

STATE CONFERENCE UPDATES

State Conference is fast approaching and here is a reminder of the events your students may participate in.

Individual Events:

- New Event—Group Acting
- Tech play—*The Doll's House*
- Costume Construction play—*Private Lives*
Receiving a superior from both judges qualifies the student for going to Lincoln
- No callback rounds

Tech Challenge

- Students may register individually
- Cost is \$2.50/student or \$10/team
- Needed materials will be provided

Scholarships

Only available to seniors planning on studying a communicative art

College Auditions

Open to any junior who has attended one of our audition workshops throughout the year. Colleges present will not be able to offer money but will keep in contact with those they have an interest.

Should we bring extra spending money?
Familiar question from your students?
At Conference we will be having our silent auction, our SSOs will be collecting for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights Aids, our Thespian boutique, our famous ducks will also be up for sale, for food on your trip down and back...and other miscellaneous items.

Deadline

The early bird registration is....

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and many of you have had snow days which have put you behind. Please remember that it is most important that you send your registration by the deadline because we need to schedule Individual Events, scholarship auditions, college auditions, marathons, invited performances shuttle buses and food. Please send your registration in even if the check from the school district is delayed!!!

Planning ahead???

The Ohio EdTA State Board voted at the last Board meeting to have State Conference 2010 at Ashland University March 19-21, 2010. Many of you have to submit your calendars to your administrators so we hope this helps.

Out with the old and in with the new...

On August 1, 2009, my term as Chapter Director of Ohio will end and Scott Wilson from West HS in the Columbus area will begin his four-year term. I will remain on the State Board so you'll see me around and I know you will wish Scott well and support him as he takes on his new role.

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If you requested a screening and have not paid your screening invoice, you must pay this before your invited show will be scheduled.

Making Lemonade out of Lemons

When SW area had some schools unable to attend because of an ice storm, SW Ohio EdTA reps gave the excess food to a family who had lost their home to a fire and whose children attend one of the attending Thespian schools. The schools who were unable to attend will be issued certificates in recognition of community service which they may include in their Honor Troupe documentation.

If you are interested in starting the Honor Thespian program, check the home page of our website.

So what happens after we've registered?

On February 21st a committee of the Board will meet at the Conference site and take all the registration information and schedule all events. Individual Events, Scholarship auditions, college auditions, all screened productions and all marathon productions, along with all workshops, shuttle bus runs, food service, All-Conference activities and social event will be scheduled. The tentative schedule will then be presented to the full Board on the 22nd. Schools who are performing or have a student in Individual Events, or auditions will be notified of the tentative schedule and some adjustments may be made. The full schedule will be posted on the website as soon as that process is done. The post registration will then be sent. Many of you expressed a preference for snail mail packet so we will attempt to do that this year (as long as there is no blizzard). If you would prefer it sent as an attachment in an email, please e-mail me at gmcintyre@ohedta.org and I will honor your request.

Pre-conference planning,,,

Knowing that you need to tell your transportation and parents an approximate timeline, here are the tentative times. More definite time will be published after the scheduling retreat.

FRIDAY

Registration will open at approximately 4:30 p.m. —The All-Ohio show curtain will be at 5:30 and after Opening ceremonies

Shuttles will depart after the last show between 10:30 and 11 p.m.

SATURDAY

Fose Scholarships and IEs will begin tentatively at 8 a.m. —Workshops and performances will begin between 8:15 and 8:30.

The day will end at midnight

SUNDAY

Activities will start between 8:30 and 9 a.m.

Closing ceremonies should end around 1 p.m.