



2017 TEXAS FFA DAY AT THE CAPITOL ADVISOR GUIDE

TENTATIVE AGENDA FEBRUARY 21, 2017

8:00am – General Session Registration Check-in, Robert E. Johnson Conference Center

**Attend only if registered for the general session*

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- Opening Ceremonies: 2016-2017 Texas State FFA Officers
- Welcome: Jake Traylor, State President
- Keynote Speaker - Rep. Trent Ashby

9:00am – Capitol Registration Check-in, East Entrance of the Texas Capitol

10:00am – Texas FFA Proclamation and Resolution Readings, Texas Capitol House and Senate Chambers

12:30pm – Lunch (*On your own – options listed below*)

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T-SHIRT PICK-UP

Shirts must be picked up during registration. If shirts are not picked up on that day, the shirts will be sent to the chapter and the chapter will be billed for the shipping costs.

PARKING

For groups taking vans, pick-ups, or SUVs, you may park in the Visitor Parking Garage located on 12th Street between Trinity and San Jacinto. Parking is free for the first two hours then \$1 for every half hour after that with a maximum daily charge of \$12. For a map click [here](#).

Additional parking can be found at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum off Congress Ave. and Martin Luther King, Jr Blvd. For information on parking rates, click [here](#).

If you are taking a bus, you will need to park on Trinity Street between 12th and 15th street. You can unload your students, and then proceed to Trinity Street to park your bus.

STUDENT PREPARATION

It will help if students know and understand basic information about the legislative process before they arrive at the event. Texas FFA has provided additional resources for your students, click [here](#).

CAPITOL CONDUCT

Please be aware that you and your students will be attending an event in a working office building. Please be respectful of those who are working in the building as well as any visitors and guests you may come in contact with. If you notice that there is a significant line forming at the security checkpoint, please feel free to go to one of the other three entrances to the capitol. If you or your students need handicap access, please use the entrance on the north side of the building.

Finally, you will be required to go through a security checkpoint when you enter the building. Please make sure that your students leave all knives, etc. at home. You will be asked to remove FFA Jackets, and clear your pockets. They capitol usually has very few DPS officers working each entrance, so the more they have to search you coming in, the longer the process will take for everyone.

**STUDENTS MUST BE IN OFFICIAL DRESS TO ATTEND ANY
OFFICIAL FUNCTION OF TEXAS FFA DAY AT THE CAPITOL.
TEACHERS SHOULD BE IN PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE.**

LUNCH / MEAL OPTIONS

Lunch is to be organized by the Advisor to fit the students' schedule. Lunch is not included in the registration. Here are some lunch options:

- **Capitol Grill** - The Capitol Grill is reasonably priced and conveniently located within the state capitol. The Capitol Grill will be very busy, so you may want to check it before you take all your students inside.
- **South Congress Avenue.** On South Congress Avenue, just a few blocks south of the capitol, are a few sandwich shops including Subway.
- **Intersection of Guadalupe St. and West Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.** There are several dining options in this area, and it is just a few blocks from the TEA building. Dining options include Pizza Hut, Raising Cake's, Taco Cabana, Subway, McDonald's, Chick-fil-a.
- **The Story of Texas Café.** Located in the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, the café will be a good option for students; however, it can be a little slow with larger groups.

OTHER PLACES TO VISIT NEAR THE CAPITOL

- Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum
- LBJ Library and Museum
- Texas State Capitol Gift Shop
- Blanton Museum of Art