

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

Chapter Snapshot Request

By: Jalyn Walker, Montana FCCLA State President

I hope all the planning for State is going well! I know you are all busy getting your students ready for the state conference, but please keep reminding them to submit chapter snapshots. February will be the last month that your chapter has the opportunity to submit pictures that will be on the slide show at the SLC. We will not be requesting chapter slides like state officers have done in the past. Any pictures of the year are welcome and an entire chapter picture would be awesome!

FCCLA Week

It's National FCCLA Week (February 12 – 18), and the theme is 'Raising the Bar.' 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 for a chance to see your project highlighted in *Teen Times*. And, consider posting your chapter's efforts and a picture on the Montana FCCLA Facebook page – we'd love to see some examples there! 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/>.

Looking for Alumni!

Montana FCCLA is on the hunt for our alumni! Were you a member in high school or do you know others that were? We'd love to get our alumni members involved with the organization again so they can experience all the great things happening around our state. This year, we are celebrating 65 years of leadership at the State Leadership Conference in Billings on March 25-27. If you are a former state officer or state parent, national officer, or chapter member – we'd love to hear from you. Please send your email address to the Nancy Linnell, Advisory Board Chairperson, at nlinnell@sunburst.k12.mt.us. Please provide your name (include maiden name if applicable), email address, years of membership (i.e. 2004-8) and offices held, if any. We also invite you to join Montana FCCLA Alumni & Associates, as this is your chance to give back to this organization. The application is available on our website: <http://www.mtfcla.org/forms.html>. If you are not a former member but know someone who was, please forward this message to them. Thanks for your help!

Looking for Judges!

The Montana FCCLA State Leadership Conference will be held in Billings, MT from March 25 – 27 at the Billings Holiday Inn & Billings Hotel. Members from around Montana will be competing in Competitive Events on Monday, March 26, and we are looking for volunteer judges. Judges start at 7:30am and events vary in length. Breakfast and lunch are provided. If

interested, please submit name and mailing address to Megan Vincent, State Adviser via email at mvincent2@mt.gov. Consider supporting our students – we promise it will be an enjoyable experience!

Montana FCCLA Public Service Announcements

By: Leah Stout, Montana FCCLA State Officer of Competitive Events

FCCLA

Tired of your normal activities? Want to make a difference? Be the change you want to see in the world. Montana FCCLA offers opportunities for students to create a better understanding of the world we live in, as well as opportunities for personal leadership development. Become a youth advocate in your community. Get involved in the only student led career and technical student organization with family as its central focus. For more information visit www.fcclainc.org and www.mtfccla.org, or “like” our Facebook page at Montana Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America.

FCCLA Week

February 12-18, 2012 is National FCCLA Week! Montana FCCLA members are “Raising the Bar” by planning and carrying out activities that address teen and societal concerns. These projects show how Family and Consumer Sciences education can help them achieve the ultimate leadership experience. For more information visit www.fcclainc.org and www.mtfccla.org, or “like” our Facebook page at Montana Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America.

STAR Event Tips – IMPORTANT!

Advisers, you must be sure that your students have the most up-to-date and correct information for their STAR Event. How can you be sure? Read all the information posted on the National FCCLA website on the STAR Events page (<http://www.fcclainc.org/content/star-events/>). What should you read? All of it!

- Major Changes to the STAR Events Manual
 - http://www.fcclainc.org/assets/files/major_changes_to_the_star_events_manual.pdf
 - This is a list of changes from last year to this year in the manual.
 - For example, many event time limits (review time, set up/prep time, presentation time) were revised. See the STAR Events Summary Chart and individual event guidelines for specific time limits.
- Major Corrections to the STAR Events Manual - NEW!
 - http://www.fcclainc.org/assets/files/major_corrections_to_the_2011.pdf
 - This is a list of corrections made to the current 11-12 STAR Event Manual. These corrections have NOT been made to any of the PDF files, so even if you have recently printed the events, you STILL need to check this document and hand-write the changes to the event rules.
 - For example, the National Programs in Action oral presentation may be up to 10 minutes in length (not 15).
- Montana Events Manual – pages 1 – 10

- http://www.mtfcla.org/docs/2011_12_Montana%20Events_Manual_Dec.pdf
- This PDF is available on the Montana FCCLA website, and it applies to all events (both STAR and Proficiency) at the State Leadership Conference.
 - For example, the point system used at SLC is different from Nationals system (page 6).

State Leadership Conference Event Drops

Please email all STAR Event, Proficiency Event, Career Tracks and Leadership Seminar drops to both Megan Vincent (mvincent2@mt.gov) and Connie Dempster (fccla@assoc-mgt.com) until further notice. Thank you!

State Leadership Conference Registration Emails

State Leadership Conference Registration is open! Emails were sent to all advisers/chapters attending on Tuesday, February 7 with conference information. If you did not receive the email, please contact State Adviser Megan Vincent immediately.

Superstar Social at SLC 2012

By: Tucker Vanden Bos, Montana FCCLA Vice President

Before the opening session during the 2012 Montana FCCLA State Leadership Conference, be sure to bring some Hollywood Stars for the "Superstar Shuffle!" During the Superstar Shuffle, members will interact and trade their own chapter Hollywood stars. For your chapter, make a unique and original star with your chapter name on it. Make lots of them for all of your chapter members, because they won't want to miss out on the action! By trading and receiving new stars, members will make new friends, run into old ones, and hopefully they will get to meet the members of the State Executive Council. Challenge them to collect as many as possible!

Talk of the State Newsletter Articles

Would your chapter like to submit an article for the upcoming April Talk of the State Newsletter? If so, please submit articles by March 15 to State Adviser Megan Vincent.

Calendar of Events

February 7 – 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

June 1 – 3, 2012 – Montana CTSO Leadership Camp, Bigfork, MT

July 8 – 12, 2012 – FCCLA National Leadership Conference, Orlando, FL