

To MO Ag Teachers:

This year during our convention (as always) patience is the name of the game!! Our staff and volunteers have worked hard on this plan.

*This email is also on the State FFA Convention SECTION of the DESE Website.*

**Missouri FFA has worked with MU CAFNR, MU Parking, MU PD and MU Athletics on the following plan and we request you follow this plan to avoid any additional parking fees (we do pay a flat fee to MU for Parking during our event)\_ to our FFA Association in regards to our event this year and in the future.**

As the number of students attending the university increases and university construction projects, the area around Hearnese/MU Sports Park, Trowbridge, etc. is being used full time for parking. **Please follow these instructions.**

1. **As you register** with Kathy and Tracy at our **Registration Desk** WITH your attendance numbers please also include the number of busses and an ESTIMATE of other vehicles from your chapter attending in 2025. These numbers are needed to work with MU parking and PD about our future events. Thank you!
2. **If you chose to park wherever you chose** – you risk the chance of being blocked in and may not be able to get your bus out of the parking area. We are only trying to avoid these issues in advance and be respectful of the other activities occurring on the campus.
3. There is **not** a **MU Softball** game schedule on FFA Convention dates this year. But we still need to follow the instructions and parking maps. THANK YOU for your COOPERATION.
4. **Parking around Trowbridge Livestock Center** is always a challenge. With the construction of the New Meat Science Building, it is even more challenging. Please drop off your students following the attached “Trowbridge Traffic Map – 2025” and move on to your next location. **THERE IS NO ROOM to stay or PARK at Trowbridge.**
  - a. **Again, this year we have a change in where SOME CDE's begin** and procedures for the CDE's.
  - b. **Check CDE/LDE Schedule on where CDE and LDE are scheduled.**
  - c. **Most CDE's will check in at Hearnese.** Nursery, Dairy Foods, Soils, Floriculture, Food Science, Horse, Entomology, Farm Management, Ag Sales and Knowledge.
  - d. **At Trowbridge** (Livestock, Agronomy, Forestry, Ag Mechanics, Dairy Cattle, Poultry, and Meats – **Please follow map** “Trowbridge Traffic Map – 2025” and know that you are only dropping students off at Trowbridge and **Advisors are not to accompany their teams to the**

**registration table.** Heather Eberlin is working on a Google Doc to be shared to allow you to see that your team is checked in.

- e. The **CDE/LDE Schedule posted on the website** has information related to registration time, approx. time of CDE/LDE and where the students will be returned or if you are to pick them up after the completion of respective CDE.
  - f. **Please pay attention to no parking signs and orange cones** that Heather's staff are going to use and **DO NOT BLOCK in the CDE Buses using this location.**
  - g. There will be buses leaving Trowbridge on Thursday for **Forestry and they will be returned to Hearnese.**
  - h. **There will be four buses moving** students from Hearnese to the Memorial Union. **DO NOT go to Memorial Union** to deliver or pick up your students. They will be transported to and back to Hearnese as their event concludes. (Nursery, Dairy Foods, Floriculture, Entomology, Farm Management and Knowledge).
  - i. **Horse Evaluation** will be taken to Stephens College Equestrian Center, but **YOU will be responsible for picking them up.**
  - j. **Soils** will be transported from Hearnese and back to Hearnese from the Soil Site.
  - k. **Please check the schedule for Food Science.** In particular, the provided lunch for the participants and the announcement of the 8 finalists. The chapters who are not selected for the finals will be bused back to Hearnese from the lunch, finalists taken back to Memorial Union by CAFNR and the advisors will be responsible for picking up the finalist teams.
  - l. **Ag Sales** will be back in the West Side of the Football stadium.
    - i. There will NOT parking available on the West side of the stadium due to construction, so, MU Athletics will have the South end of the Memorial Stadium open for you to walk through south end seating. CHECK IN will be in Hearnese (C9)
5. We want **all the buses to park in Parking lot RP-10** or Truman's Landing which is down by the MU Research Reactor. We will be providing a Shuttle for the driver and/or you the advisor back to the top of the hill around Hearnese. There is a map attached titled "Bus Drop Off and Parking Map – 2025" which includes the preferred travel route to the parking lot.
- a. The shuttle will be a 14 passenger shuttle from MO-X. This is not for your students but for the drivers and advisors. This shuttle schedule is:
    - i. Wednesday April 23 - 4pm to 10pm.
    - ii. Thursday April 24 – 10 am – 10 pm.
    - iii. Friday April 25 – 10 am – 8pm.
    - iv. The route of the this shuttle is also in the attachment "Bus Drop Off and Parking Map – 2025". Each round trip will take approx.. 15-20 minutes for planning purposes.

- b. **You can drop of your students next to Hearnese** – But you will need to follow the attached map for the bus travel route. There is not room to turn around and **drop off should be timely**. We plan to have parking attendants to assist you dependent on availability.
6. **Workshops** will be going on in **Hampton Inn** again. – For those walking from Hearnese there is a sidewalk along the north side of the softball stadium to get you to the intersection north of the General Services building. The North side of Hampton Inn will be open to access the meeting rooms. There is not Bus room at Hampton Inn. See map titled “FFA Workshops and Food Truck locations - 2025” **NO WORKSHOPS will be held in the Hearnese building this year.**
7. We are working with MU-CAFNR on days and times that our ambassador we will provide one hour *Missouri’s Land-Grant Institution – History & Traditions* tours. Look for information from Teresa on these opportunities.
8. There is a plan to have **Food Trucks on Thursday and Friday at Hearnese** to help with meal plans for your students. Please see location on map titled “FFA Workshops and Food Truck locations - 2025”.
9. This year the Friday **Career Show** will be held in **MIZZOU ARENA** Concourse. There will NOT be a shuttle from Hearnese to Mizzou Arena – it just a short walk.
  - a. **Career Show is scheduled for 9 am till 2pm and food trucks will be at Hearnese.**
  - b. **Busses** should park at Truman Landing (RP10) and **other vehicles park** in the priority lots in Hearnese according to attachment “FFA Parking Lots for Parents and Guests 2025”.
  - c. The **Friday schedule at Mizzou Arena will include a Talent Stage** from 9:00am until 11:00am. 5<sup>th</sup> session pre-session will start at 3:00pm with the Chorus Concert starting at 3:30pm followed by the 5<sup>th</sup> session starting at 4:00pm.
10. **Parking for our parents and guests:** Please use the attachment titled “FFA parking lots for Parents and Guests”. There is a priority order we ask you follow on the map. Please share with your parents and guests so potential concerns can be kept to a minimum.

**Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation with this element of our convention.**

Keith