

# FCCLA Update



## 2015-16 STATE THEME— FCCLA: CONNECT AND COMMIT

### TEXAS TO HOST

### NATIONAL FCCLA CLUSTER MEETING

One of the 2015 National FCCLA Cluster meeting will be held in Dallas, Texas, November 20-22, 2015. Information on this conference will be posted on the national FCCLA website and can also be found in the chapter affiliation packet. There are many opportunities for your members and great skill events in which your students can compete. Don't miss the opportunity to participate in a dynamic nationally sponsored meeting.

Texas is excited about hosting the meeting and needs your help. As a host state, we need volunteers to assist with the meeting. Please go to: <http://tinyurl.com/o8om37p> and sign up to assist. This is a great way to get you and your students involved. More details will be shared with responsibilities once they are received from national headquarters.

### FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE PLANNED

Check out the Texas FCCLA website for dates and locations of the fall leadership workshops that are hosted by region and state officers. These meetings are a perfect way for your local members to learn about FCCLA and meet members from your area of the state. They are informative and fun.....something to start your year off with a bang!

### NEW WEBSITE COMING SOON

The Texas FCCLA website is getting a new look and will be ready to be revealed by September 1. It will be easier to navigate through and to find valuable information.

### REGISTRATION FOR MEETING CHANGE

Registration for conference and events will be done on the affiliation system this year. This is new and will all be done electronically. Links will be found on the FCCLA website and/or emailed to chapter advisors when they are open.

### MEMBERSHIP GOAL

Hats off to Texas FCCLA for increasing membership during the 2014-15 school year. The officers set a goal to have over 20,000 members this year. Please work on promoting the organization and helping members connect and commit to the organization before the November 1 affiliation deadline. Let's Go for the Red Texas!

## PEER EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The FCCLA Peer Education conference is scheduled for October 3-4, 2015 at the Omni Park West in Dallas. Information on the conference will be posted to the state FCCLA website [August 24](#). The conference will be open to 400 members and advisors and registration will be on a first come-first serve basis. Look for the schedule and registration materials soon.

## CAREER SHOWCASE

The Career Showcase will follow the Peer Education Conference and is scheduled for October 5 at the Omni Park West in Dallas. This event will be from 9:00 a.m. – 3 p.m. and is open to all students. Visit with exhibitors, hear dynamic speakers on topics related to career readiness and allow members to network with others from across the state. Information on this event will be posted on the website August 24.

## COMPETITIVE EVENT GUIDEBOOK

The edited 2015-16 Competitive Event Guidebook is anticipated to be linked to the Texas FCCLA website by September 15. Texas will be using the national rules and rubrics; but will also have state guidelines. This will provide consistency between state and national competition.

## NEW PROFICIENCY EVENTS...THIS YEAR

Texas is implementing two new proficiency events this year: Cupcake Battle and Say Yes to FCS. Rules and guidelines will be found on the website with the new guidelines. Don't miss out on participating the inaugural year of these two new competitive events.

## LAQUINTA CONTINUES PARTNERSHIP

**Planning a school or family trip?** Remind all of your members that **anyone** can use the FCCLA code and get a reduced price at LaQuinta Hotels. Reservations can be made through the FCCLA Website or by using the code **TFCCLA** when making reservations on the LaQuinta website or in a hotel. Encourage all organizations and groups (band, drill team, dance groups, other organizations) to use the code to help them out with the costs of their travel and to help FCCLA at the same time.

## SCHOLARSHIP THIS YEAR

Scholarship applications will be updated soon for graduating seniors to apply. Applications are due March 1 but it is not too early to start planning.

## STATE FAIR OF TEXAS COMPETITION

State Fair of Texas offers competition on Ag Awareness Day, Tuesday, October 6 in Dallas. Don't miss out on opportunities for your students:

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 13-19- **Membership Recruitment Week**

November 1- affiliation must be submitted on line; payment received and posted by November 15

December 15- deadline for submission of STAR and Proficiency Event entries and payment; officer candidates and honorary membership application.



## **SERVICE LEARNING /COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS**

Each year each region and state delegates select an agency or group to reach out to during the conferences. This year the following groups have been selected:

State – Blood Drive

Region I – Covenant Children’s Hospital

Region II - Let’s Get Cereal About Hunger--Caritas

Region III – Humane Society of Central Texas

Region IV - Unity Children’s’ Home

Region V – Mother Teresa Homeless Shelter

## **TEXAS PROGRAM EMPHASIS**

The state executive officers selected the following programs to focus on during the 2015-16 school year:

Student Body,  
Families First,  
STOP the Violence and  
Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety

Look for something new at region and state meetings: Check out the **Spotlight on Projects**...application forms are on the website. Bring a display of what outstanding activities your chapter is doing at the local level.

## **CHAPTER AWARDS**

Start working now toward getting your chapter recognized for the Outstanding Chapter Award. The application is found on the website and is based on participation in programs and activities available to your members. Get busy and be recognized at the state meeting for your outstanding efforts with FCCLA

## **HELP FIND OUR ALUMNI**

Help locate alumni member and ask them to join us on facebook and register on the alumni site on the website. We want to know where our former members are and what they are doing!!!

## **NEED A MENTOR OR WANT TO BE A MENTEE???**

Contact Sharon Pierce at [spierce@texasfccla.org](mailto:spierce@texasfccla.org) if you want to have a mentor or be a mentee to a new advisor. We would love you all to participate. Let us hear from you.

## **JOIN FCCLA SOCIAL MEDIA SITES**

Please have all your members and advisors join:

*Facebook: Like TexasFCCLA*

*Twitter: TXFCCLA*

*Instagram: TEXASFCCLA*

*Hashtag: #txfccla*

Please call the FCCLA office if you have any questions about your local FCCLA chapter. We look forward to hearing from you!