

To MO Ag Teachers:

PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE EMAIL – There are changes from years past –

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

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 to our FFA Association regarding our event this year and in the future. (we do pay a flat fee to MU for Parking during our event)

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

1. **As you register** with Tracy, Bridget and Kathy 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 2026. These numbers are needed to work with MU parking and PD about our future events. Thank you!
2. **If you choose 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 **will be** a **MU Softball** game on Friday, April 17, 2026. The game is scheduled to start at 6:00 pm so the afternoon and early evening on Friday, April 17th will be impacted. Starting **Friday afternoon** there ***should not*** be any of our attendees (students, parents, guests, vans or busses) ***in Parking Lot K*** – this lot is for Missouri Athletic Fund Donors for the Softball game.
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 “Map 2 Trowbridge Traffic Flow_2026” and move on to your next location. ***THERE IS NO ROOM to stay or PARK at Trowbridge.***
5. **Again, this year we have a change in where SOME CDE's begin** and procedures for the CDE's.
6. **Check CDE/LDE Schedule on where CDE and LDE are scheduled.**

7. **Some CDE's will check in at Hearnese.** Nursery, Dairy Foods, Soils, Food Science, Horse, and Entomology.
8. **Check in at Stony Creek Inn** – FFA Knowledge, Speaking LDE's and Employment Skills.
9. **Ag Sales is** in the West Side of the Football stadium. There will NOT parking available on the West side of the stadium. **Drop off students off and check in at Memorial Stadium – West Tower.**
10. **At Trowbridge** (Livestock, Agronomy, Forestry, Ag Mechanics, Dairy Cattle, Poultry, Floriculture, Farm Management, and Meats – **Please follow map** “Map 2 Trowbridge Traffic Flow_2026”. 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.
11. 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.
12. **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.**
13. There will be buses leaving Trowbridge on Thursday for **Forestry and they will be returned to Mizzou Arena.**
14. **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 Mizzou Arena as their event concludes.
15. **Food Science** students will be transported from Hearnese **BUT** you will need to pick them up at Trowbridge after their lunch or after Finals at Eckes Hall.
16. **Soils** will be transported from Hearnese and back to Mizzou Arena from the Soil Site.
17. **BUS PARKING** -- We want **all the buses to park in the following lots used the attached maps for each lot to maximize capacity – Lot P (SG5P), Lot N (SG4N), Trumans Landing (RP-10) by the MU Research Reactor, and Contractors Lot which is over by Trowbridge.** We will be providing a Shuttle for the driver and/or you the advisor from Trumans Landing and the Contractors Lot to Mizzou Arena. There is a map attached titled “Bus Drop Off and Parking Map – 2026” which includes the preferred travel route to the parking lots.

- 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 15 - 4pm to 10pm.
 - ii. Thursday April 16 – 10 am – 10 pm.
 - iii. Friday April 17 – 8 am – 8pm.
 - iv. The route of this shuttle will flow between Trumans Landing and the Contractors Lot with a round trip of approx. 20-25 minutes. Use this map “Bus Drop Off and Parking Map – 2026”.
 - b. **You can drop of your students next to Mizzou Arena** – 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.
18. **Workshops** will be going on in **Hampton Inn** again. – For those walking from Mizzou Arena 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. NO WORKSHOPS will be held in the Hearnese or Mizzou Arena building this year.
19. This year the Friday **Career Show** will be held in **Hearnese 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.**
 - b. **Busses** should park at Truman Landing (RP10) or other lots as stated above and **other vehicles park** in the priority lots in Hearnese according to attachment “FFA Parking Lots for Parents and Guests 2026”.
 - c. The **Friday schedule at Hearnese will include a Talent Stage.**
- 20. 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