

HQ Update - February 3, 2010

SLC REGISTRATION DEADLINE TOMORROW

Well, the State Leadership Conference registration deadline is just 1 day away! Thursday, February 4, 2010 is the last day to register students for the SLC and we are excited as we hope to have another record breaking year. I can say your Competitive Events Management team has been very hard at work since April 2009 to ensure a positive event environment during the SLC; please thank the members of the management team during the conference.

SLC UPDATES

Please make sure to read the ENTIRE SLC Advisors guide to ensure you are aware of all aspects of the conference. Additionally, if you had competitors place at the region level but are not competing at the SLC, PLEASE take them out of the registration system. This is very important as failing to do so will skew our numbers and will cause problems during the conference. When registering your students, you'll notice that we recently added a "Vegetarian Lunch" option to the system. If your student requires a vegetarian lunch, simply check the box and we'll make sure they have lunches set aside. Please print your invoice from the registration system prior to the deadline and review it to make sure everything is correct. Make sure all teams are paired up correctly and that they all have the corresponding team numbers so the system will know to pair them up.

At the SLC, we will have our Georgia HOSA store again. The store will carry special conference t-shirts for purchase in addition to other Georgia apparel. The students can wear these shirts purchased at the HOSA store to the dance if they do not have their own HOSA t-shirt. In addition, you can submit custom artwork orders prior to the conference to be guaranteed pick up at the store during the conference. Visit our E-Store for more details in the coming days. The store will also carry several styles of glow items and flashing toys for students to buy to show their HOSA spirit during the opening and grand awards sessions.

Special Conference Shirt Pricing(see website for picture of the conference shirt):

1-10 \$10.00
11-24 \$9.00
25-50 \$8.00
51-100 \$7.00

We look forward to the SLC (which is just a month away!) and hope your students have prepared by reading their event guidelines and continuing to practice, practice practice! Make sure to see the updates on the SLC page of the website which covers some event updates for this year's SLC. This is under the Competitive Event Resources section of the "State Leadership Conference" page.

Additionally, if you have students who need to find a roommate from another school, check out our discussion boards online. Hover over "Resources" and click on "Discussion Boards." There has already been one post for space at the Hilton Garden Inn.

The CHOA scholarship is also online. CHOA will be awarding two (2) deserving HOSA members with a \$1,000 scholarship. Please visit the "Scholarships" page under the "Resources" heading at the top of our website for more details.

This year, HOSA members will vote on approving our Georgia HOSA bylaws during our annual business meeting during the SLC. They have been posted online for viewing on the "State Leadership Conference" page.

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MARKETING FOR YOUR HOSA CHAPTER

If any of you would like additional sets of the marketing posters sent from National HOSA for your classroom, recruitment or sponsor gifts, please e-mail the request to info@hosa.org and National HOSA will be more than happy to send them out!

We are also excited to announce a new partnership with Atlanta Medical Center which will allow HOSA members the opportunity to volunteer during the summer months. With the new ACCESS HOSA program, students will need to build up hours in a healthcare facility. Visit the "Volunteer Opportunities" under the "Resources" heading at the top of our page for more details.

FROM THE STATE OFFICERS

This year begins the 1st Annual Georgia HOSA Dress for Less Suit Drive. I bet a lot of you are wondering where the money from the suit drive is going. As we all know, the country of Haiti recently experienced two devastating earthquakes which caused a lot of damage for the country. Many Haitian people have lost all of their belongings and resources. The state officer team decided that because of these recent events, that the profit from the suit drive go to the people of Haiti to help them get back on their feet. We also decided that the clothes left over after the suit drive would be sent to Haiti. So advisors, please encourage your students to bring as much business attire as possible. Thank you advisors for all you do and have done. You have made a difference in each of your schools and the students. Thank you for all that you do and once again let's make the 1st Annual Dress for Less Suit Drive a success!

Pin design samples have been added to the website on the "State Leadership Conference" page.

X-FACTOR

Sean and I are excited to share our X-Factor for this update as being able to get a special tour of the UGA Athletics Division. The director of the Athens Convention and Visitors Bureau took us on a tour yesterday while we were in town meeting with the Classic Center staff. It was most certainly a unique experience!

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