

## **2010 TJCL State Convention – Preliminary Information**

**Gatlinburg Convention Center – Friday, April 9 and Saturday, April 10, 2010**

**PARENTS AND STUDENTS – PLEASE READ ALL OF THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY!**

Convention Web Page: <http://faculty.musowls.org/tjcl/2010-state-convention.html>

All students and parents are responsible for reading the TJCL Convention Packet, which is posted on this web page.

Sponsors / Chaperones: Mr. Suddarth, Ms. Reinhardt, Mr. Torrey, Mr. Murphy

Mr. Sellers is responsible for organizing the convention; he will not be travelling with the MUS delegation.

Hotel: Garden Plaza Hotel (<http://www.4lodging.com/GATTN/>)  
520 Historic Nature Trail  
Gatlinburg, TN 37738  
800-435-9201

The hotel is located within easy walking distance of the convention center and numerous restaurants and attractions. (See web page for details.)

Tentative Schedule:

Thursday, April 8:

Depart from MUS at 7:00 AM sharp  
Lunch along the way  
Arrive at hotel between 4:00 – 5:00 PM (Eastern Time Zone)

Friday, April 9:

TJCL Convention (8:00 AM – 9:00 PM)

Saturday, April 10:

TJCL Convention (9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)  
Lunch at Duff's Smorgasbord in Pigeon Forge  
Arrive back at MUS ca. 8:00 PM

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Be a current JCL member.
2. Have either an A average in Latin One or at least a strong B average in Upper School Latin.
3. Have the Latin teacher's permission.

## Participation Requirements:

1. All MUS students must complete either the poem or the essay. Follow the guidelines very carefully. (Guidelines are explained in the TJCL Convention Packet.) You are on your honor not to submit a poem that you have submitted in a previous year's competition.

2. Academic Testing – All MUS students must prepare for and take at least five tests. Vocabulary, Derivatives, Reading Comprehension, and Grammar are required. Students must then choose at least one additional test (History, Mythology, Roman Life, Geography, etc.). A link to the MUS academic testing study guides is available via Mr. Suddarth's faculty page.

**It is absolutely critical for us to do well on these academic tests. This is where the convention will be won or lost.**

3. In addition to the pre-convention writing contest and academic testing, all MUS students must compete in at least one other convention contest:

Skit (1 group)	English Oratory (6 students)
Certamen (1 team per level)	Dramatic Latin (6 students)
Mythology Spelling Bee (2 students)	Vocal Perf. (3 students, 1 group)
Costume Contest (10 students, 1 group)	
Graphic Arts (8 submissions per category)	
Spirit Contest Leader (This event is now for points; we need 1 or 2 good leaders.)	
TJCL State Officer Candidate (See Mr. Sellers if you are interested in running.)	

## How To Sign Up For the Convention:

1. Turn in your poem or essay. Follow the guidelines in the packet.
2. Turn in your completed permission slips. One is for TJCL, the other for MUS.
3. Be prepared to tell your teacher what other event(s) you plan to participate in. There will be sign-up lists for these events posted outside of the Latin Office.
4. Parents will be billed \$170.00 by the school. This fee will include convention registration, transportation, lodging, and an MUS convention T-shirt. Meals are NOT included in this price; you will pay for these on your own. Unless you tell us otherwise, you will receive the same size shirt you ordered at the beginning of the year.
5. TJCL is offering a special convention T-shirt of its own. If you would like to purchase one, please bring a check for \$10.00.

**Deadline – Tuesday, February 23, 2010**

**Turning in everything early is recommended.**

**We have one charter bus and the MUS BUS. Once they're full, they're full.**

## Memphis University School - Extracurricular Activity Permission Slip

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Level of Latin: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My son has permission to travel with the MUS delegation to attend the TJCL State Convention in Gatlinburg, TN from April 8 – April 10, 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_

parent / guardian signature date

\_\_\_\_\_

phone number(s) where parents / guardians may be reached during the trip

I agree to abide by all MUS and TJCL policies and expectations in respect to this trip.

\_\_\_\_\_

student signature date

### Convention Participation Requirements

Circle one or the other: POEM ESSAY

Academic tests (required for all MUS students):

VOCAB GRAMMAR DERIVATIVES READING COMP

Other academic tests I plan to take (circle at least one):

MYTHOLOGY HISTORY ROMAN LIFE CLASSICAL GEOGRAPHY  
HELLENICS LATIN LIT CLASSICAL ART ACADEMIC HEPTATHLON

At least one other event I plan to participate in (circle at least one):

There are certain limits and exclusions for these contests. Talk to your teacher first.

SKIT ENGLISH ORATORY DRAMATIC LATIN  
VOCAL PERFORMANCE CERTAMEN MYTH SPELLING BEE  
COSTUME CONTEST GRAPHIC ARTS (category: \_\_\_\_\_)  
SPIRIT CONTEST LEADER STATE OFFICER CANDIDATE

**2010 TJCL State Convention – Student Permission Slip**

Please give a blank copy to each student.

All permission slips must be turned in by the chapter sponsor at the beginning of the convention.

They should not be mailed in advance.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the parent or guardian gives the above-named student permission to attend and participate in the Tennessee Junior Classical League State Convention on April 9-10, 2010 at the Gatlinburg Convention Center. The parent or guardian assumes responsibility for any damages done by the above-named student to TJCL or convention center property. Signature of the parent or guardian also relieves TJCL, the Gatlinburg Convention Center, and their representatives of any and all liability connected with this convention.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature of parent or guardian) (date)

**Medical Release and Information**

In the event of an injury or illness to the above-named student during the convention, even if I cannot be contacted directly at the time, I hereby authorize the Tennessee Junior Classical League and its agents to provide and/or obtain any medical treatment they deem necessary. I hereby release the Tennessee Junior Classical League and its agents from any and all claims and liability arising in any way out of its exercise of this authority.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature of parent or guardian) (date)

If you would like TJCL to have this information in case of a medical emergency, please complete:

Name of Medical Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Policy Holder: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician and Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Relevant Medical Problems / Medications: \_\_\_\_\_