

ILSSO TASK LIST

October

- 7 **Apply for your U.S. Passport if you have not already done so!** A signed copy of your passport is due to National FFA by November 15. Currently, the processing time is approximately 4-6 weeks from the time the application is received

- 15 **Begin educating yourself about South Africa and its agriculture industry.** One great tool is Google's "Alerts" feature (see the "Everything You Need to Know" document for instructions on using this function). The more you know about the country and its agriculture prior to departure, the more enriching your experience will be!

- 28 **Attend (if possible) the ILSSO meeting during National Convention.** The meeting will take place on Monday, October 28, 2013 at 9:00 p.m. in Room B105 of the Kentucky Expo Center's South Wing. Parents and state staff are welcome to attend.

November

- 1 **Cancellation after today will result in a cancellation fee of 50% of the total cost of the program.** See the cancellation policy for full details.

- 15 **A signed copy of your U.S. Passport is due to National FFA.** Passports should be sent to:

*National FFA Organization
Attn: Cindy Hefner
6060 FFA Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46268*

Passports may also be scanned and emailed to chefner@ffa.org. **Do not fax.** Passport copies must be received by November 15. Please do not send your original passport.

- 15 **Book your round-trip flight to and from Atlanta.** This is your flight to orientation and from our re-entry in to the United States. **Do not book this flight without reading the guidelines for this ticket in the "Everything You Need to Know".** document.

December

- 4 **Cancellation after today will result in a cancellation fee of the entire cost of the total cost of the program.** See the cancellation policy for full details.
- 10 **Contact your bank about ordering foreign currency.** Most banks require a few weeks lead time. With the upcoming holidays, three weeks is probably smart. The currency you will want to exchange to is the South African Rand (ZAR)
- 10 **Call your bank/credit card company to let them know you'll be traveling abroad.** In some cases, your card may need to be authorized by the bank/creditor for international use. It's always a good idea to let them know when you are out of the country to prevent them from deactivating it for suspicious activity.
- 13 **Final payment is due.** The remaining balance of \$4200 is due.
- 20 **Review the "Suggested Packing List".** You will receive this at convention. Some of these items make great stocking stuffers!

January

- 1 **Happy New Year! Time to pack!** Make your final preparations, charge your iPod/iPad and zip up your suitcase! Don't forget your passport!
- 3 **Depart your home state for Atlanta.** Orientation will start in the afternoon.
- 3&4 **Pre-Departure Orientation.** This day will be packed with information as we get ready to head out on our adventures in South Africa! Our flight to South Africa leaves in the evening!
- 14 **We will return to the U.S.** early in the morning and will catch your flight to your home state.