

*\*Information included in this update is for all advisers regardless whether or not your chapter is attending SLC. Please read and enjoy!*

## ***Affiliation Reminder to all Chapter Advisers***

In an effort to make the affiliation process easier with all of the issues involved with the new data system, only use the **writable affiliation form** that is linked below (also available on the National FCCLA Web site home page) and email it to [affiliation@fcclainc.org](mailto:affiliation@fcclainc.org) or mail it to: FCCLA, Lock Box Operations, P.O. Box 718, Dept. D, Baltimore, MD 21203-0718. Do not use the online affiliation until you're notified that the system's issues have been corrected.

### [Writable Affiliation Form 2011-2012](#)

If you are unable to write on the form, then please print the form. Montana state dues are \$9.00 per member, and there is no minimum. There is no state chapter fee, and the state adviser fee is optional. National and state contributions are also optional.

Chapters that have already affiliated using the online system can easily access a copy of their invoice. Login to the affiliations system and on the top left click on "Print Invoices", your invoice is available to print.

*\*Remember to email a copy/proof of affiliation to Megan Vincent and Connie Dempster.*

## ***Event Lead/Assistant Coordinator Positions at SLC***

This month, Nancy Linnell (Advisory Board chairperson, Headquarters Room Lead, Sunburst Chapter Adviser) will be assisting with arranging the assignments for our Event Leads and Assistant Coordinators. Please look in your email for a message from her and then reply in a timely matter. We need to place approximately 45 advisers in event positions, and we need everyone's help to make this happen. Remember, we rely on advisers to run and coordinate each event, so be willing to volunteer your time and help us provide these opportunities for our students. If you haven't worked on an event before, consider trying it this year as an assistant! If you've been helping each year, consider trying a new event!

## ***FCCLA Week***

This year, National FCCLA Week is February 12 – 18, and the theme is 'Raising the Bar.' During the week, members plan and carry out activities to address teen and societal concerns and show how Family and Consumer Sciences education can help them achieve the ultimate leadership experience. If your chapter does something fun and exciting to recognize members, promote your chapter, raise funds, or celebrate FCCLA, remember to submit a description and pictures of your chapter projects to [teentimes@fcclainc.org](mailto:teentimes@fcclainc.org) for a chance to see your project highlighted in *Teen Times*. For sample press releases, a proclamation letter or project ideas, please access the resources posted on the National FCCLA website: <http://www.fcclainc.org/content/fccla-week/>.

## *Montana Events Manual*

Exciting news! The Montana Events Manual has now been posted to the Montana FCCLA Web site! It can be found on the Forms/Documents page under the STAR/Proficiency Events section: <http://www.mtfccla.org/forms.html>. This manual replaces all previous versions of the Montana Proficiency Events Manual.

**Changes to the manual:** This manual includes the rules, guidelines and competitive events information for our state organization (not just Proficiency Events) including Montana Competitive Events descriptions, Event Categories, Proficiency/STAR Events Award System and Events Rules, STAR Events Call Back Procedures, and more. Our state organization has a few rules that differ from Nationals, so it is imperative all advisers have a copy of this manual to read and keep readily available for reference. *Please read it – I guarantee you will learn something new!*

## *New National FCCLA Online STAR Events*

This year, National FCCLA added three Online STAR Events which have two participation levels. All chapters may enter level I by submitting their completed online, digital projects by the required deadline. The twenty highest scoring entries will be invited to present their digital projects, plus an oral presentation, at the National Leadership Conference for level II. The three new events are:

- Digital Stories for Change
  - Topic is Youth Traffic Safety
- No Kid Hungry National Outreach Project
- Virtual Poster
  - Topic is one of the three National Program Student Body units: Eat Right, Be Fit and Make Healthy Choices

All nationally affiliated chapter members are eligible to participate. Chapters are allowed to submit one entry per category per event (see page 13 of the STAR Events Manual section in the Competitive Events Guide) except for No Kid Hungry which is limited to one entry per chapter. These events are handled strictly by Nationals, and rules for each event are located in the Competitive Events Guide (pages 251 – 286). **Deadline for registration and submission is February 1, 2012.**

\*Chapters submitting Level I entries in the new online STAR Events – Digital Stories for Change, No Kid Hungry National Outreach Project, and Virtual Poster – are now able to submit entry forms through links on the national website. Registration is through a Zoomerang survey/form. The registration fee is \$20 per person. Please refer to the number of entries per chapter on page 13 of the STAR Events Manual section of the 2011-2012 Competitive Events Guide. The

online registration links are posted at <http://www.fcclainc.org/content/star-events/> and on the STAR Events Description page <http://www.fcclainc.org/content/star-event-descriptions/>.

## *State Leadership Conference Registration Emails*

State Leadership Conference Online Event registration is now open! Emails were sent to all advisers on Friday, January 6 with registration information. If you did not receive the information, please contact State Adviser Megan Vincent immediately.

## *STAR Event Resources*

Looking for STAR Event menus, topics, scenarios, or even the Planning Process Summary Sheet in “type able” format? Be sure to bookmark the STAR Events Resources page: <http://www.fcclainc.org/content/resources/>. This includes resources for the following events: Environmental Ambassador, Food Innovations, Interior Design, Life Event Planning, Digital Stories for a Change and more.

## *Corrections to the Competitive Events Guide*

A document listing edits/corrections to the 2011-2012 Competitive Events Guide can be found on the Competitive Events page, STAR Events page, and the STAR Events Resources page on the National FCCLA Web site. Be sure to read this and check possible changes to the events in which your students participate!

Wondering what changed in the manual from last year to this year? Be sure to read the Major Changes in the 2011-2012 STAR Events Manual document posted on the National FCCLA STAR Events page.

## *Calendar of Events*

January/February – TBD – Winter Advisory Board Meeting Conference Call  
January 22 – 23, 2012 – Winter State Executive Council Meeting, Bozeman, MT  
January 6 – 31, 2012 – SLC Online Event Registration  
January 31 – February 3, 2012 – State Advisers Management Meeting, Orlando, FL  
February 1 – 28, 2012 – SLC Online Conference Registration  
February 12 – 18, 2012 – National FCCLA Week “Raising the Bar”  
March 25 – 27, 2012 – Montana FCCLA State Leadership Conference, Billings, MT  
July 8 – 12, 2012 – FCCLA National Leadership Conference, Orlando, FL