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State Director's Flash Report:

Dear Advisors:

Our State Conference is now just a month away and we are making final preparation for the conference. We had a meeting with the Fair Ground staff Wednesday, March 22nd to make sure that we are all on the same page as they prepare for us to arrive.

You will not see the construction that we had last year and there will be some changes in contest locations inside the buildings. An increase in numbers in many contests is nice to see but we also must make room for this increase.

We will get this information to you as we complete it.

State Director Action Item



State Conference: Due Dates

Registration for State Conference is **CLOSED**. See below about reopening for changes.

March 24, 2017 State Hotel Forms Due. Advisors are to send to: forms@nysskillsusa.org

March 24, 2017 EXTRA T-SHIRT ORDER FORM DUE Send to Midge McCloskey
mmccloskey@nysskillsusa.org

April 4, 2017 State Hotel Assignments posted

April 10, 2017 NYS Registration site reopens for changes. Make all final changes online.

April 13, 2017 NYS Registration site closes. All payments are due. Please submit:

Please Note:

Each year we give you a chance to make changes to your registration just before we finalize the conference registration for scoring and name badges.

This year the dates are April 10-13, 2017. We know that some of you will be on spring break and may not be able to make changes during this time. Please contact Midge with your concerns so she can work out an extension for you. Please note that this extension would only be a day extension right after you return.

Other Information:

There will be one regents' exam that will fall within the National Conference. We are working with the State Ed Dept. over the regents' exams. We have a plan to be able to give this exam at Nationals. More information will be given out as we further define the plan.

On March 30, 2017 I will be at the state ACTEA conference in Albany. We will also have a booth at the conference that will be manned by State Officers.

The State call to Conference and all the forms are on the web site www.nysskillsusa.org. Check under the conference tab and the forms tab for the information you are looking for. Again, this year we will have the State Call to Conference Packet that you should print off. It is your guide and contains what you will need for the State Conference.

Know Your State Contest Standards (Important)

State Director Action Item



We have seen changes to contest standards from chairs and we continue to post these on the website. It is very important that you check these often so your students have the latest update on the contest.

Please keep checking the www.nysskillsusa.org website for updates to the contest standards. There is a small symbol of NY next to the standard that indicates there are updates to that standard which will be at the end of the standard so please scroll all the way down to check.

Contest Judges: NEW

Please note: We are always in need of people willing to judge in many contests. Opening and Closing is looking for judges and if you are knowledgeable in this area and would like to judge please contact Lisa Romeiser at www.lromeiser@aol.com

Please contact Ellen if you are interested in judging in any other contest.

Ellen Coughlin at www.coughlinsgotskills@gmail.com

Security Corps: Update

If you have students who are going to be part of the Security Corps you need to complete the application found on the Forms page of our website and e-mail it to David Foldi at www.davidfoldi@wsweboces.org David needs this information to be able to send information back to you as to assignments.

Contest Helpers: Update

The Contest Helper's responsibility is to "provide service to the Chairpersons" who are running the leadership and/or skills competitions during the conference.

Application for Contest Helper are due April 1, 2017 can be found on the website www.nyskillsusa.org Under the Forms tab. Please e-mail this form to Ellen Coughlin at www.coughlinsgotskills@gmail.com

NEW Photojournalist: Update

A New area to participate in is called Photojournalist. We are allowing each chapter to register 2 photographers to attend the state event. They will participate the same as Contest Helper and Security Corps with a chairperson overseeing the students. If you have students who are going to be Photojournalist you must complete the application found on the website www.nyskillsusa.org

Under the Forms tab. Please e-mail this form to Ellen Coughlin at www.coughlinsgotskills@gmail.com

NATIONALS Information: