



Key Information for the JFA State Competition 2017

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, local 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 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 building name and room number with the map. Students should be at the location of their event 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 if 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 parking map.

Check-In

Each school and homeschooler must send **one representative** to check-in with us in the **lobby of the Student Activities Center**. Please just send one school representative to check-in. We will check balance due, lunches purchased, and provide other information that will be helpful throughout the two days.

Landing Site

We do have an area for both Thursday and Friday to serve as a landing site for students between their performances. It will be in the **Firepit** in the **Student Activities Center**. Students are also free to observe other events with supervision. Since we do have a predetermined awards ceremony time, you may wish to take the students to a local attraction or mall. Please follow the FACCS manual guidelines of having at least one adult chaperone for every 6 students (parents included).

Scheduling

The schedule will be released on the web site and will be emailed to the contacts we have for each school/homeschooler. 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 (5), bass drum, tam-tam, glockenspiel, xylophone, vibraphone, marimba, chimes, crash cymbal stand/box.** Schools will need to provide their own mallets, crash cymbals, suspended cymbal and stand, snare drum and stand, and other small percussion instruments. Storage of band instruments before/after performance is available in the **Courtside Room** in the **Student Activities Center**.

Art

All art that is entered into the State competition **MUST** be physically brought to the event, checked-in in the **Buena Vida East** building on the second floor, 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 **Buena Vida East** building 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 awards 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 \$8.50 each through FACCS. **If you place a pre-order, payment must be made by check or credit card ONLY,** separate from the registration.

If you chose not to pre-order the boxed lunch through FACCS, you will only have snacks available, or you may wish to drive to a restaurant. There are several restaurants directly west of the college on Rt. 98 about 1 to 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.

Awards Ceremonies

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