



GEORGIA FCCLA UPDATES

YOU'RE A STAR!



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Day at the Capital**
February 8-11
- **Region STAR Events Competition**
February 26 and 27
Region Sites
- **State Meeting**
March 18-20
Athens, GA
- **National Leadership Conference**
July 4 - 8
Chicago, IL

As the next few months approach, FCCLA members are trying to finish their STAR Events projects. A reminder however, is to check for updates regarding your competition. Many of the competitions have revised rules and guidelines and I want Georgia FCCLA to do well in their competitive events this year and produce the most up to date projects.

Last year Georgia FCCLA started the State Level competitions – Knife Skills and Safety and Sanitation. This year we are adding three new events! Something I am very excited about. The new

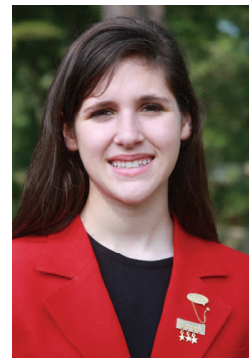
state events guidelines will be available soon. Be sure to sign up for these events! Space is limited in some events, however, so the earlier you sign up the better. I look forward to seeing all of the wonderful projects this year and I am wishing the best of luck to all competitors.

Clayton King

State Vice President of Competitive Events

PRESIDENTS GREETING

Happy New Year from the Georgia FCCLA State Executive Council! I hope everyone has had a blessed 2009 and is ready to have an amazing 2010. This past year, GA FCCLA has had many accomplishments. We continued our new tradition of the Fall Leadership Conference, where we learned hoe to “Play the game of LIFE with FCCLA”. Fall Rally was also a success; we had many competitors in the Fall Rally events. As we prepare for our amazing year with FCCLA, I encourage all advisers to have a dynamic chapter. Please use this newsletter that your officers have created as a resource to help your students succeed. I hope that every chapter has members attend the State Leadership Meeting in Athens, we are working so hard to make sure it is the best one yet! Remember, I am only an email away, as all of the state officers are. We are here for our members, so please don’t hesitate to use us as a valuable resource!



Jennifer Ross

State President

Georgia FCCLA Foundation Donor Challenge

The Foundation is working hard to raise money this year! Currently, the Georgia FCCLA Foundation provides funds for student competitors to attend the FCCLA National Leadership Conference. We need support from our members and advisers. We encourage all of you to become an individual donor to the Georgia FCCLA Foundation! To become an individual donor you must donate at least \$10 to the Foundation. Each individual donor will receive an FCCLA Foundation Piggy Bank to remind them to "Bank on Georgia." What an awesome opportunity we have to "bank" on our Georgia FCCLA National Competitors!



Zontria Jackson
First Vice President

Be
part!
of it.

Congratulations Georgia, we are well on our way to another great year! Currently we have 240 chapters and 20,903 members, but we don't want to stop there! We want to again lead the nation by having the largest membership. I encourage you to keep recruiting new members and promoting FCCLA in your schools and communities. Don't forget the following affiliation deadlines.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- STAR Events competitors' affiliation deadline is February 2, 2010. Final deadline for other members to affiliate is May 31, 2010.

Kalen Jones
GA FCCLA
Vice President of Membership

STATE AND NATIONAL OUTREACH PROJECT

Getting involved is what it's all about!! Our State and National Outreach Project is Children's Miracle Network. During last year's state outreach project, FCCLA members exceeded our goal and raised over \$9,000. We hope to do that again with the Children's Miracle Network. The chapter that raises

the most money this year will have the opportunity for Simon Curtis, from the Nickelodeon Channel, to visit their school. We would love for a Georgia FCCLA chapter to win this prize!!

Terri Levatte
Vice President of Community Service



DEADLINE UPDATE

As 2010 comes in with a bang, Georgia FCCLA looks forward to a great year. Don't forget that deadlines are soon approaching for state and national programs. FCCLA offers national recognition for chapters that complete national programs. This honor includes cash awards and special recognition at the National Leadership Conference,

on the website, and in the Teen Times magazine. Chapters can apply for these recognitions online at www.fcclainc.org. Print a copy and mail to the state office by February 23rd. FCCLA also offers state awards that you can be recognized at our state meeting and receive a plaque. You can find the short reporting form on www.gafccla.com and

send it in to the state office by February 23rd.

Holly Berryman
Secretary/Treasurer



GEORGIA NEWS



Georgia News is the best way to spread the word about what your chapter is doing. This publication is important because it provides a way for chapters to communicate what they are doing and give other chapters ideas state-wide. Your chapter can also get honor roll points for sending articles. It is a fun newsletter to read, and really important to have. Our next dead-

line will be April 8, 2010. This newsletter will recapitulate State Conference in Athens, GA. Please send articles to

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STATE SCRAPBOOK

Making memories is an important step in achieving ultimate leadership. By capturing FCCLA's moments of greatness, we are proving that FCCLA is capable of going beyond the label. Georgia FCCLA has joined together with you to capture moments that will last a lifetime. With activities such as Fall Rally, 2009 Cluster meeting, and STAR Events, FCCLA is acquiring moments that will go down in history. Georgia, I challenge you to join FCCLA and capture these memories. Send in your state scrapbook page to the state historian by March 12,

2010, and be recognized. The state scrapbook page is an excellent way to express the moments that your chapter has experienced, and share the triumphs with other chapters in Georgia. Let us go beyond the label and seize the important moments that may be passed down from generation to generation. Let's make the 2009-2010 FCCLA year, the best one yet!

Neah B. Barrett
GA FCCLA
State Historian

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GEORGIA SAVES

This year, Georgia FCCLA is taking part in the America Saves Week February 21-28, 2010. America Saves is an organization that helps motivate and teach people about savings for the future. During the week, people will be encouraged to look over their own savings progress and improve what may already be in action. The America Saves Week states, "This encouragement and assistance will be provided by organizations and professionals with an interest in improving the financial security of individuals and families." For example, employers may make it easier for employees to participate in retirement programs, and individuals may encourage family and friends to join them and save more effectively. You can take action and sign up to be an America Saver today. After signing up, you may receive information and tips about saving money for the future. America Saves Week is a great way to become more aware of your financial aid along with helping others realize the same important facts that may come in hand later on in life.

America Saves works with the Financial Fitness National Program. The Units in Financial Fitness include:

Banking Basics - Conquer bank accounts, credit, and investments

Cash Control - Track and plan personal spending

Making Money - Sharpen on-the-job financial fitness

Consumer Clout - Become a savvy spender

Financing Your Future - Apply financial skills to real life.

For more information you can visit the America Saves website at: <http://www.americasavesweek.org/organizations/nonprofit.asp>.

Carly Thamer

Vice President of Peer Education

FINANCIAL FITNESS

As your Vice President of State and National Programs, I would like to let you all know about one program in particular. As we know, the economy is very rough, but one way we, as FCCLA members can help ourselves is by participating in the Financial Fitness program. Financial Fitness is an FCCLA national peer education program that involves youth teaching one another how to make, save and spend money wisely. The purpose of this program is to inform and inspire teens to sharpen their skills in money, management, consumerism, and financial planning. I have personally

started on this program because I know that in a few months I will be going to college and I know that I will benefit tremendously. Though the year is coming to an end, I challenge all of the current juniors to complete this program, not just to earn Honor Roll points, but to learn ways to help manage your money in the real world.

Amber Mann

Vice President of State and National Programs

