

2026 Colorado FBLA SLC Survival Guide

General Conference Information		
Packing List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Certification Form (if not uploaded HERE by March 25th) • Competitive Events materials, including a device for taking tests • Picture IDs (for competitors & digital badge & certifications) • Conference outfits that meet dress code • Casual clothing for evening activities • Money for donations to Colorado Relief Fund and Alzheimer’s Association • The Gaylord is cashless – plan accordingly for onsite meals 	
Conference Dress Code All conference attendees (students and advisers) are expected to always have on their conference name badge.	Activity Monday Lunch, Tuesday Night Entertainment	Dress Code Appropriate casual attire. Example: Jeans and CTSO T-shirt (or another nice shirt) preferred.
	Opening Session, Workshops, Exhibitor Fair, Tuesday Lunch, Closing Awards Session	FBLA National Dress Code – business professional attire
	Just Dance, Pickleball, and Yoga	Workout attire is acceptable
	Adviser Dress Code Advisers and chaperones should model the appropriate dress code for students, including wearing your name badge.	
Parking & Drop Off	Review THIS MAP of the Gaylord. All large and small buses will drop off at location “C1,” the Convention Center Veranda, and then park in location “C2.” Only prepaid buses can park in this parking lot. All individual vehicles will use the main guest entry and drop off students in the main entrance of the hotel. Individual vehicles staying on site can park in any regular, self-park lot. All individual cars, or small vans, parking on site are subject to the standard rate of \$33/day. You will need to bring a credit card to check in and mention you have parked a car. Please instruct any student parking on site to do the same.	
Offsite Hotel Shuttle Information	Both offsite hotels will have two dedicated shuttles running continuously on 15-minute rotations throughout the conference. IMPORTANT NOTE: no shuttles will be running from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm to allow for driver rotations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, April 2nd – 9:00 am (pick up at external hotels) – 10:30 pm (final pick up from Gaylord) • Friday, April 3rd – 7:00 am (pick up at external hotels) – 10:30 pm (final pick up from Gaylord) • Saturday, April 4th – 7:00 am (pick up at external hotels) – 9:30 am (last pick up at external hotels) 	
Conference App 	Download the conference app for the most up-to-date information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to the app store, download Yapp, Yapp ID Code: COFBLA26 Direct Link: https://my.yapp.us/COFBLA26	

<p>Gaylord Rockies Information</p> <p>The Gaylord is a cashless facility. Please plan accordingly. They do have a reverse ATM available on site.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotel Registration: Front Desk (by the main doors) • Official Check-in Time is 4:00 pm • Luggage storage will be available in Aurora Hall 3 on Thursday, 4/2. • All rooms have refrigerators. A public microwave is available in the Marketplace • Hotel sleeping rooms will be in proximity by school • Arapahoe Springs (Pool/Lazy River/Entertainment Area): Several lifeguards are on duty, and hours have been extended on Thursday and Friday from 9 am – 10 pm <p>More information about the Gaylord is available HERE – restaurant activations will be added one week before the conference.</p>
<p>Competitive Events Information</p>	<p>Information to Know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ID REMINDER: All competitors need to have a photo ID available (driver’s license, ID card, school picture ID, transcript with photo ID, gradebook platform – i.e. Infinite Campus – printout with photo ID). If this doesn’t exist, visit Conference Registration with your adviser for a Competitor ID Verification Form prior to competition. • TESTING REMINDER: Testing will be onsite and online, and each student will need to bring their own fully powered device to testing. Recommended to check for device updates before SLC. Check the app for testing schedules. • All registered competitors will present in front of judges (except test only events) • Presentation times are random and individual time change requests will not be possible • Presentation Finalists (from events with a preliminary round) will be available on conference app by 5 am on Friday. • Role Play Finalists will be sent via email and available on conference app by approximately 12:45 pm on Friday. • Some events are finals-only, and those will have one presentation time on Friday. • Because of space limitations and competition set-up, no observers are allowed in any competitions. • NO projectors or external speakers are allowed or provided in preliminary or final rounds. • Wi-Fi will be available for competitions where Wi-Fi is a part of the guidelines, but have a back-up plan (<i>Broadcast Journalism, Career Portfolio, Coding & Programming, Computer Game, Data Analysis, Digital Animation, Digital Video, Intro to Programming, Intro to Social Media Strategy, Mobile App, Public Service Announcement, Social Media Strategies, Website Coding, Website Design</i>) • Rating sheets will be available for download after the conference. • Judges scores are final
<p>Leadership Seminar Workshops</p>	<p>Leadership Seminar Workshops will be held in the Summit rooms on Thursday and Friday. Refer to app for most up-to-date schedule. Students will receive stamps on their name badge for attending workshops. Stamp schedule will be sent out to advisers after the conference.</p>

