

Member: _____

April 12, 2016

Dear Members and Parents:

I am very pleased to notify you that your child will be attending FBLA State Convention which will be held in Springfield, Missouri April 24-26. This is a great honor and wonderful experience for your child to be able to attend.

We will be departing the Tina-Avalon school at 7:00 a.m. Sunday. We will return Tuesday around 5:00 pm. The cost to attend FBLA SLC is \$167.44 for students that qualified for state and \$232.44 for students that did not qualify but did a performance event or are chapter officers. Students will have to be paid in full before leaving for SLC. Students that qualified for state at districts have a diamond by their name in the chart below.

Your child will need to bring clothes for professional dress for three days. There will be a dance Monday night where members can wear casual, yet "school appropriate" attire. Students may be in "school appropriate" clothing for campaigning, but must be dressed according to FBLA dress code to view the many final open events. On the topic of dress code, **please note that Sperry's, Toms, and similar shoes are not professional shoes. Also, leggings are not appropriate, regardless of how cute/long the tunic or dress is. Skirts need to be no more than three inches above the knees or longer.** Missouri follows the national dress code and dress code regulations. Students are not disqualified for being out of dress code and will be allowed to compete. **Nonetheless, judges deduct points on rating sheets for these violations.** However, students that are observing events may be denied entry to a room, including the opening and closing sessions, if they are not in "code."

We will be staying at the University Plaza Hotel & Convention Center (333 John Q. Hammons Pkwy Springfield, MO 65806), which is the conference headquarters. If you need to contact us, the hotel phone number is 800-707-0326 or 417-869-3900. The hotel has an indoor/outdoor pool so have your child pack their swimsuits. You will need to send enough money with your child for:

1. Lunch Sunday afternoon
2. Dinner Sunday night
3. Breakfast Monday Morning (or bring your own)
4. Lunch Monday afternoon
5. Dinner Monday night
6. Breakfast Tuesday Morning (or bring your own)
7. Lunch Tuesday
8. Any extra spending money you wish for them to have
9. Your child owes \$_____ before we leave for contest.

I would like for the students to bring snack food to help them save money, because purchasing items at the conference will be very expensive.

Students attending include:

Seniors: Ammie Akzam♦, Echo Essick, Heather Huffmon♦, Max Sinclair

Juniors: Lilly Churan♦, Luke Churan, Caitlyn Heckman♦, Jadyn Lucas♦,
Abbey Rounkles♦, Lyndsey Todd♦

Sophomores: Terryn Dodson♦, Aleeya Heussner♦, Joe Johnson♦

Freshman: Khloey Forst

I am very proud and excited to be representing T-A at the upcoming FBLA State Convention and I hope your child is also. If you have any questions, please contact me at school, 660-622-4211.

Thanks so much,

Susan Rucker

Mrs. Susan Rucker
FBLA Advisor
Tina-Avalon R-2 School

Attached: FBLA Dress Code/Schedule/Trip Calculations

2016 FBLA State Conference Brief Schedule

Sunday, April 24, 2016

7:00 am	Bus leaves from school
12:00 pm	Arrive/Register at University Plaza Hotel, Springfield, MO, John Q Room
12:00-4:45 pm	Breakout Sessions
1:37 pm	Social Media Campaign Presents, University Plaza Hotel, Arkansas B (Aleeya Heussner, Heather Huffmon, Lyndsey Todd)
2:30-5:30 pm	Mrs. Rucker administrator of Emerging Business Issues in University Plaza Hotel Kansas B with Erin Evans as timer.
4:15 pm	Publication Design Presents, University Plaza Hotel, Arkansas C (Lilly Churan & Terryn Dodson)
7:00-7:30 pm	OPEN DOORS – Opening Session
7:30-9:30 pm	Opening Session, Expo Center
11:00 pm	CURFEW

Monday, April 25, 2016

8:00 am-2:45 pm	Breakout Sessions
8:00-9:30 am	Junior Breakfast, Expo Center, Hall 1
10:45-1:00 pm	Susan Rucker - timer for Emerging Business Issues Final in room Kansas B (report at 10:45 and duties from 11:15-1:00)
12:30-2:30 pm	College & Career Fair, Expo Center, Hall 1
3:00-3:30 pm	Doors Open – Second General Session, Expo Center
3:30-5:00 pm	Second General Session/Awards, Expo Center
5:30-7:30 pm	Eat/Springfield Mall
8:00-10:30 pm	Blue Jeans for Baby Dance, Convention Center
8:30-10:00 pm	Adviser Reception, University Plaza Hotel, Colorado/Illinois/Oklahoma
11:00 pm	CURFEW

