

REGION III
FAMILY, CAREER AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA

TO: Family and Consumer Sciences Education Teachers

The Region III Meeting, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, is scheduled February 2-4, 2017, at the Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Ave., Waco, TX.

The attendance of you and your students is anticipated as the officers carry out the theme, “Rise. Lead. Succeed. Summits of Success”. Competitive Events will begin Thursday, February 2, 2017. Family and Consumer Sciences Assessments will be available to students on Friday, along with leadership tracks, and service learning activities. The first general session will be on Friday evening, and the meeting will conclude before noon on Saturday, February 4.

Thursday, February 2, 2017

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| Meeting Registration (STAR/Proficiency participants) Time – Posted with the schedules | Waco Convention Center |
| STAR/Proficiency Event Mandatory Check-in Time – Posted with the schedules | Waco Convention Center |

Friday, February 3, 2017

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| Meeting Registration (STAR/Proficiency participants) 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. | Waco Convention Center |
| STAR/Proficiency Event Mandatory Check-in Time – Posted with the schedules | Waco Convention Center (Assigned Rooms) |
| Meeting Registration (General) 10:00 – 6:00 p.m. | Waco Convention Center |
| FCSA Testing 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Pre-registered participants 11:00 – 12:30 p.m. On-site registration | Waco Convention Center |
| Leadership “Tracks” 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. | Waco Convention Center |
| House of Delegates 1:30 p.m. | Waco Convention Center |
| First General Session 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. | Waco Convention Center |

Saturday, February 4, 2017

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| Second General Session 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. | Waco Convention Center |
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Competitive Event participants will need to **print the letter containing information for the individual events from the FCCLA website** along with the **time schedule**. This information will be posted by the first of January. Please check the website to determine the competition time of your student. Participants should **re-check** the website Thursday prior to the meeting to get the latest updates on the schedules. Note: the schedule **could change** after the **mandatory check-in** so participants must check for changes after the revised schedule is posted outside the room following check-in for the events. When participants go to the assigned area and check-in for the event they must submit all required materials.

The mandatory dress code will be enforced at the regional meetings.

At **ALL** official meetings (general sessions, FCSA testing and leadership tracks) students must be in official dress code.

FEMALES:

- Red, black, or white polo or oxford shirt (long or short sleeves)
- Black dress slacks or khaki pants (no capris or shorts)
- Plain black sheath dress

- Black or khaki skirts – no shorter than 2 inches above the knee
- Dress shoes or sandals
- Jeans, t-shirts, athletic wear are NOT acceptable

MALES:

- Red, black, or white polo or oxford shirt (long or short sleeves)
- Black dress slacks or khaki pants (no shorts)
- Dress shoes
- Jeans, t-shirts, athletic wear are NOT acceptable

CULINARY ARTS participants **will need to be in official dress during the STAR Events Recognition Sessions.

ADVISORS/CHAPERONES/GUEST

- Business casual
- Jeans, t-shirts, athletic wear and rubber, beach type flip flops are NOT acceptable

STAR EVENTS PARTICIPANTS| SKILLED DEMONSTRATION PARTICIPANTS

Follow event specifications for dress, and wear appropriate clothing for the nature of the presentation

UNACCEPTABLE ATTIRE AT FCCLA SESSIONS

- Skin-tight or revealing clothing
- Midriff-baring clothing
- Extremely short skirts (shorter than 2 inches above the knee)
- Clothing with printing that is suggestive, obscene or promotes illegal substances
- Athletic clothing
- Swimwear
- Rubber, beach type flip flops
- Night wear (pajamas) should not be worn outside of your hotel room

A list of qualifications for the 2017-2018 region officer candidates will be posted to the website in January. Please review with your voting delegate the election procedure found in the region constitution and have your voting delegate bring a #2 lead pencil to the House of Delegates session. Each chapter may have one voting delegate in attendance. **The voting delegate badge will be in the registration packet that must be picked up before the House of Delegates session.**

Chapters may turn in contributions to the Region III Service Learning Project on Friday during general registration. See the FCCLA website for specific information about the Service Learning Project.

Hotel information is available on the Texas FCCLA website. **Curfew** is set in the hotel at 11:00 p.m. This means that members should be in their rooms by 11:00 p.m. with doors closed and voices should not be heard from the halls or through the walls. Please help enforce this by orienting and monitoring your students.

Scholarships are once again available to FCCLA members. The application for all scholarships can be downloaded from the Texas FCCLA (www.texasfccla.org) web page. The deadline for scholarship submission is March 1, 2017. We also encourage chapters to complete and submit the National Program Awards Application. This application can be found on the national website, and located under the drop down button “awards.” The website address is <http://fclclainc.org/content/program-award-applications/>. Master Advisor and Mentor Advisor application forms can also be found on the Texas FCCLA website (www.texasfccla.org) in the Advisor Section. We encourage you to nominate yourself or another deserving advisor.

