



Congratulations!

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Hello, and congrats on advancing to the National FFA Veterinary Science CDE at the 98th National FFA Convention & Expo! We look forward to working with you to make this event one that will educate your students and the public on the many roles and responsibilities in the field of veterinary science.

The Veterinary Science CDE committee is very excited to offer a case-based event again this year. This format allows students to demonstrate their knowledge in a comprehensive manner. Our goal as a committee is to enable participants to apply their knowledge in an organized, logical manner that resembles actual veterinary applications.

We encourage you to use the [CDE/LDE webpage](#) to stay current and locate the event materials. Please review the [General Orientation](#) for essential details, materials, deadlines and assistance. Be sure to read through the handbook and event information sections.

This will be a one-day event. The team activity will be at the conclusion of the individual portions, when the students will collectively present their findings to the judges. The event will focus on two case-based scenarios that blend general knowledge, identification, clinical procedures, and handling and restraint practicums. These are:

- Shelter medicine and community animal health
- Influenza A in livestock and poultry

Event Details

With our new case-based approach for delivering the contest, the scoring system has been revised and can be found on page 10 of the updated handbook. We have added two new permanent practicums, updated one practicum, and added six “temporary” practicums for the 2025 event. These are all noted as “New” or “Updated” within the updated handbook or listed in the [2025 Veterinary Science Scenario Resource Guide](#). All portions of the event will be either multiple-choice (written exam/general knowledge & identification), short answer (math application), select/identify the appropriate item (identification) or will follow a provided rubric. Additional changes can be found in the [2025 CDE/LDE Rule Changes](#) document.

New rubrics

- Using A Microscope-Dry
- Using A Microscope-Oil Immersion

Updated rubrics

- Removing a Cat from a Cage and Wrap in a Fear-Reduced Manner

Temporary (2025 event only) rubrics

- Administer Inhalant to a Cat
- Bovine Venipuncture Tail Vein
- Pre-Milking Udder Preparation
- Rat Venipuncture Tail Vein
- Restraint of a Chicken
- Restraint of a Guinea Pig

To succeed, please ensure every team member thoroughly reads the updated [Veterinary Science Handbook \(January 2025\)](#) and the [2025 Veterinary Science Scenario Resource Guide](#). We are offering one special Veterinary Science Q&A Webinar on [Wed. Aug. 27, at 6 p.m.](#) Eastern. This will be recorded and posted on the CDE/LDE Page under event orientation. While questions may be asked live, we encourage questions to be emailed to me at kshipman@boah.in.gov ahead of time so that we may prepare.

Competition Schedule

We will host a virtual team orientation focused on convention logistics on [Mon. Oct. 6, at 6 p.m](#) Eastern. A Zoom invite will be emailed to the certified advisor. This will be recorded and posted on the CDE/LDE Page under event orientation. Before orientation, email questions to me at kshipman@boah.in.gov to ensure they are addressed and included in the recording.

The event will take place at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Expo Hall. Teams will be broken into rotation groups. Students should anticipate spending 3.5-4 hours moving through the event. Students should come prepared to work through the period. Lunch will not be provided. Teams may access the rotation schedule following the virtual orientation posted under event orientation on the CDE/LDE webpage. Please note that we are unable to fulfill requests for specific start times to ensure fairness to all teams. Plan your travel to arrive in time to compete on the morning of Wed. Oct. 29. After the event concludes (around 7 p.m.), there will be an event review in the Expo Hall.

Equipment

All tools and equipment needed for the event, including pencils, clipboards, paper and calculators, will be provided. Students will not be allowed to use their own during the event. NO electronic devices are allowed; cell phones, smart watches, etc., should be left with an advisor.

Dress

During the event, participants must wear either scrubs (solid-color tops and bottoms) or a polo with slacks and closed-toe, closed-heel and flat shoes (no clogs, sandals or flip-flops). For safety and sanitary reasons, jewelry will be limited to stud earrings, a plain wedding band, and a medical alert bracelet or necklace. Bracelets, necklaces, and dangling earrings are prohibited during the competition. Official Dress is acceptable.

Recognition

All teams and individuals will be recognized at the Awards Program, which will be held at the Indiana Convention Center. Team participants, coaches, advisors, and family with convention badges are welcome to attend. The ceremony will be streamed at ffa.org. We recommend Official Dress for the awards program.

Final placings for the top four teams and the top 10 individuals will be presented on stage during the Second session in Lucas Oil Stadium.

On behalf of the Veterinary Science Committee, I wish you luck as you prepare for a fantastic event.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Safe travels to all, and I'll see you in Indianapolis.

Sincerely,

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VETERINARY SCIENCE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

2025 EVENT SCHEDULE

All times EDT. Schedule subject to change.

Date	Time	Event	Location
Wednesday, Aug. 27	6 p.m.	Q & A Webinar	Zoom
Monday, Oct. 6	6 p.m.	Team Orientation	Zoom
Wednesday, Oct. 29	6 a.m.	Drop/Add Deadline for team members	Log into Profile to change in certification
	7 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Practicums	Expo Hall (ISF)
	~ 7 p.m.	Event Review	Expo Hall (ISF)
Thursday, Oct. 30	11 a.m.	Awards Program	Wabash Ballroom 1-2 (ICC)
	2 p.m.	Final Placings- Second General Session	Lucas Oil Stadium

Location Guide

- **Indiana State Fairgrounds (ISF):** 1202 E. 38th St., Indianapolis, IN 46205
- **Indiana Convention Center (ICC):** 100 S Capitol Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46225
- **Lucas Oil Stadium:** 500 S. Capitol Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46225



CAREER AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

2025 GENERAL INFORMATION

Revised: April 18, 2025

Congratulations! We're excited to welcome you to the National FFA Career and Leadership Development Events (CDEs/LDEs) as part of the 98th National FFA Convention & Expo. Information for this year's events is on the [CDE/LDE webpage](#). Go to the webpage now to subscribe to email notifications when updates occur.

