

2017 Southern Regional Dairy Challenge Sunday November 12 - Tuesday November 14, 2017

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<u>Directions to Full Circle Dairy, 1479 SE Winquepin Street, Lee, FL 32059:</u> Take Exit 262 (Lee, FL) off I-10 onto County Route 255. Head south (away from Lee) 6 miles on CR 255 to Winquepin Street and turn right (it's a limestone road). Proceed about a mile and the farm is on the right.

<u>Directions from Full Circle Dairy to the Advent Christian Village Lodge for registration:</u> Go back east on Winquepin Street to CR 255 and turn right. In about 2.2 miles continue straight onto Rt. 53. 1.4 more miles turn left onto Dowling Park Road (Rt. 250). Proceed over Suwannee River. You do NOT have to stop at the Ag Station where it says all trucks and vans must stop. Passenger vans are exempt. After about 3 miles from Rt. 53, turn left onto Dowling Park Drive at the Advent Christian Village entrance sign. Pass Suwannee Camp on the left and the Lodge where registration takes place is just beyond on the left. If parking is a problem there, go back to Suwannee Camp and park there. It is an easy walk to the lodge.

