**Minnesota FFA Day at the Capitol 2018**

**2018 Schedule of Events**

*\*Please note – we would love to have you join us at the kick off at the Department of Revenue at 8 am, but if you schedule visits prior to the event ending or want to attend a committee hearing before the kick-off, you are welcome to head straight to your destination. The below schedule simply includes some recommendations to help you have the best day for your local program.*

7:45 am Arrival and registration at the **Department of Revenue**

* Harold E Stassen Office Building, Room 2000
* 600 Robert St N, Saint Paul, MN 55101
* Building Hours: 8 am – 4:30 pm (You should be able to get in just before 8)
* Parking Options on the Capitol Complex: <https://mn.gov/admin/citizen/buildings-grounds/parking/>
  + Lot U or W is closest to the Stassen Bldg.

8:00 am Greetings – MN FFA State Officer, AJ Duerr (MAAE) and Sarah Dornink (MAELC)

8:10 am Protocol, tips & training (Juleah Tolosky, State Officers & APEX students)

8:45 am Kick-Off ends. Chapters travel to legislative buildings.

9:00 am Self-scheduled legislative appointments in the Minnesota Senate Building and State Office Building through 11:30 am.

***During this time, there are additional optional experiences your students can attend:***

8:15-10:00 am – House Committee Meetings

* + Education Innovation Policy (10 SOB)
  + *Environment and Natural Resources Policy & Finance (5 SOB) \*tentative*

8:30-10:30 am – Senate Committee Meetings

* + *Taxes (1200 MSB) \*tentative*

9:15 am – Tour of the House of Representatives Chamber (approx. 15-30 mins long)

* + - Meet at the chamber front doors located on 2nd level

10:15 am-12:00 pm – House Committee Meetings

* + Agriculture Policy (5 SOB)

11:15 am-12:00 pm – Legislative Forum (G23 Capitol)

* + Panelists will talk about career opportunities in government and advocacy.
  + *Open to first 75 participants*

12:00 pm **State Photo on Capitol Steps**

12:30 pm Depart for home or continued legislative appointments

***Optional afternoon experiences:***

1:00-2:30 pm – Senate Committee Meetings

* + Energy and Utilities Finance & Policy (1150 MSB)
  + State Government Finance & Policy and Elections (1200 MSB)
  + *Higher Education Finance & Policy (15 Capitol) \*tentative*

1:00-2:45 pm – House Committee Meetings

* + *Education Finance (5 SOB) \*tentative*

3:00-4:30 pm – Senate Committee Meetings

* + Agriculture, Rural Development and Housing Policy
  + Health and Human Services Finance & Policy (1200 MSB)
    - Topic of Interest: Rural Health Presentation form the Dept. of Health
  + *E-12 Policy (1100 MSB) \*tentative*