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Membership Deadline – Don't Miss It!

The final membership deadline is March 1, 2009. Don't put it off because if you don't have your membership in before the deadline your students will not be eligible to compete at the Spring Conference and Skill Championships. Membership dues are \$18.00 for Professional Members and \$12.00 for student members. Just go to the website below to Login in the Registration Site:

<http://www.skillsusa.org/join/joinonline.shtml>

New Prize Policy

This year the Air National Guard and other great sponsors are generously providing the Competitor Prizes for Spring Conference. To show our appreciation for their support, SkillsUSA is implementing a NEW Prize Policy: All winners who earn prizes must first send a Thank You Note to the State Office (to be forwarded to the Sponsor) before receiving their prize. Once a Chapter's Thank You Notes have been received by the State Office, prizes will be sent to the chapter advisors to be given to the student winners. Contact the State Office with questions.

Official Dress Requirement

Students *must* wear official dress or competition uniform for the Championships Awards Ceremonies in order to receive their medallions on stage. This year extra jackets will *NOT* be provided for student use on stage. Please plan accordingly and contact the state office with any questions.

OregonSkillsUSA.com

Spring Conference Championships

The Spring Leadership Conference and Skills Championships will be held April 10-11, 2009, at Linn Benton Community College, in Albany, Oregon. I challenge each student competitor to complete in a Skill Event and a Leadership Event this year, it doubles your chances of earning the opportunity to compete at Nationals. The Registration Deadline for Spring Conference is March 3, 2009. Make sure this deadline is met so that students are eligible to compete. Registration is done online at:

<http://www.skillsusa.org/join/joinonline.shtml>



You can be a SkillsUSA State Officer

Is it your time to be on stage as a State Officer? Are you looking for your time in the Lime Light? The 2009-2010 SkillsUSA Team will be elected at the Spring Conference in April and you could be on it. Ask your advisor for the State Officer Application Packet to fill out. There are several parts to it so don't procrastinate. Your application is due in the State Officer by March 3, 2009.

Resumes and Knowledge Tests

Again this year each competitor **MUST** turn in a Resume and completed SkillsUSA Knowledge Test to EACH Competition Chair they registered in. The Knowledge Test will be emailed to Advisors on Monday, March 30, 2009, to be completed before Conference and turned in at each competition location.

SkillsUSA National Conference 2009

The National SkillsUSA Leadership Conference and Skills Championships will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, June 22-27, 2009. All Oregon Champions who place 1st in their Competition area are eligible to compete at Nationals. National Registration Commitments are due to the State Office by Friday, April 17, 2009, with your Registration Fee and your NLSC 1 Form. The cost of participating in Nationals will be: transportation to Kansas City, 5 nights at the Conference Hotel, the Registration Fee, meals for 6 days, plus any other incidentals and spending. It's never too early to start planning for Nationals.



Youth Symposium

“The Future Is Yours To Create!” The Oregon 150 Symposium is a wonderful opportunity for students to have their voices heard and to help plan what Oregon will be like in 50 years. This youth project is part of the 150th year celebration recognizing Oregon's statehood. Submit a preliminary application to representative your community at this Symposium in Salem, Or, June 29th – July 1st. At this Symposium you will be creating the Vision for Oregon in 2058. For more Information and Applications visit: www.oregon150.org

Central Oregon ~ Bowl-a-thon

In December 2008 Central Oregon SkillsUSA Chapters came together in a Regional Bowl-a-Thon. These schools joined forces towards having a good time. You too can plan a region activity in your area, just coordinate something fun and invite chapters who are nearby. Be creative, maybe you will host a community service activity, fundraiser, scavenger hunt, social, or just a friendly competition. And don't forget to invite a State Officer or the State Director.

Spring Conference Volunteers

The State Director is looking for Alumni and Supporters to assist with the Spring Leadership Conference and Skill Championships on April 10-11, 2009. If you are interested in supporting this conference by volunteering in a variety of different ways like acting as Courtesy Corp or Judging, please sign-up through the State Office.

Chapter Management Institute

On January 10, 2009, 27 SkillsUSA Advisors from Oregon and Washington met at the WESD for the National CMI Advisor Training. Deb Kenn, SkillsUSA National Staff, conducted the enlightening training sharing information from Advisor Do's and Don'ts, to helpful hints, as well as many great resources that were ready for use upon returning home. The ASK (Advisor Success Kit) CD was a hit, sharing a lot of information and checklists for students to use when planning Chapter Activities. This training was empowering for Advisors as well as educational when trying to help make your chapter run more successfully.



Neva Clausen, Shelby Adsero, Lora Wells and Gavin Meyers working on a SkillsUSA CMI Project

Reynolds SkillsUSA – Coat Drive

In December of 2008, Reynolds High School SkillsUSA adopted Fairview Elementary School in order to give warm winter coats and shoes to children in need. This chapter completed fundraisers and social events in order to provide 16 coats, and some shoes, for these needy elementary school children.

SkillsUSA.org

SkillsUSA Week

SkillsUSA Week is coming up February 8-14. This is a great time to do some Public Relations for your SkillsUSA Chapter. Take the time to make sure your school, community and legislative representatives know how important SkillsUSA and Career and Technical Education are. Also, make sure to send in a description of what you did to the State Office so your chapter can be featured in the next Newsletter. This is also a sign-off for Superior Chapter Award, so make it count and get recognized on stage at Spring Conference for all your effort.

Oregon T-Shirt and Pin Design

Get your creativity flowing and submit your t-shirt and pin design for the Oregon Delegation to wear with pride at the National Conference in June. Rules for the Design: 1. it uses 4 colors or less, 2. it must be useable for the pin and the shirt, 3. it must include "SkillsUSA Oregon 2009" within the design, and 4. it must be submitted by March 3 by a SkillsUSA Member. Please contact the State Office with questions or to submit entries.

Centennial SkillsUSA - Gala Dinner

Congratulations to Centennial High School SkillsUSA on a job well done on a SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) Gala Dinner where they raised money and awareness for this Portland-based literacy program. Many attended this great event in December and \$932.00 was raised to support SMART through the Raffle and the Reading Pledge Signs.



Left: One of the Baskets Ruffled Off at the SMART Gala Dinner. Right: One of the Dishes Served at the Dinner.

Oregon Advisor of the Year

It is time to nominate the Oregon Advisor of the Year for 2009. Write a letter of nominate about your great advisor telling why they deserve this great recognition, then submit the letter to the State Office by Friday, February 27. The announcement of the Oregon Advisor of the Year will be made at the Spring Conference.

SkillsUSA Advisors

The Board of Advisors is looking for some new advisors to help by stepping forward and serving on the SkillsUSA Oregon Board of Advisor. Currently there is a very dedicated group who meets the 1st Monday of every month at 5:30p in Salem. Come let your voice be heard and make a difference for this great organization at the State Level. Contact the State Director for more information.

Up Coming Events

National Pin Design Due – Feb 1
SkillsUSA Week – Feb 8-14
Membership Final Deadline – Mar 1
Spring Conference Reg Due – Mar 3
Spring Conference – April 10-11
State Officer Applications Due – Mar 3
Applicant Interview – Mar 14
Oregon Pin Design Contest Due – Mar 3
SkillsUSA Week of Service – May 3-9
National Conference – June 22-27

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