

AET Learn Guide: Managing the State or Region Calendar in Support of the Chapter POA

How to Use the State Calendar in AET

The State or Region Calendar in AET is a powerful tool for scheduling events, tracking student participation, and supporting chapters with their POA/Strategic Plan. Follow the steps below to create and manage events effectively.

1. Access the State Calendar

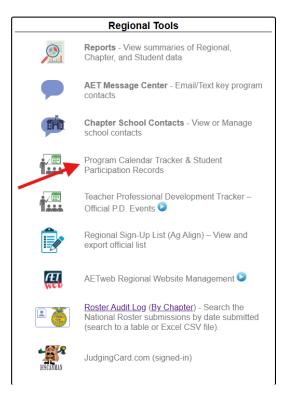
- Navigate to the Program Calendar Tracker and Student Participation Records tool.
- Select the **date** of your event.
- A window will open to create a **new event**.

2. Enter Basic Event Information

- **Event Name:** Type the name of your event
- Activity Type: Choose carefully.
 - FFA Activities, FFA Competitions, and Exhibit/Shows → allow participant tracking.
 - Other → does *not* allow participant tracking.
- **Location:** Enter where the event will take place.
- Date/Time:
 - All-day events are default.
 - o For timed events, use the **"Timed Event"** tab to enter start and end times.

3. Assign an Organizing Committee (Very Important)

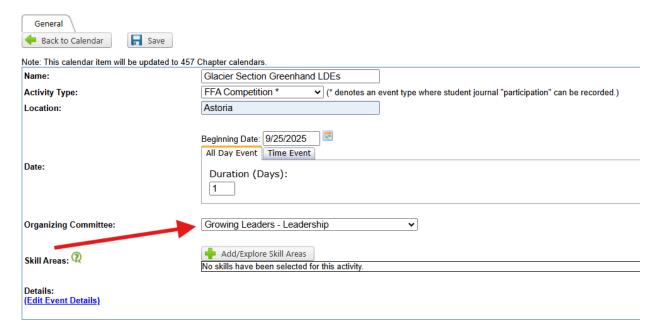
- The **Organizing Committee** field controls whether the event connects to local POAs.
- By default, this is set to "None."
 - Use **"None"** for reminders, deadlines, or events not tied to chapter planning.





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- To link the event to POAs:
 - Select an appropriate National Chapter Award Committee from the dropdown.
 - o This will:
 - Place the event on every local chapter's calendar (statewide or regionwide).
 - Pre-populate the event in each chapter's POA/Strategic Plan.



- ← Chapters can still edit their own POAs:
 - Delete pre-populated events they won't attend.
 - Keep the ones they want without affecting the state calendar.

4. Add AFNR Skills (Optional)

- You can tag AFNR skills to the event.
- These skills will automatically appear in each student's journal if they are marked as participants.
- Example: A **State Floriculture CDE** might tag **PS.04.02: Create designs using plants** so that all student journals reflect this skill.



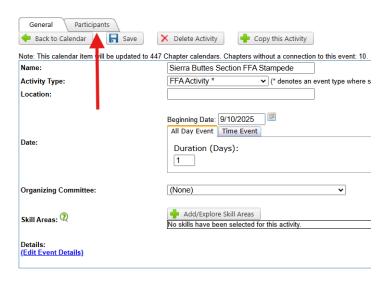
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5. Track Participants

Events with trackable activity types will include a **Participants Tab**.

Set Event Details:

- Choose the activity type (camp, competition, fair, etc.).
- Select the activity level (local, district, state, national).
- Optionally assign hours to be logged in student journals (e.g., 4 hours for a district contest).
- Set a participation value (can be adjusted later by local ag teachers).



6. Record Attendance (3 Options)

You can capture attendance in three flexible ways:

1. Manual Entry:

- Use the dropdown to search and add any student in the state/region.
- The host of the event can also use a standard barcode reader linked to AET an scan student AET ID barcodes to log attendance. Learn about AET student barcodes here.

2. Custom Attendance URL:

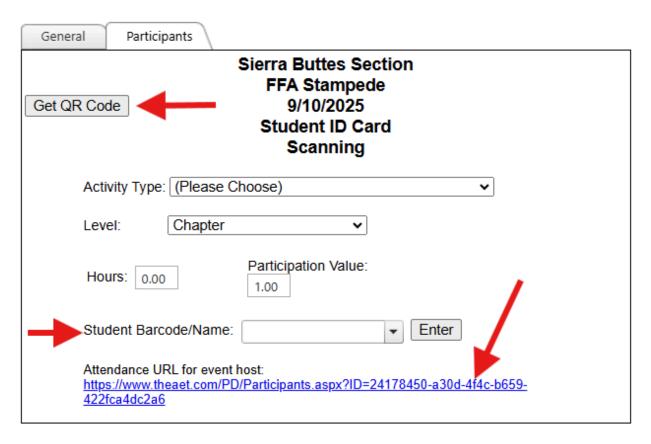
- Share a special attendance link with a third-party manager.
- They can take attendance without logging into AET.

3. QR Code (Fast & Easy):

- Print the QR code before the event.
- Post it where attendees can scan it with a smartphone.
- Students log in to AET → their attendance is recorded, a journal entry is created, and they are added to the master attendee list (visible to state, region, and local advisors).

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Why This Matters

Using the state calendar effectively helps:

- Track student involvement across all levels.
- **Support chapters** with pre-populated POA activities.
- **Provide accurate reporting** for state and regional programs.
- **Streamline recordkeeping** for teachers and students.