

## Key Information for the JFA State Competition 2016

The following information will prove very helpful for your school, participants, and parents who will be attending the FACCS JFA State Competition at Southeastern University in Lakeland. **Please distribute this information to ALL who are attending.** You may also want to download and distribute the competition manual, available on our web site.

### Directions

On our web site, we have a link to a page that provides directions to the university, hotel information, and a general campus map.

### Hotels

We do not have any agreements with hotels for special room rates in the Lakeland area. There is a link to a Google map on our web site that lists some local hotels or you may use an online travel service.

### Campus Map

Please find on our web site a campus map that shows each building and location where events will be held on the campus, and parking areas and instructions. Once you get the schedule, to be delivered via e-mail and on the web site, you can match up the room number with the map. Students should be at the location at least 5 minutes before the scheduled performance time.

### Parking

While there is ample parking for most events on the SEU campus, for our event, it may not be enough. As a result, we need for you to help us with the following:

- If you can encourage **carpooling**, it will help immensely.
- **Parking is available on the campus for cars and any vehicle that can fit in a single spot.** Any space designated as RESERVED, DEAN, RA, or RD must be left free. Cars may be towed in parked in these spots.
- **Buses and vans with trailers** must enter through the west gate off Lowry Dr., drop off students at the designated area, and then park in the bus parking lot at the Methodist Church across N. Crystal Lake – see campus/parking map.

### Check-In

**Each school and homeschooler must send a representative to check-in with us in the lobby of Bolin Hall.** Please do NOT send your entire group nor send each individual family to check their child in. That is not necessary. Just send one school representative to check-in. We will check balance due, lunches purchased, and give other information that will be helpful throughout the two days.

### Landing Site

Since we have to use all of the large rooms for Thursday's events, **there will not be a landing site for students on Thursday.** They are free to observe other events with supervision. As well, since we have a predetermined award ceremony time, you may wish to take the kids to a local attraction or mall. **On Friday, the Bush Chapel will be available as a landing site,** however it will be setup for the awards ceremony so students may only sit in the chapel. Please follow the FACCS manual guidelines of having at least one adult chaperone for every 6 students (parents included).

### Scheduling

**The schedule has released on the web site.** Please have your participants and groups ready in the room designated at least 5 minutes before the scheduled performance time. If a participant or group is not there at the scheduled time, we will skip and come back to them when they arrive as long as time permits.

### Bands

SEU has graciously offered to permit you to use their **timpani and other large percussion instruments in your performance.** Storage of band instruments before/after performance is available in M13, M16, M18, and M19. Ideally if your bus can come back to the campus and they be stored on the bus, that is best. We will let you know when you arrive if we have been able to locate another location.

### Art

All art that is entered into the State competition **MUST** be physically brought to the event, checked-in in the Business & Education Building, and set-up by a school official, parent, or the student himself. No shipped or mailed art entries will be accepted. Check-in for art will take place in the Business and Education Bldg. on **Thursday before 4PM and Friday before 8AM. Any art not checked-in by 8AM on Friday will not be judged.**

Just after the close of the award ceremony on Friday, all art must be packed up and taken home. **Any art that is left will be discarded.**

### Lunch

We have made available pre-ordered, boxed lunches for \$8 each through FACCS. **If you placed a pre-order, payment must be made check or credit card ONLY** separate from the registration.

If you chose not to pre-order the boxed lunch through FACCS, there is a Chick-Fil-A Express on campus, or you may wish to drive to a restaurant. There are several due west of the college on Rt. 98 about 1-2 miles away. We are not taking a lunch "break" per se, so you will need to plan around the scheduling of events.

### Snacks

There are snack and beverage shops on the campus in the Pansler Student Union building. They will be open for your convenience, but they do not serve lunch items.

### Campus Guidelines

**No smoking, illegal drugs, or consumption of alcoholic beverages** are permitted on the campus of Southeastern University. Offenders will be removed from the premises.

### Award Ceremonies

**Award ceremonies will be held at the end of each day of competition for the day's events in Bush Chapel.**

- **Thursday at 4:15 PM** - no earlier. Should be finished by 5:00 PM.
- **Friday at 3:30 PM** - no earlier. Should be finished by 4:30 PM.

Awards not collected by your school at the close of Thursday's ceremonies can be picked up on Friday. Any awards that have not been collected by your school at the close of Friday's ceremonies will **NOT** be shipped to your school. You will need to make arrangements with the Office of Program Services to pick up the awards in south Florida.

### **Judging Sheets**

At the close of the award ceremony on Friday, each school will have a packet with all judging sheets available for pick-up from Competition Headquarters, located in Bolin Hall. **One representative from each school must go and pick up these sheets.** Thursday's sheets will not be released until Friday with all the others. We will not release individual sheets to parents – only the entire packet will be released to a school official or designee. Any packets not picked up just after the close of Friday's ceremony will be discarded.