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STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

PROGRAM INFORMATION

March 16-18, 2025

Margaritaville Lake Resort

494 Tan-Tar-A Drive

Osage Beach, MO 65065

1-800-826-8272

<https://www.margaritavilleresortlakeoftheozarks.com/>

All Missouri FCCLA chapters are encouraged to send a chapter delegation to the State Leadership Conference. Chapters should choose delegates based upon interest in FCCLA and the student's ability to be a positive representative of the school and chapter. There is no limit on the number of members that may be registered to represent a chapter; however, chapters should make note of the following policy for supervision of students: There shall be one chaperone (adviser, parent or other adult) for every four student delegates or major fraction thereof. Any chapter with delegates in attendance must have at least one adviser delegate. Missouri FCCLA insurance requires all chaperones onsite to be registered for the conference.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION & DEADLINES

State Leadership Conference registration fee is \$110 per person and includes one boxed lunch on Monday, the official conference t-shirt and lapel pin, a personalized souvenir name badge, admission to sessions and entertainment, and more. Lodging and other meals are not included in the registration fee. Competitive events participants will incur an additional fee as follows:

- STAR Events, except Baking & Pastry and Culinary Arts: \$20 per competitor
- Baking & Pastry and Culinary Arts STAR Events: \$25 per competitor
- Show-Me Skills: \$10 per competitor

To register for State Leadership Conference, visit <https://www.registernychapter.com/fccla/mo>. Registration opens Monday, February 3, 2025.



Regular registration deadline: **February 14, 2025 – 6:00pm**

Late registration deadline: **February 21, 2025 – 6:00pm**

Registrations added between February 14 and February 21, 2025, will incur an added fee of \$25 per person (total late registration fee - \$135 per person), and are not guaranteed a conference t-shirt and lapel pin.

All members are required to complete and sign a DESE & Missouri FCCLA Release and Conduct Form annually. Once the chapter adviser has received all forms, he or she should submit the Chapter Assurances Agreement on the Missouri FCCLA website. It will be required to submit the Chapter Assurances Agreement before attending any Missouri FCCLA event. Advisers and chaperones should always have student Release and Conduct Forms with them during Missouri FCCLA activities.

Questions regarding conference registration can be directed to Depend On Us, LLC at (573) 508-9169 or dependonusllc@gmail.com.

SUBSTITUTIONS & CANCELLATIONS

Substitutions may be made with no charge until February 21, 2025. Cancellations may be eligible for a 50% refund in registration fees until 6:00pm on **February 21, 2025**. After this date and time, substitutions will incur a fee of \$25 per person, and no cancellations will be accepted or refunded. All substitutions must be within the same chapter – no substitutions between chapters will be permitted at any point. T-shirt sizes will not be changeable.

Substitutions should be sent to dependonusllc@gmail.com. Refund requests must be made in writing to dependonusllc@gmail.com before 6:00pm on **February 21, 2025**. No phone requests or requests to any other email will be accepted. *A cancellation exception may be made for entire chapters canceling as a result of extreme emergency situations. In this instance, the request must be made in writing to the state adviser via email to Ashley.Witte@dese.mo.gov no later than the first day of the conference.*

PAYMENT

Payments may be completed by PayPal, credit card, or check. Choose the correct option for your chapter when submitting registration. Credit card payments will incur a 4% credit card processing fee.

Check payments should be made payable to Missouri FCCLA and mailed to:

**Missouri FCCLA
PO Box 480
Jefferson City, MO 65102**

Payment must be received by **March 13, 2025**. Any chapter with an outstanding balance as of March 13, 2025, will be required to submit a Credit Card Authorization form in order to receive the chapter registration packet upon arrival at the conference. If payment is not received by **April 30, 2025**, the credit card authorized will be charged for the full balance plus a 20% convenience fee. The credit card authorization forms are available on the Missouri FCCLA website > Attend > State Leadership Conference and should be submitted to dependonusllc@gmail.com.

CONFERENCE LODGING

All conference activities and sessions will take place in the Margaritaville Lake Resort at the Lake of the Ozarks. There is ample parking in the hotel parking lot. Bus parking will be at the Oaks Golf course parking lot for all buses. Margaritaville's guest service staff will follow the buses to the Oaks to bring the driver back and take them back to pick up their bus on Tuesday.

