

STATE OFFICER VISITS

Each year, the Ohio FFA Officers spend many days visiting chapters, participating in state and local FFA events, and meeting with industry partners. This guide serves as a reference for these visits.

EXPECTATIONS

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- Communicate with the host in advance of the event.
- Be member-focused, professional, respectful, communicative, and dependable.
- Deliver high quality content.
- Interact with participants.
- Engage with stakeholders and leave a positive impact and positively reflect the Ohio FFA.
- Communicate all dietary needs in advance and be prepared to make accommodations when necessary.

EXPECTATIONS OF HOSTS

- For safety and liability reasons, state officers should not stay in members' or advisors' homes, or ride in members' or advisors' personal vehicles.
- State officers should be provided ample time for sleep and travel. Participation in overnight lock-ins is not permitted.
- In advance, please let the state officers know which meals will be provided during the experience.
- In response to the state officers' communication, please provide all details and logistics necessary including schedule, time, location, attire, and additional expectations of engagement.

BEST PRACTICES

- Travel problems outside of the officer's control can occur. Additionally, officers occasionally experience personal situations such as illness or a death in the family. Your grace and understanding in these unavoidable situations is appreciated. Likewise, if you have any unforeseen circumstances, such as weather delays or illness, please communicate that to the officer.
- State officers are prepared to assist in the education occurring at your event. If you'd like to engage them in more than one workshop, please have them do so. If you'd like to have them tailor their content to a specific topic, please work with them as they are prepared to adjust where possible, but please know that creating new workshops or speeches for each event is discouraged.
- In the event you find a state officer's performance, comments or interactions need improvement, report your insights to Katy Endsley, kendsley@ohioffa.org, Ohio FFA Program Manager. While constructive criticism and performance improvement suggestions given directly to the officers can be valuable, different perspectives, expectations, and cultures can be conflicting from chapter to chapter. With that, it's preferred that feedback is offered following the event.
- Serving as an Ohio FFA Officer is a position of service, but also an opportunity for growth as young leaders. Thank you for your participation in the development of our state officers.