

Pennsylvania FCCLA Back to School Release

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To: PA FCCLA Chapter Advisers and Members, Board of Directors, Teacher Educators, State Executive Council, Alumni and Associates

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Chapter Membership Affiliation

1. **New:** December 15 is the Pennsylvania FCCLA affiliation deadline in order for students to participate in STAR Events. (Date approved to begin 2017-18 school year.)

Advisers can affiliate earlier. PA FCCLA recommends affiliating at least 12 members by November 1 in order to have access to all national services including the national affiliation portal that provides the Competitive Events Guide.

2. National dues are \$9 and state dues are \$9. Remit \$18 dues per member and adviser following the instructions on the National FCCLA affiliation website at <http://www.fcclainc.org/>. Click on the "Chapter Login" link at the top of the webpage. If you need help, review the Membership Affiliation documents for instructions through the initial steps of the process, found on the "Join FCCLA" link.

3. Chapters, who have less than 12 members, should call Mrs. Standley for information.

4. Middle level chapters have the option of affiliating all FCS students for a fee of \$750 (\$450 national and \$300 state).

PA FCCLA State-wide Projects: (Entire information will be on our PA FCCLA website.)

1. **PA Membership Campaign** is "Join at the Hip Membership."

2. **PA Outreach Program** is "Go Green for the Red."

3. **PA Advocacy Campaign** is launching a new initiative called "Can You Hear Us Now" to help chapters advocate for FCCLA, FCS, and Related Occupations.

For Your Chapter Officers

Our State President Taylor Winslow wishes to contact your **chapter officers**. Please pass along Taylor's email address twinslow@pafccla.org to your chapter officers and ask them to email her with "Hello, My name is _____, and I am the president of (FCCLA chapter name)."

Continuing this year **Social Media** is the way for your students to connect.

1. PA FCCLA website will feature lots of information and forms to use this year. pafccla.org

2. Encourage members to follow our Pennsylvania FCCLA Facebook and PA FCCLA Instagram.

The State Executive Council Public Relations Committee requests **chapter photos** so that your chapter can be recognized on the PA FCCLA Facebook. Submit your favorite pictures and stories of your chapter projects to Aubrey Thiec, Vice President of Public Relations at athiec@pafccla.org.

Regional FCCLA Leadership Meetings (RLM): Workshop descriptions, directions, and registration information for Regional Leadership Meetings can be found on the PA FCCLA website. **Registration deadline is October 5.**

Central RLM: Monday, October 23 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Northumberland County CTC

Western RLM: Monday, October 30 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Burgettstown High School

Eastern RLM: Monday, November 6 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Reading Area Community College

State Leadership Conference (SLC): The Annual Pennsylvania State Leadership Conference will be held on Wednesday, March 14, to Friday, March 16, 2018 at Kalahari Resort, 250 Kalahari Boulevard, Pocono Manor, PA 18349.

The deadline to submit conference and STAR Event registration is **January 22, 2018**.

The deadline to reserve hotel accommodations using the PA FCCLA SLC hotel block is February 5, 2018.

SLC Cost Preview:

1. STAR Event Participant registration fee will be \$10 per STAR Event participant payable to PA FCCLA.
2. **New:** Conference registration and your three main meals (excluding breakfasts) will be \$190 payable to PA FCCLA. We did not purchase a buffet breakfast for Thursday or Friday because of the expense (approximately \$50). There are refrigerators and microwaves in all rooms. Everyone should bring foods for breakfast.
3. Conference Lodging for two nights is payable to Kalahari. All rooms have two queen beds and a pullout sofa. You may book one to six people in the room. It has one bathroom, refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker, safe, and free Wi-Fi.

\$348.14 per person, single occupancy	\$87.04 per person, quad occupancy
\$174.07 per person, double occupancy	\$79.93 per person, five occupancy
\$116.05 per person, triple occupancy	\$75.19 per person, six occupancy

There are Two Room Family Suites which have one room with two queen beds and a pullout sofa and a separate room with a king bed. This suite has two bathrooms. These rooms will not be located next to other types of rooms, so your chapter rooms will be separated on different floors. Availability is limited; first come, first serve.

The cost of the Two Room Family Suite for the two nights is \$522.22 which when:

- divided by 8 is \$65.28 per person, or
- divided by 7 is \$74.60 per person, or
- divided by 6 is \$87.04 per person.

Competitive Events:

At State Leadership Conference: STAR Events will be held on Wednesday and Thursday.

Obtain the Competitive Events Guide through your chapter affiliation portal.

There are several STAR Events that are only offered at the Pennsylvania level. Obtain information from the PA FCCLA website <http://www.pafccla.org/general-information/star-events>.

Continually check the national and state websites for updates and information.

We are looking forward to an exciting year!

Mark your calendars:

- October 5 Registration for RLM Due
- October 23 Central Regional Leadership Meeting at Northumberland County CTC
- October 30 Western Regional Leadership Meeting at Burgettstown High School
- November 6 Eastern Regional Leadership Meeting at Reading Area Community College
- November 1 National Affiliation to have access to STAR Events information.
- December 15 Pennsylvania Affiliation to be eligible to participate in STAR Events.
- January 22 Registration for SLC Due
- February 5 SLC Hotel Reservations Due
- March 14 - 16 SLC at Kalahari Resort