Convention Agenda (Tentative)

The National Junior Horticultural Association October 9 – October 11, 2026

Delta Hotel and Conference Center, Kalamazoo, Michigan

NJHA Foundation Board of Directors meeting will be held via Zoom Monday, October 5

NJHA Convention Office is located in the Whiskey Boardroom – open by appointment.

Friday, October 9

9:00 am – 11:59 pm	State Display, Hospitality, Contest Entries & Ticket Auction Items – *Zulu*
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch – Extra cost for attendees (not included in convention fee)
12:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Convention Registration – *Convention Center Pre-Function*
2:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Education – Vegetables/Flowers/Quality – *Foxtrot*
2:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Education – Ornamentals/ Fruit & Nuts – *Golf*
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Education – Speech/Demo – *Echo*
5:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Flag Practice – *Charlie*
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Welcome Banquet (full registrants plus guests that purchased ticket) – *Charlie*
8:30 pm – 10:30 pm	Youth Activity/Ice Breaker – *Foxtrot*
9:00 pm	Snack Break (full registrant only) - *Convention Center Pre-function*
9:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Coach and Parent orientation - *Zulu*

Saturday, October 10

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast Buffet (full registrants only) – *Charlie*
8:00 am – 11:59 pm	State Display, Hospitality, Contest Entries & Ticket Auction Items – *Zulu*
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Contest Registration – *Convention Center Pre-function*
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Judges Orientation – *Delta*
9:15 am – 12:30 pm	Senior Horticulture ID Contest - *Alpha* 9:30 am – 10:30 am – Horticulture Written & Quality Judging - *Alpha* 10:30 am – 12:30 pm – Horticulture Identification - *Bravo*
10:00 am – 12:30 pm	Junior Horticulture ID Contest – *Echo*
10:30 am – 6:00 pm	Judges Grading Room – *Golf* (Echo if needed after 6:00 pm)
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch (full registrants only) – *Charlie*
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Speech & Demo Contests – *Delta and Echo*
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Live Flower Arranging Contest – *Alpha*
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Post Contest Walk Through – *Alpha/Bravo*
4:00 pm – 6:15 pm	Hort Connections - *Foxtrot* (evening session if needed)
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Dinner (full registrants plus guests that purchased ticket) – *Charlie*
7:45 pm – 8:15 pm	NJHA Reminiscence - *Zulu*
8:15 pm	Ticket Auction Winners (must be present to win) – *Zulu*
8:30 pm onward	Youth Activity to be announced - Golf
9:00 pm	Snack Break (full registrants only) – *Conference Pre-Function*

Sunday, October 11

8:00 am – midnight	State Display, Hospitality, Contest Entries – *Zulu*
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast Buffet and Business Meeting (full registrants only) – *Charlie*
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Non-denominational Service – *Foxtrot*
9:15 am	Board buses
9:30 am	Bus leaves for Tour
10:00 am	Wenke Wholesale Greenhouses Lunch Kellogg Bird Sanctuary – intro to KBS and guided tours
2:30 pm	Board buses
3:30 pm	Return to Delta Hotel
5:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Flag Practice – *Charlie*
6:15 pm – 8:45 pm	Awards Banquet– Included for Full Registrants (and contest only participants/guests that purchased a dinner ticket) – *Charlie*
8:45 pm – 11:00 pm	NJHA Formal – *Charlie*

Note – all state displays and contest materials MUST be removed from Zulu by midnight!

Have a safe trip home!!