

## 2026 FFA Day at the Capitol – Register by February 24th

Begin making plans to attend FFA Day at the Capitol in St. Paul on **Tuesday, March 3** to celebrate Minnesota FFA and Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources (AFNR) Education! This educational opportunity provides members a chance to meet with legislators, observe the legislative process in-person, and tell their agricultural education story.

We understand some of you may have questions or concerns and would like more information about Capitol logistics to feel comfortable bringing students. If interested, please join us for an informational zoom session on Wednesday, February 18 at 3:30 p.m. (find join instructors here- <https://umn.zoom.us/join/98037156206>). This is not required, and there is no registration to attend. We plan to record it and will share it with those registered for the event.

### Registration

Advisors should register their chapters by Tuesday, February 24, at [\[https://form.jotform.com/260214344525146\]](https://form.jotform.com/260214344525146). The registration form will request your estimated student count and details regarding any scheduled legislative visits. We recognize that these items may be preliminary at this stage, and we will confirm your final attendance and appointment schedule during the morning Kick-Off registration.

Schedule (see parking map and legislative appointment scheduling tips attached):

7:45 a.m.	Student pick-up from the Ag Policy Experience (APEX) Conference (if applicable) <i>-Drury Plaza Hotel (175 10th St E, St Paul, MN 55101)</i>
8:15 a.m.	Arrival & registration at the State Capitol (Vault Basement-Capitol) <i>-Confirm legislative visit schedule with state staff</i>
8:30 a.m.	FFA Day at the Capitol Kick-Off program
9:30 a.m.	State photo on Capitol steps
All Day	Legislative visits with senators & representatives (self-scheduled) <i>-Contact information for legislators can be found at <a href="http://www.leg.mn.gov">www.leg.mn.gov</a></i>
TBD	Optional activities (will be finalized closer to the event): <i>-House Chamber tour (10:00 a.m. tentative)</i> <i>-Committee hearing &amp; Capitol scavenger hunt activities</i>
	Lunch on your own & departure as needed

### Scheduling Legislative Visits

Attached is an additional document with tips on how to schedule legislative visits. We recommend contacting legislative offices soon, as schedules are often very full. House members are in the Centennial Office Building (COB), and you will need to check-in with security to be escorted up to an office. Many representatives are also meeting with visitors in the COB cafeteria and outside hearing rooms in the Capitol. Senators are in the Minnesota Senate Building (MSB). When scheduling appointments, we advise allowing at least twenty minutes to transit between these buildings through the tunnel system.

**NEW – Security Screening**

Please be prepared for new security screening measures at the State Capitol. We suggest arriving early to allow ample time for this process and remind you that re-entry after leaving the building will require a new screening. We will share additional details regarding these protocols closer to the event.

Again, please register your group for FFA Day at the Capitol by Tuesday, February 24 – <https://form.jotform.com/260214344525146>. An email with final details will be sent the week prior to the event.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns as you prepare for your visit. We look forward to seeing you on March 3<sup>rd</sup>!