TO: Family and Consumer Sciences Education Teachers, Region III

The Region III Leadership Conference of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, is scheduled February 4 – 6, 2021 at the Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Ave., Waco, TX. This year’s conference will have many changes with the safety of everyone in mind. In-person and virtual options will be offered. Social distancing will be practiced. Chapter delegates will not be allowed to congregate in the convention center. The attendance of you and your students is anticipated as the officers carry out the theme, “Texas FCCLA: Discover Your Voice.”

Conference Schedule
The schedule will be somewhat different this year due to it being a hybrid conference. Please see the tentative schedule on the Region III Conference page of the Texas FCCLA website.

*Conference Participation Agreements*
ALL attendees (members, advisors, guests, staff, and volunteers) are required to read and complete the Conference Participation Agreement. The agreement outlines safety precautions, rules, and policies. The agreement forms can be found on the Region III Conference page of the Texas FCCLA website.

Competitive Events
Competitive Events will begin Thursday, February 4, 2021. All chapters should be prepared to compete on Thursday afternoon if necessary. Competitive Events Participants will need to check the website for updates. Many changes are pending due to the hybrid conference status. Check the schedules the Friday prior to the conference for updates and changes. Mystery Basket competition will be on Thursday.

Dress Code
The Texas FCCLA Dress Code is required for all attendees. Find the dress code here: https://www.texasfccla.org/dress-code.

Food in the Convention Center & Hotels
NO food or drink can be brought into the Waco Convention Center, Hilton, or Marriott. Please eat outside food in other locations. See below for a list of nearby restaurants.

Hotel Information
Hotel information is available on the Texas FCCLA website. Curfew is set in the hotel at 11:00 p.m. This means that members should be in their rooms by 11:00 p.m. with doors closed and voices should not be heard from the halls or through the walls. Please help enforce this by orienting and monitoring your students. If students are going to be allowed to swim, permission must be obtained from the parents. All students must be supervised at the pool at all times by the local advisor/chaperone. Advisors/chaperones are responsible for the behavior and discipline of their students throughout the conference. Students causing a disturbance or displaying inappropriate behavior will be asked to leave the conference and/or hotel.
House of Delegates Information
A list of qualifications for the 2021-22 region officer candidates will be posted to the website in January. Please review with your voting delegate the election procedure found in the region constitution and have your voting delegate bring a #2 lead pencil to the House of Delegates session. Each chapter may have one voting delegate in attendance (face to face or virtual). The voting delegate badge will be in the registration packet that must be picked up before the House of Delegates session.

*Volunteer Policy*
Each registered chapter is required to provide at least one adult volunteer (in-person or virtually). The volunteer can be an Evaluator or Lead Consultant (advisors). If a chapter cannot secure an adult volunteer, there will be a $150 fee added to the chapter’s registration invoice.

Travel/Parking Information for Waco
IH 35 near the Waco Convention Center is under construction. Be sure to allow yourself plenty of time to get to check-ins and meetings as traffic can be an issue. Please see the attachment if you are bringing a bus, vehicle with a trailer or driving anything that will take up more than one parking space; there is a special place for you to park.

The officers look forward to having you attend, in-person or virtually, the 2021 Region Leadership Conference. Please plan to participate in the entire conference. If you have any questions, please email Cindy Holton (cholton@texasfcla.org) or call (254) 855-2027.

Attention school buses, motor coaches and vehicles with trailers:

*If you require more than two parking spaces, please park in the Heritage Square Parking lot. See the map on the following page.*
Nearby Restaurants and Shops
After hours, conventioneers and visitors can turn to the downtown’s nearby entertainment district for an
evening of dining and unwinding. This restored row of warehouses is packed with restaurants, bars, and
shops varied enough to suit any taste. Here’s a list of nearby restaurants, starting with the closest and going
to within easy distance of the Waco Convention Center.

**Brazos Grille** – Waco Hilton. Next door to the Convention Center.

**Riversquare Center** – across Franklin Ave.
- Bangkok Royal
- Teriyaki Park
- Wing Stop
- Olive Branch Bakery and Café (Under the stairs at Spice)
- Crickets Grill
- Diamond Backs
- Ninfa’s Mexican Restaurant
- Fuzzy’s Taco Shop

**Baylor University Restaurants. This side of IH 35:**
- Panera Bread
- Twisted Root
- Fortune Cookie (Chinese)
- Chick-Fil-A
- McAlister’s Deli
- Torchy’s Tacos
- In N Out Burgers
- Raising Canes (Chicken)
- and many more

**Food Trucks are across the street**