

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:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1lkxTpV1uld1FitaivoNWs-BmDDjMvcs5k-0TAbldsFE/edit?usp=sharing>

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.

The following Skill Demonstration Events will be offered for onsite competition at the 2015 National Cluster Meetings:

- Culinary Chicken Fabrication
- Culinary Knife Skills
- Fashion Sketch
- FCCLA Creed Speaking & Interpretation
- Impromptu Speaking
- Speak Out for FCCLA
- Technology in Teaching



Interested in the content-area Challenge Testing, which will be taken online this year? Testing will be given in these areas, during the November 2-6 testing window:

- Culinary Math
- Consumer Math
- Early Childhood
- FCCLA Knowledge
- Hospitality, Tourism & Recreation
- Nutrition
- Science in FACS

Register today to reserve competition spots for your chapter!

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 UP AND LOOKING GOOD!

The Texas FCCLA website has a new look . Check out videos on the front page and the new layout. It is easier to navigate and to find valuable information. Enjoy!

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!

COMPETITIVE EVENTS:

COMPETITIVE EVENT GUIDEBOOK

The edited 2015-16 Competitive Event Guidebook is now linked to the Texas FCCLA website . 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 by October 1. Don't miss out on participating the inaugural year of these two new competitive events.

TEXAS GUIDELINES

Because of the process adopted in Texas to select the students advancing from region to state and state to national; there will be a Texas Guideline will still be in place. The new guidelines will be posted by October 1. The changes in the rules will be highlighted in red.

OTHER GREAT INFORMATION:

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

The State Fair of Texas begins this weekend with Ag Awareness Day scheduled for Tuesday, October 6. We hope to see many of you there for the special, education event.

WHAT DID YOU DO DURING MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT WEEK?

Please share with us exciting things that you did during Membership Recruitment Week so we can spotlight you on the website and in social media.

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!!! An Alumni Council has been established and are working hard to get our alumni identified and involved.



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

Contact Sharon Pierce at 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

Hashtag: #txfccla

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

DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 1: all information about Proficiency and STAR events will be posted to the Texas FCCLA website

November 1- affiliation must be submitted on line;

November 15: payment received and posted to the registration site

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

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU? PLEASE CALL THE STATE FCCLA OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.... WE ARE HERE TO HELP US ALL CONNECT AND COMMIT! 512-306-0099