COMMUNICATIONS

All communications will be sent to the email in the advisor's FFA.org profile. This email and the mobile number provided are the Advisor's Contact Information. Please add cde@ffa.org to your allowlist to receive important updates. You can also specify a second contact for additional communications. If the advisor's email changes after certification, update it in Certification or email cde@ffa.org with the state, event, and new advisor details.

EVENT HANDBOOKS

Each event will adhere to the rules and procedures outlined in its handbook. Any changes can be found in the Detailed Summary of CDE/LDE Handbook Updates. The current handbooks were posted on the webpage in Jan. 2025 and include all updated formats, lists, and rubrics. Participants should review the event components thoroughly before competing.

CERTIFICATION

All CDE and LDE teams must be certified by Tuesday, Sept. 2. You must certify all team members by the certification deadline. Most certifications may be amended prior to the competition dates. The [How to Certify a Team or Member \(PDF\)](#) contains step-by-step instructions.

TEAM MEMBER CHANGES

Team members can be added or removed from the certified list in Profile on FFA.org until one hour before the first event activity begins. The deadline will be noted in the Event Schedule.

EVENT UPLOADS

Four events—*Agricultural Issues, Employment Skills, Marketing Plan, and Prepared Public Speaking*—require document uploads, including an Authenticity Statement. Use these directions to [Upload a PDF for a CDE/LDE](#). See each event's superintendent letter for further details.

SCHEDULE CONFLICTS

Members may only participate in one CDE/LDE each year. Members participating in multiple award programs may have a scheduling conflict. We encourage students to choose a competitive event or interview over an awards ceremony. If the student or team cannot attend the main stage award presentation, we request a stand-in be sent for the specified session.

ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS

Students needing accommodations or with allergies affecting event participation or provided snacks/meals must complete a [request form](#) at least 30 days in advance (by Sept. 15). This form will remain confidential, and National FFA staff will contact the advisor after receiving the request.

PRACTICE MATERIALS

Sample scan sheets, practicums, and written exams from previous years can be found under "Event Preparation" on the [CDE/LDE webpage](#).

ORIENTATION MEETINGS

All advisors and available team members should attend and review the virtual orientation meetings. Orientation recordings will be posted under "Event Orientation" on the CDE/LDE webpage. The orientation packet contains meeting details and a link to the meetings.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

[Convention registration](#) is required to compete in the Career and Leadership Development Events, which includes a waiver.

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

We want to hear from you if you notice inappropriate behavior at an FFA event. You will be directed to a third party to file the report, but all reports will be sent to National FFA. If you [see something, say something](#).

INDIANA STATE FAIRGROUNDS SHUTTLES

Courtesy shuttles between the Indiana Convention Center and the Indiana State Fairgrounds ([map](#)) are available for all registered CDE participants. Shuttles depart approximately every 15 minutes. Allow 20 minutes for one-way travel. Shuttles will run from 6 a.m. to the end of your event on Wednesday and Thursday. Check the convention website for details.

THANKING OUR PARTNERS

Our partners' financial commitment is vital to this program's continued success. Contact information is on the [CDE/LDE webpage](#), allowing you to express your appreciation for their support.

CDE/LDE FINALS — INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER

See the top CDE/LDE students compete in their finals. Live streaming is available on [FFA.org](#).

Event	Date	Time (EDT)	Room
Creed Speaking	Wed., Oct. 29	6 -6:30 p.m.	500 Ballroom
Extemporaneous Public Speaking	Thurs., Oct. 30	9:30 -11 a.m.	500 Ballroom
Prepared Public Speaking	Thurs., Oct. 30	Noon-1:30 p.m.	500 Ballroom
Agricultural Issues Forum	Thurs., Oct. 30	4:30-6:30 p.m.	500 Ballroom
Conduct of Chapter Meetings	Fri., Oct. 31	9-11 a.m.	500 Ballroom
Marketing Plan	Fri., Oct. 31	9-11 a.m.	126-128
Parliamentary Procedure	Fri., Oct. 31	2-4 p.m.	500 Ballroom

AWARDS PROGRAMS AND MAIN STAGE RECOGNITION

CDE/LDE awards programs are open events (no tickets required) to recognize all participants and teams. Capture memorable moments! Selfie photo stations will be available for competitors at every event location and during the awards program.

Main stage recognition will announce the national winners, including the top four teams and the top ten individuals, as applicable.

Cash award recipients will receive information on how to claim their award. For more details, see the [Cash Awards Guidelines](#).

National CDE/LDE Advisor Checklist

- ☐ Read this document, General Orientation.
- ☐ Ensure cde@ffa.org is added to your safe sender list.
- ☐ Sign up for CDE/LDE updates on the CDE/LDE webpage: <https://www.ffa.org/participate/cde-lde/>.
- ☐ Note key dates for the release of schedules, event orientation packets and locate preparation materials.
- ☐ Review the current handbook.
- ☐ Review/update your profile on FFA.org with your current email address and mobile number.
- ☐ By August 8th – Download/print the Event Orientation packet at <https://www.ffa.org/participate/cde-lde/>.
- ☐ Sept. 2 – Deadline: Certify your students and upload applicable event documents on FFA.org.
- ☐ Sept. 15 – Deadline: Submit Reasonable Accommodations Requests, <https://form.jotform.com/adarequests/reasonable-ada-accommodations-reque>
- ☐ Sept-Oct. — Attend event orientation

Before leaving for the national event at the convention

- ☐ Confirm certified team members on FFA.org.