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MEMORANDUM

TO: Agriculture Education Teachers
FROM: Kylie Whitworth
SUBJECT: COLT Conference

As you prepare for the summer, please take time to consider starting your year off with your Chapter officer team at Chapter Officer Leadership Training. COLT is a great way to provide quality training for your local officers and jump start their year of service. This year, COLT is available at Camp John Hope in Fort Valley and the FFA-FCCLA Camp in Covington. We will have a professional presenter and the 2025-2026 State Officer Team at both conferences. Teams will be encouraged to set goals, interact with other chapters to gain new ideas, and work with advisors to plan their Program of Activities. Officers will also be empowered to take on their role as chapter leaders and bond together as a team. **Registration for BOTH conferences will open Monday, May 12th at 8:00AM. You can find registration on the GAAGED website under event registration.**

COLT – JULY (Camp John Hope - Fort Valley)

July 9-11, 2025

Price: \$140 - Includes lodging Wednesday and Thursday night, meals, and conference materials.

Rigby's Additional Charge (OPTIONAL): \$27 – We have the opportunity again this year to spend Thursday night of the conference at Rigby's. Included in the 27 dollars is dinner, a drink, and the choice of what activities your students would like to participate in such as laser tag, bowling, skating, mini golf, and arcade games! You will have to travel there and back in your own vehicle. If you choose to forgo the trip to Rigby's you can use this portion as extra team time. Rigby's will only be offered for the July COLT Conference. If there is low participation through registration when evaluated Friday the 16th, we will rearrange the schedule and remove the Rigby's trip as an option.

COLT – AUGUST (FFA-FCCLA Camp – Covington)

August 8-9, 2025

Price: \$75 - Includes lodging Friday and Saturday night, meals, and conference materials. Keep in mind this conference is shorter in length, which does not allow for quite as much team time.

NOTE FOR BOTH CONFERENCES:

Both conferences will offer similar content and activities. Everyone in attendance should bring the following items:

- Linens, pillows, towels, personal articles ● Close-toe shoes
- Appropriate casual clothing ● Appropriate clothing for water activities, mud course, and/or recreation
- Calendar/planner and other chapter materials needed for team time
- **Official FFA Dress**

Please mark your calendars for COLT and know that once registration is full it will close. You can email kwhitworth@gaaged.org to be placed on a waiting list.

COLT at the FFA-FCCLA Camp in Covington will have 250 seats available, while COLT at Camp John Hope in Fort Valley will have 150 seats available. Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. **No refunds will be issued once we are 2 weeks out from each conference.** There will be no lodging/meals cost for non-advisor chaperones. Chapters are to bring a chaperone for each gender and have a ratio of one adult per 10 students. If you do not bring a chaperone you will need to arrange for another advisor present to serve as the chaperone in the cabin. As always, there is no cost for bus drivers. Additional T-shirts for bus drivers and chaperones are \$10 each.

Detailed schedules will be sent to registered chapters in the weeks following.

Chapter Officer Leadership Training is a great opportunity for you and your chapter officers to come together and plan a successful year for your FFA Chapter. If you have any questions concerning the 2025 COLT Conference, please do not hesitate to call me at (706) 988-2033.

Sincerely,
Kylie Whitworth