The officers look forward to having you attend the 2016 regional meeting. **Please plan to participate in the entire meeting.** If you have any questions, please email Geneva Day (gday@texasfccla.org) or call 940/229-0267.

cc: Sharon Pierce
Pam Rosenbaum

Attachments

Family, Career & Community Leaders of America, Region III

We are so happy to serve as the host hotels during the Family, Career & Community Leaders of America, Region III.

In partnership with your advisors we will be enforcing the 11:00 p.m. curfew established for all attendees. Accordingly, we would like to communicate the **basic expectations** for all guests within the hotel by providing a basic outline for you as described below:

- * Each advisor is responsible for the behavior of his/her group at all times.
- * Each advisor should set specific behavior guidelines for his/her group with specific consequences for misbehavior.
- * Please refrain from throwing objects from stairs or balcony.
- * It is unsafe to hang from railings or slide down banisters.
- * All TV or music levels in rooms or in public areas such as lobby, pool area, halls, etc. must be at an acceptable volume.
- * Be aware that overfilling the elevators could cause a malfunction. Please limit each elevator car and do not overload.
- * Hotels have the option of imposing any sanctions they may deem necessary to maintain order, even to the point of expulsion of the person or persons causing disturbances or damage to their property.
- * Kindly keep in mind that there are **many guests not affiliated** with FCCLA staying in the hotel. Respect the peace and quiet of all guests by practicing these things:
- * Remember that groups of people make more noise than one person.
- * Do not slam doors.
- * Keep your voices down when traveling from the elevators to your room.

We support the Family, Career & Community Leaders of America, and will work with your advisors to ensure a safe and successful stay in our hotel

Thank you,
Hotel Staff

FCCLA Guidelines and Information

Participants are expected to attend and participate in all sessions, workshops and activities so they can gain as much as possible from the meetings. Students who disregard the rules will be subject to disciplinary action and may be sent home at their own expense. Parent/guardians will be notified. All meeting attendees should be informed of the following:

- *All students must be accompanied by an adult chaperone
- *Behavior at all times should reflect a positive, professional image of you, your school, your city and FCCLA.
- *Any accident, injuries or illnesses should be reported to the adult chaperone immediately.
- *If a student is found responsible for stealing or vandalism, the student and his/her parents/guardians will be expected to pay for all damages.
- *Students may not purchase, possess, consumer, or be under the influence of alcohol or an illegal drugs at all times. Violators will be subject to stringent disciplinary action
- *Smoking is prohibited.
- *Males and females should not be in hotel sleeping rooms without the supervision of an adult sponsor.
- *If any inappropriate sexual conduct occurs, regardless of gender, age, grade or race, responsible adults will be informed and appropriate action will occur.

Advisors/Chaperones Responsibilities:

- *Permission slips should be obtained prior to leaving for the regional meeting.
- *If students are going to be allowed to swim, permission must be obtained from the parents; all students MUST be supervised at the pool at all times by the local advisor.
- *Advisors and chaperones are responsible for the behavior and discipline of their students throughout the meeting. Students causing disturbance or displaying inappropriate behavior will be asked to leave the meeting and the hotel.
- *An adult must accompany and supervise all students at a ratio of about 1 adult for every 10 students.
- * Male chaperones should supervise male students.
- * The curfew during the meeting is 11:00 p.m.

Food in the Convention Center

NO Food or Drink can be brought into the Waco Convention Center! If you choose to go elsewhere, there are restaurants/fast foods within driving or walking distance (**See below a list of nearby restaurants within walking distance**). The concession will be open in the Waco Convention Center if you choose to eat there.

Nearby Restaurants and Shops

After hours, conventioners and visitors can turn to the downtown's nearby entertainment district for an evening of dining and unwinding. This restored row of warehouses is packed with restaurants, bars, and shops varied enough to suit any taste.

Here's a list of nearby restaurants, starting with the closest and going to within easy walking distance of the Waco Convention Center.

A La Cart – Upper level of the Waco Convention Center. Open breakfast and lunch.

Brazos Grille – Waco Hilton. Next door to the Convention Center.

Riversquare Center – across Franklin Ave.

- Bangkok Royal
- Teriyaki Park
- Wingstop
- Oso Yogurt
- Olive Branch Bakery and Cafe
- Crickets Grill
- Diamond Backs
- Ninfa's Mexican Restaurant
- The Shops of Spice
- Wild West Country Dance Hall

On Austin Avenue and nearby:

- Jimmy John's
- Jake's Texas Tea House
- Klassy Glass Wine Bar
- Legacy Cafe
- and many more

Hotel Indigo (211 Clay Ave) has a restaurant and bar called Brazos Cafe.