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Junior Troupes Meet

Our 12th annual Junior Thespian State Conference was held at Bexley MS on December 12 and 13. The schools in attendance performed for delegates, attended workshops, participated in Individual Events and networked. Next year's event will be held in February in the Columbus area.

For those of you with high school troupes, having a junior high/middle school troupe is a great feeder system for your troupe. Encourage teachers in the lower school to start a troupe.

The Hall of Fame dinner which serves as our organization's Annual meeting is for **all** Troupe Directors and Professional members of EdTA. You are encouraged to attend this adult only event. You will receive an invitation and menu option after the Conference schedule is completed. To assist the food service, please respond to this invitation promptly.

Looking for student leaders

Each Area is looking for SSO applicants for 2009-2010. Contact your area rep for the necessary information and forms. The SSOs will be announced at State Conference 2009!!

Conference Planning

Registration materials are posted on the website

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and the early bird deadline is February 13th. At that time we will place orders for conference t-shirts, contract shuttle bus service, and schedule Individual Events, judges, etc. While you may add students and make substitutions after that date, there will be additional fees. You will not be able to register additional Individual Events, scholarship applicants, or order t-shirts. We also contract for food service at that time so while we order a little extra, please realize that we cannot guarantee food for students who register at the door.

Meals will be served for lunch and dinner on Saturday in four seatings and we plan on assigning the seatings by schools. To make this happen we will attempt to repeat workshops and performances scheduled during the meal times.

Tech Challenge is also changing this year. We are requiring pre-registration. (form is on the website) We also are allowing students from smaller delegations to register individually and we will make teams of four. There is a $2.50/student ($10/team) for this and we will purchase the needed materials.

As we have done in the past, our SSOs will be collecting for **BC/EFA** so remind your students to bring their spare change.

We will also have our **Boutique** with theatre-related items.

Conference Logistics

Many of you are old hands at Conference, but for our new troupe directors, here are some suggestions and for our veterans, reminders.

As you begin making plans, for conference some things that may be helpful.

- We believe that registration will open between 4 and 4:30. Beavercreek HS has school that day and we want to give them the opportunity to leave. Please do not arrive any earlier than 4 p.m.
- If you are using our shuttle service, you will need to have your school transportation take you to the hotel, check-in and leave your luggage. Since a Friday meal is not provided, you will probably want to stop and have dinner. Tentatively the first performance of *All Shook Up* is at 5:30 and the second one after Opening Ceremonies are completed.
- Shuttle service will be provided after the 2nd performance of *All Shook Up*, tentatively 11 p.m.
- At Conference you will be given the shuttle pick-up schedule for your hotel on Saturday and Sunday morning. Typically they start at 7:30 a.m.
- Saturday night shuttles will load at midnight.
- Beavercreek School buses are not permitted to carry passengers **and** luggage or equipment. Sunday, a separate vehicle will be sent for the luggage and you will be provided with ribbon to identify your school's luggage. We ask that nothing loose be left with the luggage. i.e. shoes, etc.

Event Calendar

SW Area
Jan. 10 - Glen Este HS
N Area
Jan. 17 - Edison HS
NW Area
Jan. 17 - Start HS
NE Area
Jan. 31—Strongsville HS

Conference Early Bird Registration
February 13

2009 State Thespian Conference
March 27-29

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Those schools which have requested a **screening,** already have received or will be receiving an **invoice** for $15 for the screeners expenses. Please send your payment promptly.

Those schools which were screened before Dec. 7th have been sent their **invitations and screening reports**. Please return your invitation response by Feb. 15th.

The Board meets the weekend of Feb. 21st and will create the **Conference schedule** at that time. Once the schedule is complete and the performing schools have been contacted and verified their availability, it will be posted on our website.

Once the schedule is posted, a **ticket form** will be available online to order tickets for the performances at State Conference. Other than the All-Ohio show, which all schools are expected to attend, a school may request up to 10% of the total capacity of a space. This will permit your students to see many things which they can share with their peers and more schools will be able to see a variety of events.

. While you belong to EdTA and more than likely several other professional organizations, we encourage you to take a look at the Nat'l Assoc. of School Activities Speech Div. Yearly membership is $20 and it provides a million dollars of add'l liability insurance to members. Visit **http://www.nfhs.org/core/contentmanager/uploads/PDFs/MemberAPP/SDT_brochure_2008.pdf.**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!