

2010 TJCL State Convention

Friday, April 9 and Saturday, April 10, 2010

Please check your student delegate confirmation list ASAP (correct spelling of names, correct level of Latin for each student, etc.). Please e-mail any changes to Stephanie (sgonzalez@scsk12.org). Also, if you registered any chaperones as TBA, please e-mail those names to her, as well.

To make a long story short, all of these changes need to be made in the computer at the same time; it's not as easy as inserting a word or two into a Microsoft Word document.

The last day to make any changes, corrections, substitutions, or additions is Wednesday, March 31.

Where is the convention center located?

It's located on the corner of Gatlinburg Parkway (also known as the Gatlinburg Strip) and Historic Nature Trail (also known as Airport Road), right across the street from the Gatlinburg Space Needle. When driving into Gatlinburg, you will want to avoid the traffic in Sevierville and Pigeon Forge as much as possible. Consult the following website for suggested alternate routes into the city: http://www.gatlinburg-tennessee.com/alternate_routes.php.

Where should we park?

There is NO parking available at the convention center itself. There are, however, various parking lots and garages located throughout the downtown Gatlinburg area. TJCL has not made arrangements with any of these facilities. Consult the following website for a map of public parking garages: <http://www.ci.gatlinburg.tn.us/parkingdept/parkingmap.htm>.

Ideally, everyone from out of town will stay at the Edgewater, the Glenstone, or the Garden Plaza. Busses can remain parked at the hotels, and the students can just walk on over to the convention center. If you prefer to have your bus drop your students off, there is a bus loading / unloading zone on the Airport Road side of the convention center. This is NOT meant to be a long-term parking area, though.

What should we do when we arrive on Friday morning?

You may arrive starting at 7:30 AM (but not before, please).

Sponsors should turn in students' permission slips at the registration table in the Mills Conference Center lobby (just off the bus unloading area on Airport Road) and then pick up school registration packets (name tags, adult duty assignments, etc.) and convention programs. Activity coordinators will also pick up a separate packet with judging sheets, instructions, etc.

Students should take their art projects to Tennessee Ballroom A (located right by the registration area). Please make sure that the projects are pre-labeled with the TJCL art registration cards. This will make the registration process quick and painless for everyone.

Students competing in Costume, Vocal Performance, Dramatic Latin, and English Oratory should sign up for these events. There will be sign-up sheets posted on tables in the registration lobby. We're hoping that an early sign-up for these events may prevent some chaos / confusion later in the day. It is NOT necessary to sign up for Academic Testing, the Mythology Spelling Bee, or Certamen.

If you have a small school banner for the new banner contest, you may attach it to the pole located in your assigned seating section in Mills Auditorium. (If there is an old banner there already, feel free to leave it up or to remove it.) Large banners may not be attached to walls but should instead be incorporated into the Spirit Procession.

Please take your platform and pole home with you after the convention. You can bring it back every year.

The opening assembly will begin in Mills Auditorium at 8:15 AM.

What about the TJCL convention T-shirt?

Pre-ordered T-shirts will be available in the Teacher Hospitality Room (Greenbriar Room), and sponsors may pick them up at any time during the day on Friday. Please do not send in students to pick up shirts.

Leftover T-shirts will go on sale for \$10.00 on Saturday morning. There will be a table set up in the registration lobby.

May we bring food into the convention center?

No food or drinks may be brought into the convention center from the outside. There will, however, be a concession stand available inside the convention center on both Friday and Saturday. Of course, there will also be a hospitality room open to sponsors and chaperones (Friday only).

How late into the night are my students allowed to roam the Gatlinburg Strip?

Since most schools will be staying at the Edgewater, Garden Plaza, or Glenstone, TJCL is implementing an 11:00 PM curfew at these hotels for both Thursday and Friday nights. ("Curfew" meaning, of course, that the students should be in their own assigned rooms for good, not loitering in the hotel lobby or wandering around the halls.) For the safety of all TJCL students, and for the sanity of all TJCL sponsors, please help enforce this curfew over your own students.

Is there a “state of emergency” this year?

Yes. In fact, the governor may call in the National Guard to maintain order. There is a “state of emergency” for 2nd Vice-President (only 1 candidate), Secretary (no candidates), Parliamentarian (no candidates), and Historian (no applicants). Additional information will be available at the Nominations Committee Meeting on Friday morning.

What are the sweepstakes divisions?

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(34 -55 students)	(20-33 students)	(13-18 students)	(5-12 students)
Hume-Fogg Meigs St. Mary’s White Station MUS	West MLK Hutchison USN Bearden Smyrna Arlington	Gibbs / Halls Clarksville Houston Oakland MCHS SBEC Siegel Providence Knox Catholic	Northeast Rossvie West Creek Riverdale St. George’s

N.B. The divisions are somewhat lopsided, in part, because a number of schools have the exact same number of delegates, and there is no good place to make a cut.

What if I need to contact you during the convention?

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We are looking forward to a great convention in a fun new location.

Thank you for supporting TJCL!