Alzheimer’s Association Fundraisers	<p>Join the State Officer team for an early morning Just Dance party on Friday at 7:30 am. Entry is \$2 and all proceeds will be sent to the Alzheimer’s Association.</p> <p>You also have a chance to see a state officer duo perform karaoke for a good cause! Each State Officer duo will have members collecting cash/ coins/ Venmo donations during the conference. The top earning officer team will perform a karaoke song at 1:00 pm on Friday afternoon.</p>
Colorado Relief Fund Fundraisers	<p>Students can preregister teams to play in a Pickleball tournament on Tuesday evening, starting at 7:30 pm. Each team’s registration is \$20, and all proceeds benefit the Colorado Relief Fund.</p> <p>You can also drop in to yoga on Friday morning at 6:30 am before the Closing Session. The \$2 entry fee will be donated to the Colorado Relief Fund.</p>
SLC Photo Scavenger Hunt	<p>Participate in a digital scavenger hunt to win prizes from Colorado FBLA! Upload photos from around the conference here: https://form.jotform.com/Colorado_FBLA/slc-scavenger-hunt</p>
Colorado FBLA social media	<p>Make sure to follow Colorado FBLA social media for updates on Facebook (Colorado FBLA-Future Business Leaders of America) or Instagram (@ColoradoFBLA)</p>

Thursday, April 2nd

<p>Starting at 9:00 am</p> <p>Conference Registration Aurora Registration Desk</p>	<p>Conference Registration (for Advisers only)</p> <p><i>What to bring:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Certification Form (if not uploaded HERE by March 25th) <p><i>What you will receive:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration Packet (lanyards, nametags, preordered tickets, etc.) • Conference T-shirts (if ordered)
<p>11:30 am – 1:30 pm</p> <p>Lunch Aurora Halls 1&2</p>	<p>Lunch for Students/Chaperones (casual attire okay; advisers eat separately)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools A-L eat at 12:30; schools M-Y eat at 11:30. Please share your chapter’s lunch time with your students. • Lunch meal tickets are only needed for attendees with special dietary restrictions. • Buffet lines will be available around the room, with drink and dessert tables scattered throughout the room. Only one dessert should be taken. • Please leave the room as soon as you are done eating, to allow room for others to come in and eat.
<p>12:00 pm – 1:30 pm</p> <p>Adviser Lunch & Meeting Maple 3-5 (lower level)</p>	<p><i>What to expect:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch (the meal registered for during registration – do not eat at the Exhibit Hall #1) • Conference Updates • Adviser Awards • Meeting about Adviser Assignments

2:00 – 6:00 pm Preliminary Presentations and Role Plays	PLEASE REVIEW THE POSTED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS. STUDENTS DO NOT NEED TO ARRIVE UNTIL 10 MINUTES BEFORE CHECK-IN TIME. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple sections of events (prep and presentations) will be set up in each room. Student name badges will have printed check-in time Review the conference app for event locations Competitors will need to provide ID
2:00 – 6:00 pm Objective Testing	Review the conference app for the testing times and locations. Each student needs to provide their own fully powered device to connect to the internet
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Dinner (Pre-orders only) – served in Aurora Hall 1. Must bring meal ticket.
8:30 – 10:30 pm Opening General Session Aurora Ballrooms Doors Open appx. 8:15	All attendees must be in full business professional dress code. Attendees must also have on their conference name badge and lanyard. A seating chart will be loaded into the conference app. <i>Agenda:</i> Welcome, officer introductions, national anthem, chapter awards, Donation Awards, Peak Awards, BAA recognition, NLC Promotion, Special Guests, officer candidate introductions, announcements, adjournment
11:00 pm Curfew	Advisers and Chaperones: It's your duty to ensure your members are in their rooms and observing curfew. Please escort any FBLA members out past curfew back to their rooms.
Friday, April 3rd	
5:00 am	Presentation Finalists Released on app and via email to Advisers
7:00 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast (Pre-orders only) served in Valley pre-function hallway. Must bring meal ticket.
7:30 – 8:30 am	Just Dance (\$2 entry fee, cash or Venmo, for Alzheimer's Association)
8:30 am – 12:00 pm	Competitive Events Finals Round <ul style="list-style-type: none"> View the conference schedule for the competitions and timing
8:30 am – 12:00 pm Role Play Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teams will need to each take their own test on their own device and the testing system will average the scores. Check the app for your scheduled testing time and location.
9:00 am – 11:00 am Service Project Valley 2	Join the state officers for a community service activity creating bracelets and making cards for hospital workers.
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Exhibitors, found behind the Starbucks coffee shop in the Rockies Square
9:00 am – 4:00 pm Digital Badge Testing Crest 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only for students pre-registered for digital badges Room is open from 9:00 am 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, testing can happen at any point; the last test will begin at 3:00 pm Bring a fully powered device or phone with data availability

