

Guidelines and Expectations for 212 and 360 Conferences

Wisconsin Association of FFA – November 11-12, 2016

- 1.** Students must attend all conference sessions at the Chula Vista Resort. Please do not plan to leave early and miss sessions unless it is an absolute necessity. Sessions build upon each other, so staying for all sessions gives the student full benefit of these conferences.
- 2.** Students are recommended to attend the dance and pizza party on Friday evening. There will also be games provided by the Wisconsin FFA Alumni. We would like all students to participate in the social events of this conference also as part of their 212 and EDGE Conference experience. Meeting new people is an important part of personal growth. The use of the water park is not sponsored by the Wisconsin FFA and totally under the supervision of the local FFA advisor.
- 3.** Keep the room assignments given when you checked into your assigned hotel. With the large number of students we have we need to know exactly where everyone is if there is ever an emergency or need to contact a student. We need to account for all students. Advisors must be able to account for the location of their students at all times. If an illness would arise or student has to leave the conference property at any time, they must clear this with their local FFA advisor and inform the State FFA Executive Director of the situation.
- 4.** Students attending 212 and 360 Conferences are asked to wear proper official dress for all conference sessions.
- 5.** Appropriate casual dress **must be** worn to the dance. **Shirts should have sleeves.** No alcohol, drugs, tobacco advertising or inappropriate language on any shirts. No cut off shirts or blouses. No bare midriffs or low cut tops. No hats indoors. **PLEASE** discuss this item with your students as this is becoming more and more challenging with students.
- 6.** Students must be in their rooms at the 11:45 p.m. curfew. Students should not be wandering the hallways or ordering pizza after curfew. The dance will end at 11:30 p.m. and students will have time to get to their assigned room before advisors do room checks. Students may not leave their rooms after 12:00 a.m. Advisors will be monitoring the hallways.
- 7.** There will be no mixing of genders in hotel rooms. Boys are not allowed in girls' hotel rooms and girls are not allowed in boys' hotel rooms. This must be emphasized to the students. This is for security reasons and the safety of the students. Students must be reminded that charges can be pressed if any complaints are filed regarding these issues when dealing with opposite genders entering hotel rooms.
- 8.** Students are not allowed to use alcohol, tobacco products or drugs anytime during the conference. **ANYONE CAUGHT IN POSSESSION OR USE OF THESE SUBSTANCES WILL BE SENT HOME IMMEDIATELY AND/OR PROPER AUTHORITIES WILL BE CONTACTED.**
- 9.** Students must respect the hotel facility. No running in the hallways, no slamming doors, no destruction of any hotel property. Individuals and chapters will be responsible for any damages or additional charges due to mistreatment of hotel/conference facilities. Treat the hotel as if it were your own home. All hotel property must stay at the hotel including towels, etc. Be polite and courteous. Keep up the sharp image of FFA members!!!
- 10.** Be Prompt. Be at all sessions 5 minutes early. This will keep the group on schedule. No sessions are optional.
- 11.** Cell phones must be turned off during the sessions. Texting is not allowed during sessions in respect to conference presenters. There will be breaks between sessions in which students can catch up on messages. In addition, do not use the phones in the hotel rooms for outside calls. Charges for calls will be assessed to the local chapters staying in those rooms.
- 12.** Do not write on white tablecloths in conference rooms. Please use your notebooks for your scribbling and notes.
- 13.** Explain the conference wristbands (New!!) – this indicates the conference and room that students need to report to for the session they are assigned. Students are divided up in each conference to meet new people.
- 14.** Check out of the hotel rooms before 11:00 a.m. on Saturday for advisors. Students are to check out of their rooms during breakfast on Saturday.
- 15.** Give students a final pep talk that the success of the conference depends upon their participation. It depends on each person being responsible and following the guidelines and expectations of the conference.