is designed for seniors that might have an interest in running for state officer at the upcoming State Convention. Students will need to fill out an extra [application](#) for as we are going to limit this conference to 40 individuals. *This application is due September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022.* Students who are registered for aspire but did not complete an application will be placed in the Gold Conference. This exclusive event will be facilitated by former state officers. This exclusive event will be facilitated by former state officers and will also have the students working as team leaders with the 101 conferences/food packaging event. They will learn about the running process as well as learn employability skills through workshops and facilitation. Those seniors that are not selected from their application will be placed down into the Gold Conference for participation.

## Conference Fees

The cost to attend the event is a non-refundable \$65/student and \$20/adult fee.

## Conference Locations

101 Conference: Hall C - Bismarck Event Center

Blue Conference: Hall B – Bismarck Event Center

Gold Conference: Hall D – Bismarck Event Center

Aspire Conference: 106 - Bismarck Event Center

Teachers Lounge: Upper Lobby Area – Bismarck Event Center

## ***Conference Wristbands***

Wristbands are required to be worn both days by attendees at all events. Broken wristbands can be turned in for a new one. Students who lose wristbands can purchase a new one for \$5.00.

101 Conference: Purple

Blue Conference: Blue

Gold Conference: Gold

Aspire Conference: Orange

Advisors: Pink

## ***Dance***

A dance will be held Saturday evening with DJ Dude Walker. Students will need school appropriate clothing and their conference wristband for the evening activities and dance. Advisors are asked to be present during the dance to assist in monitoring our members.

## ***FFA Membership***

Students attending must be on a chapters Roster for this year.

## ***Game Night***

Students not interested in dancing; we will be providing a Game Room – in Hall B during the dance. Students are encouraged to bring school appropriate games to play.

## ***Hotels***

A block of rooms will not be reserved. Chapters are encouraged to stay at what ever hotel is most convenient to them.

## ***ND FFA Code of Ethics***

[Click here](#) to read the ND FFA Association Code of Ethics.

## ***ND FFA Permission Forms***

Students attending ND FFA Leadership Conference must have a completed waiver completed in AET.

## ***Official Dress***

Students are required to wear complete FFA official dress when attending. No hats are allowed while wearing official FFA Dress.

## ***Registration***

*Pre-registration is due September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022* and can be completed on judging card. *Late registrations will not be allowed as conference materials will be ordered immediately after the registration due date.* No shows will be assessed the registration fee.

## ***Registration Packets***

Registration check in for all conferences will be at the Bismarck Event Center lobby beginning at 11:00am. Registration packets will include: Wristbands for the Blue, Gold, and Aspire Conferences, wristbands for all advisors, name badges and wristbands for 101 Conference, and a wristband color cheat sheet.

## ***Room Checks***

Hotel room checks are left up to the chapter and their advisor.

## ***Service Project***

The 2022 ND FFA Leadership Conference Community Service Project is Battle of the Books. The State FFA Officers are challenging chapters to donate ag-related kids books from a provided list. The side that donates the most books is declared the winner. Chapters who participated on the winning side will be entered into a drawing to win a 'Chapter Meeting in a Box'. Donated books will be dropped off during conference registration. Encourage students to help us place stickers on the books at 8:30pm in the game room. All donated books will be placed in little libraries around the Bismarck Mandan area.

## ***Substitutions***

If you registered a student for a conference and they cannot attend, you have the option of "selling" that spot to another chapter. If you do this, it is the advisor's responsibility to get the wristband to the student/chapter "buying" the spot. It will also be the responsibility of those advisors to bill the registration fee to the chapter "purchasing" it. You will not be billed by the ND FFA Association.

Substitutions/Name Changes for 101 Conference can be done but you need to notify Suzie ([sweigel@nd.gov](mailto:sweigel@nd.gov)) as soon as you can. Badges for this conference will already have been printed and may not be fixed depending on the amount of notice given for a name change.

## ***Teachers' Lounge***

The teachers' lounge is a place for informal sharing of ideas and the opportunity to see other ag teachers that you don't always see. The ND FFA Teachers' Lounge, located in the upper lobby of the Bismarck Event Center, will be the perfect place to hang out and network while students are in their conferences. The teachers' lounge will have places to charge your computer, tables to work and network with other advisors, and optional teacher programming. A schedule is available on the website; otherwise use the lounge for a hangout spot.