11:30 am – 1:30 pm Lunch Aurora Halls 1 & 2	Must be in business professional dress code for Day 2 lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please share your chapter’s lunch time with your students. Schools A-L eat at 12:30; schools M-Y eat at 11:30. • Lunch meal tickets are only needed for attendees with special dietary restrictions. • Buffet lines will be available around the room, with drink and dessert tables scattered throughout the room. Only one dessert should be taken.
12:30 pm	State Officer Karaoke - Veranda
~12:45 pm	Role Play Finalists Posted
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Competitive Events Finals Round <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • View the conference schedule for the competitions and timing
2:45 – 4:30 pm Voting Delegate Meeting Aurora Ballroom A; enter through B Doors	Voting Delegate Orientation and Business Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voting delegates are required to attend this meeting. Voting delegates will be listening to FBLA updates and voting on NLC shirt design and Service Sunday Standout – make sure the chapter has discussed these items. At least one voting delegate per chapter will need to vote using a phone.
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Dinner (Pre-orders only) served in Aurora Hall 1. Must bring meal ticket.
7:30 – 10:00 pm	Pickleball Tournament – only preregistered teams can play. All attendees welcome as spectators at the Gaylord Pickleball Courts.
8:00 – 10:00 pm	Entertainment Options (preorder only – tickets required) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hypnotist in Aurora Ballroom A • Game Show in Maple 3-5
8:00 – 10:00 pm	Games Room: no pre-sale tickets needed for room entry; spaces available until the room reaches capacity. Bring Your Own Games!
11:00 pm Curfew	Advisers and Chaperones: It’s your duty to ensure your members are in their rooms and observing curfew. It Takes a Village! Please escort any FBLA members out past curfew back to their rooms.
Saturday, April 4th	
Hotel Check-Out	Check out is 11:00 am – get your room cleaned out before the Closing Awards Session. Luggage storage will be available – check app for location
6:30 – 7:30 am Valley 3	Yoga (\$2 entry fee, cash or Venmo, for Colorado Relief Fund)
7:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast (Pre-orders only) served in Valley pre-function hallway. Must bring meal ticket.

<p>9:00 am – 12:00 pm</p> <p>Grand Awards Session Aurora Ballrooms</p> <p>Doors open at 8:30 am</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FBLA National Dress Code is in effect, including name badges. Top Ten winners are allowed to remove their name badge while on stage. • Top ten will be shown on screen for each event – top 4 will receive a plaque (top ten placings will be sent out after the conference) • <i>Agenda:</i> President’s welcome, adviser recognition, state officer farewells, new state officer team installation, chapter awards, event sponsor recognition, competitive event awards (in random order), conference in review, closing remarks and adjournment • There are no seats available for guests. All attendees must have on their conference name badge to enter.
<p>Bus Dismissal/ Parent Pick Up</p>	<p>Buses will use the driveway next to the convention center to pick up chapters. Please wait inside the Aurora Ballroom hallway until your bus has pulled up near the doors. Do not walk to the bus into the parking lot.</p> <p>Parents who are picking up their students should use the roundabout at the main entrance of the hotel or the Tour Lobby entrances.</p>
<p>NLC Intent Form</p>	<p>An intent form is to be completed by <i>EACH</i> person in the Top Ten by April 17th.</p>

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