

Chapter Leadership Training (CLT)

What is CLT?

Chapter Leadership Training (CLT) serves three primary purposes: **planning, individual skill and team building**, and **engaging all students locally**.

The conference plays an important role in providing an opportunity for chapters to conduct vital planning for the coming year. Students are introduced to important individual skills such as problem solving, critical thinking, and communication. Students also build skills for being an effective team member such as delegation, taking responsibility for one's actions, and building consensus.

Students attending the conference are charged with using those skills to improve student engagement in the home chapter. Through structured planning time, individual skill development, and team building students leave prepared to effectively engage all members as active members in the local FFA chapter.

Conference Objectives

The conference is designed to produce the following two key outcomes for your chapter.

- Students develop an individual leadership growth plan with goals for improving individual leadership skills and skills for effectively contributing as a team member.
- Chapters will spend time working on their program of activities by assessing needs of individuals served, preparing to re-engage chapter members and empowering everyone to act.

Conference Schedule

- On-site registration begins at 9:30 am CST.
- Day 1 – Conference begins at 10:00 am, 3:00 pm begins agriculture tour experience and the day concludes at 5:15 pm.
- Day 2 – Sessions begin at 9:00 am and the conference wraps up at 4:00 pm.

Lodging

Chapters are responsible for securing their own lodging if the decision is made to stay in the area of the conference. We have worked with the Convention & Visitors Bureau in communities to secure hotel lodging if so desired by a chapter. Below are the rates and contact information. In addition, there are also other options for overnight accommodations in both communities (camping, Bed & Breakfast, etc.) Chapters are welcome to commute to the conference, if desired.

Payment:

Invoices will be emailed following the week of July 15th. Please postmark payment by August 15th. For chapters receiving Leadership Grants to attend, the grant will be subtracted from the conference invoice.

Student Supervision

Please review with your administration any procedures to follow in a discipline situation. Advisors WILL BE responsible for handling any discipline situation that occurs. Kansas

Department of Education policy does not allow for FFA staff members or contract workers to be involved in direct disciplinary actions for students attending a conference.

Dodge City – Tuesday & Wednesday -- **July 5 & 6th**

United Wireless Arena and Boot Hill Casino and Resort Conference Center

Chapters who attend the Dodge City conference will have the opportunity to rank their tour choices. Based tour or tours selected will be determined based upon the interest of the chapters attending that conference.

City of Dodge City BioGas Plant – Watch how the Dodge City BioGas plant captures and cleans biogas from wastewater to distribute into Norther Natural Gas’s pipeline.

EGE Products – EGE located in Minneola, KS develops products to enhance the effectiveness of a wide range of chemical applications for crops. They use their knowledge in chemistry and background in agriculture to help them create products such as herbicides, insecticides, and more.

High Plains Publishing - An agriculture publications company serving 12 states with over 42,000 subscribers.

Hiland Dairy Plant – Hiland Dairy located in Dodge City provides fresh dairy products throughout the Midwest. At this plant milk goes from the farm to the store shelves in under 48 hours.

Lodging Options

Holiday Inn Express – 201 E 4th Ave., 620-225-1000
\$134 the night of July 4; \$119 July 5

Best Western North Edge Inn – 404 E Frontview, 620-371-6441
\$149 per night “Prices will only go up.”

Salina – Thursday & Friday – **July 7 & 8th**

K-State Salina

Chapters who attend the Salina conference will have the opportunity to rank their tour choices. Based tour or tours selected will be determined based upon the interest of the chapters attending that conference.

Maxwell Game Preserve - Board our covered trams for a 45-minute tour out on our Kansas prairie located in the heart of the Smoky Hills where you will experience an up close and personal visit within our Bison herd. Enjoy the native wildflowers and grasses along the way and catch glimpses of white tail deer and other wildlife.

<https://www.maxwellwildliferefuge.com/tours.html>

Prairie Lavender Farm - A small lavender farm that produces handmade lavender products. Grows over 4600 plants including 12 different varieties of lavender.

<https://prairielavenderfarm.com/>

Schwann’s/Tony’s Pizza - One of the largest pizza production facilities in the United States, located in Salina, KS. Manufactures pizzas that are offered through retail grocery and food.

Lodging Options

Hampton Inn – 401 W Schilling Rd, 785-502-8007

\$144 Rate (free breakfast, pool, fitness center, double queen rooms)

Comfort Inn & Suites – 1949 N 9th 785-502-8007

\$105 Rate

Topeka – Monday & Tuesday – **July 11 & 12th**

The Brownstone (4020 NW 25th St, Topeka)

Chapters who attend the Topeka conference will have the opportunity to rank their tour choices. Based tour or tours selected will be determined based upon the interest of the chapters attending that conference.

Capstan Ag Systems, Inc - Come visit Capstan Ag System's headquarters in Topeka, Ks. Capstan focuses on liquid field application needs. <https://capstanag.com>

Frito Lay - Come see the production of Lay's potato chips, Fritos corn chips, Tostitos tortilla chips, Doritos tortilla chips, and Cheetos cheese-flavored snacks.

Hill's Pet Nutrition Center - Home to almost 900 pets, the Topeka Hill's Pet Nutrition Center makes sure all foods produced are top quality. The animals test the food and nutritionist watches to take careful notes. <https://www.hillspet.com/about-us/pet-nutrition-center/pets-daily-routine-at-pnc>

MARS Food Processing Facility - This is a tour of the MARS chocolate factory. See the production of M&Ms and Snickers bars.

Lodging Options

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites – 601 NW Hwy 24, 785-861-7200

Bring tax exempt form \$89

Hyatt Place Topeka – 6021 SW 6th Ave, 785-2273-0066

\$94 for double queen