

# Overnight Trip Request

To: Mr. Leach

From: Stacey Hartley, Agriculture Teacher and FFA Advisor

Date: 8/29/25

Subject: SOAR & FIRE FFA camps

The Tipton FFA is requesting approval to travel to and participate in the SOAR and FIRE Leadership camps. The trips will require a minibus to transport the FFA members to the Indiana FFA Leadership Center in Trafalgar. These camps begin on Friday evening and conclude Sunday morning. If approved, FFA will cover the cost of the registration fees.

## **Seeking Opportunities and Achieving Results (SOAR)**

This is a conference for students who are beginning their FFA careers (9-10 grade, with the opportunity to serve as a counselor if in grades 11-12). SOAR Curriculum is on a three year rotation: FFA Focus (Opportunities in FFA, CDE's, Defining Success, etc.), SAE Focus (developing strong SAE's, Work ethic, Goal Setting, etc.), and Ag Industry Focus (Opportunities in the agriculture industry, Personal Vision, Beliefs and Values, etc.) SOAR is a 3 day conference held on three separate weekends in October. We are planning to attend 10/3/25-10/5/25 or 10/10/25-10/12/25, depending on conflicts in the students' schedules.

## **Foundations in Reaching Excellence (FIRE)**

This conference is for older FFA members (11-12, 10th if they are mature enough). The curriculum is on a two year rotation: Present Excellence Focus (Being a mentor, Setting Goals, Taking leadership to the next level, etc.) and Future Excellence Focus (Life after High School, Advocating for agriculture, Creating a personal vision, etc.). FIRE is a 3 day conference held on two separate weekends in November. We are planning to attend one - 11/7/25-11/9/25 or 11/21/25-11/23/25, depending on conflicts in the students' schedules.

By attending these camps, the FFA members will gain leadership experience, as well as network with other FFA members creating connections for their high school career and beyond. If students choose to participate, the trips would require the use of a minibus.