



---

## **DELTA CONFERENCE PRE-WORK**

The National FFA Organization's LifeKnowledge initiative is comprised of three components. The three components of LifeKnowledge are:

- A Comprehensive Definition of Leadership (validated by industry and education leaders).
- Instructional materials for students (includes 257 lesson plans, posters, and various other materials).
- Professional Development for Teachers (E-Moments, strategies for engaging students, LifeKnowledge Trainings and Delta).

To prepare for the conference, we'll be focusing on instructional materials and professional development. In particular, instructional materials means we will work on the creation of technical lesson plans, and professional development means that we will engage in a couple of "expeditions" prior to the conference.

### **Technical Lesson Plans**

On the [conference website](#) there is a link labeled "Lesson Design Template and Rubric" which will, along with your mentor, help to guide you in your creation of a technical lesson plan. What is meant by technical lesson plan? Great question! By technical, we are referring to technical agricultural education content such as agricultural mechanics, animal science, horticulture, agribusiness, to name a few. The standard is to have each and every Delta participant arrive to the Delta Conference with one strong technical lesson plan. **This means one lesson plan for a class period in one day.** If not on a "block" schedule, this would be equivalent to a 50-60 minute lesson plan.

**A first draft of your technical lesson plan is due to your mentor in an electronic version by June 6, 2008.** This is to ensure your lesson is in top shape when you get to the conference.

Why spend this time on one lesson plan? Because when we arrive at the Delta Conference a major foundation of the conference will be taking your technical lesson plan and integrating it with LifeKnowledge precepts and E-moments. The end result will be you leaving the conference with a "*LifeKnowledge*ized" lesson plan of your own and electronic copies of the other Delta participants' lesson plans.

See the [conference website](#) and the link labeled "Lesson Design Template and Rubric" for two pages titled "Lesson Guidelines" and "Lesson Template" to guide you through the process of creating a lesson plan.

If you're not sure where to start, here's a great strategy! Take a subject you already teach and choose a lesson you normally teach in that subject. Use that information to create the electronic version of the lesson plan. The "Lesson Plan" template details the items that need to be featured in your lesson plan.

### **Expeditions**

Great leaders task themselves. On the [conference website](#) you'll find expeditions to execute prior to arrival to the Delta Conference. These activities are of significant importance because they will allow you communicate with everyone involved with the Delta Conference and they will teach you how to utilize your free subscription to LifeKnowledge Online!

---

