



State Leadership and Skills Conference *Pre-Conference Packet*

The SkillsUSA Georgia State Leadership and Skills Conference is right around the corner and you can feel the excitement grow every day as more members register to attend and an even greater number of business and industry partners sign on to support our members! The 2010 State Conference will host 116 competitive events involving 1,100 competitors from 130 schools across the state with a total attendance of 1,600 members! The Career Expo has completely taken over the Georgia International Convention Center and will host 22 Worlds of Construction, Transportation and Public Safety! The Career Expo is supported by the combined efforts of SkillsUSA, TCSG, GA DOE, CEFGA, TEFGA and NMEFGA.

To ensure you have a successful conference experience, please read the following information carefully, share appropriate details with your students and contact me, Gayle Silvey (770-914-6288 or gsilvey@skillsusageorgia.org) if you have any questions.

- SLSC Registration Deadline** is Friday, February 26 at 9:00 p.m. At that time the online registration system will close. To register, go to: <http://www.skillsusa-register.org/>
- Make sure everyone has a **shirt size** indicated on their registration.
- Membership deadline is March 8** – make sure to get everyone submitted!
- Check out the **Top Tips to State Conference Success** on the homepage of our website.
- Rickey's Challenge** – Accept the challenge and receive recognition at the State Conference. This program was designed by State Officer Zac Bryant and Contestant Rickey Groover who wanted to challenge student members to work together to support Gold Medal Winners to the National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City this summer. Their goal is to get every member to donate just \$1 towards the cause to help fellow members. The chapter that raises the most money per member and the chapter that raises the most money overall will receive a trophy during the Awards Ceremony on Saturday. Please share this challenge with your members. All funds should be turned in at the Registration Desk on Thursday, March 11. Results will be announced on Saturday, March 13 during the Awards Ceremony!
- Contest updates** are posted on our website (www.skillsusageorgia.org). Please continue to check back, as our contest chairs are continuing to add updated information.
- Contestants are reminded to turn in their **resumes** at their contest site.
- A sample **PDP Test** is located on the homepage of our website. Please encourage your students to study for the PDP Test. Contestants may take the PDP test anytime between noon and 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, March 11. Contestants need to enter the area quietly, take the test and then they are allowed to exit when they have completed it. Please do not delay in having your students take the test on Thursday afternoon – the earlier the better!
- Please reinforce with your students, the **Code of Conduct/Behavior** and the purpose that it serves. Observing the Code of Conduct not only assists us in keeping our students safe but it reinforces the level of maturity and responsibility that our students possess. A

- team of security officers will be on site but the responsibility for student behavior rests with advisors.
- Please make sure that your members have read and understand the **Dress Code**. If your chapter attended the Fall Leadership Conference, then they are encouraged to wear their blue SkillsUSA Georgia golf shirts during appropriate conference activities (i.e. PDP testing, General Sessions, etc.) Adults as well as students are expected to abide by the dress code during the conference. **Students will not be allowed to wear SHORTS, BLUE JEANS or T-SHIRTS onto the stage to accept medallions on Saturday during the Awards Ceremony.** Your help in enforcing our dress code is a must!
 - Please make sure that you turn in the following items on Thursday, March 11, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the registration desk in the Atlanta Room of the Airport Marriott:
 - **Eligibility Verification Form**
 - **Code of Conduct Forms** (one for each student)
 - **Personal Liability, Medical & Photo Release Forms** (one for each student)
 - Make sure to pick up your Registration Packet before you go to the **Career Expo** – you will need your name badges to get into the Expo.
 - **Construction Contestant Breakfast** – This year not only are contestants in the Construction related contests and their advisors invited to attend breakfast at the GICC on Friday morning but their parents are as well. CEFGA is sponsoring the breakfast and they hope to see many students, advisors and parents join them on Friday morning.
 - **Welding Sculpture** – NEW! This is a new demo contest that we have decided to host this year. Please send me an email if you want to enter your student in this contest – gsilvey@skillsusageorgia.org. They will be added to the online registration system for you. Deadline to email – Friday, February 26.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing each of you at the conference and creating a great experience for our student members!

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