FCCLA chapters attending the State Leadership Conference are required to stay at the conference hotel and are encouraged to make lodging reservations as early as possible to ensure adequate space for your chapter. **Reservations must be made no later than February 15, 2025, but the window may close early if the room block fills prior to this date.** At the time of reservation, one night's deposit will be required by credit card or through direct billing, per hotel policy. Rooms are on a first-come, first-served basis; however, no guarantee will be made for a chapter to be assigned to the main resort building. State Executive Council and State Officer Candidate chapters, state staff, and special guests and staff of the conference will be given priority for main building lodging reservations.

Chapters with a larger delegation may wish to stay in the estate complex to save costs. Please ask the hotel about the advantages to staying in the estates such as access to a full kitchen or living room.

Lodging Costs

(per room per night; up to 4 guests per room)

Guest rooms: \$111

One bedroom suite: \$225

Two bedroom suite: \$350

Hotel room and suite rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes (currently 5.725% state and a county lodging tax of 3%) in effect at the time of check in. A resort fee of \$5 per room per night will also be added.

Specific room requests such as number of beds in the room can be requested at the time the reservation is made. Many special requests are limited and are based on availability.

Reservations may be made online at the following link, or by calling the resort at 1-800-826-8272 using the code STAR. Online reservations will be active until the housing deadline of **February 15, 2025, or until all block rooms are full.** Hotel rooms can be canceled up to a week prior.

Reservation link: <https://irm.margaritavilleresortlakeoftheozarks.com/irmng/index.html?g=STAR>

Credit card authorization forms for the hotel are required and must be requested from Michelle Handy at 573-348-8499 or MichelleHandy@mvresortlakeoftheozarks.com.

An effort will be made for pre-check in to be completed so that chapters can obtain their room keys from conference registration. In order for the process to run smoothly, it is important that chapters complete the required forms by the given deadlines. See the 2025 FCCLA Pre-Key Info letter from Margaritaville for detailed information on this process. Please note that hotel check-in is 4:00pm. While the best effort will be made to have all rooms checked-in as early as possible, if there is a large conference checking out on arrival day, check-in could be delayed. Please be patient and kind when waiting for rooms to become available.

DRESS CODE

Members and advisers of FCCLA are representing an outstanding student organization and should project the image of a leader. FCCLA's seventh purpose is "to prepare for the multiple roles of men and women in today's society"; therefore, an important part of the educational experience provided by FCCLA includes developing an understanding of appropriate behavior and dress for business meetings and functions. Demonstrating professional image, extending courtesies, and behaving in a professional manner will lead to a pleasant and rewarding meeting experience. Members, advisers, and guests should follow the dress code guidelines when attending Missouri FCCLA events.

Missouri FCCLA Official Dress for State Leadership Conference

- FCCLA red blazer is encouraged
- Red, black or white polo or professional white shirt (long or short sleeves)
- Black or khaki bottoms (slacks, skirt, sheath dress)
 - Skirts or dresses must be no shorter than 2" above the knee.
- Shoes (black preferred)

Advisers may choose to wear the conference dress code, or other business professional attire.

On Tuesday, March 18, 2025 **ONLY**, conference attendees may wear the official conference t-shirt with jeans. Jeans must be free of rips, holes, embellishments, or distressing of any kind. If jeans and the official conference t-shirt are not worn, the official dress will be required.

ARRIVAL AT THE CONFERENCE

Upon arrival at the conference, one adviser from each chapter (have students wait elsewhere) should check in at the registration desk in the Convention Registration Area of Margaritaville Lake Resort (in front of the Paradise Ballrooms). Registration will be from 12:00pm to 6:00pm on Sunday, March 16, 2025. Conference registration packets, STAR Events registration, and conference t-shirt pick-up will all be distributed at the conference registration desk.

If a chapter is unable to pick up registration packets due to a travel emergency, call the conference management team at (573) 508-9169. Another chapter's adviser will be allowed to pick up the chapter packet; however, they must confirm the required information and Missouri FCCLA is not responsible for incorrect information for the chapter.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information and to stay up-to-date on the most current information, visit the 2025 Missouri FCCLA State Leadership Conference website at <https://missourifccla.org/attend/state-leadership-conference/>.