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

8:30-9:00 am	Doors Open – Awards of Excellence Ceremony, Expo Center
9:00 am-12:00 pm	Awards of Excellence Program, Expo Center
12:00-12:30 pm	Packet Pick Up, Expo Center, Hall 2
5:00 pm	Eat and Return to School

Missouri FBLA Female Dress Code

All delegates and advisers are expected to wear business attire to the general sessions, competitive events, campaign speeches, voting sessions, and workshops. Competitive event participants will be disqualified if not dressed properly.

Local advisers are expected to follow as well as enforce the dress code.

The following *is* considered **appropriate** business dress for meetings, workshops, competition, and general sessions:

- **Business Suit/Business Pantsuit** - A coordinated jacket may accompany ankle-length pants or skirt. An appropriate skirt length is 1" to 2" above the knee or longer. (2" is approximately three fingers side by side.)
A coordinated jacket **MUST** accompany mid-calf length pants (i.e. Capri's or gauchos worn below the knee.) Pants will not be allowed that are knee length or above.
- **Business Dress** - An appropriate dress length is 1" to 2" above the knee or longer. (2" is approx. three fingers side by side.) The dress must have some type of a sleeve. Sleeveless is not appropriate.
- **Skirt/Pants and Blouse** - An appropriate skirt length is 1" to 2" above the knee or longer. (2" is approx. three fingers side by side.) Blouse must have some type of sleeve and may or may not be tucked into skirt or pants. Sleeveless is not appropriate.
- **Dress Shoes, Dress Boots** - Will be allowed with pants and skirts. The following are examples of inappropriate types of shoes: flip-flops, casual sandals, athletic shoes, industrial work shoes, and bare feet.

Be careful when selecting your conference attire. The following is inappropriate conference attire for meetings, workshops, competition, campaign speeches and general sessions: jewelry in visible body piercing, other than ears ☐ denim or chambray fabric clothing of any kind ☐ overalls ☐ shorts ☐ skorts ☐ stretch or stirrup pants ☐ exercise or bike shorts ☐ backless, see-through, tight-fitting, halter or low-cut blouses/tops/dresses ☐ t-shirts ☐ lycra ☐ spandex ☐ midriff tops ☐ tank tops ☐ bathing suits ☐ hats ☐ flannel fabric clothing ☐ visible foundation garments ☐ tennis shoes ☐ flip flops

Casual attire may be worn to the dance. The following is **appropriate** attire for attending campaign booths or dances: denim or chambray fabric clothing ☐ overalls ☐ shorts ☐ skorts ☐ t-shirts ☐ flannel fabric clothing ☐ sleeveless ☐ sandals ☐ tennis shoes

Event administrators will be asked to enforce the dress code. If a written test participant is in violation of the dress code, they will not be allowed to take the test. If questions arise, a member of the board of directors will make the final decision.

Should you need clarification pertaining to certain aspects of the dress code, feel free to contact the state chapter office.

Adopted Summer, 2009

Missouri FBLA Male Dress Code

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The following *is* considered **appropriate** business dress for meetings, workshops, competition, and general sessions:

- **Dress Shirt, Dress Pants, and Necktie** - A dress shirt buttons from top to bottom and has a collar. Knit or polo style shirts are inappropriate. Shirts made of denim or chambray, Hawaiian/flower print, and plaid fabrics are also inappropriate. Dress pants must have either a belt or suspenders. Cargo or carpenter pants are inappropriate. A necktie is mandatory.
- **Men's Business Suit** - Dress shirt, dress pants and suit jacket made of the same fabric, and necktie.
- **Men's Business Sport Coat** - Dress shirt, dress pants and sport coat made of a different fabric than pants, and necktie.
- **Dress Socks** - Athletic socks are inappropriate.
- **Dress Shoes or Dress Boots** - The following are examples of **inappropriate** types of shoes: flip-flops, sandals, athletic shoes, industrial work shoes, hiking boots, and bare feet.

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