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WFLC

Article by Allison Hill, State Secretary

Where can you get involved in workshops, take tours, and learn about the competitive events that FBLA offers? The Wisconsin Fall Leadership Conference (WFLC) will be held in Appleton on October 25-26 at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel. This year's featured facilitator and keynote speaker is Andrew McCrea. Andrew has experience in multiple fields including education, teaching/administrative, as well as a student perspective. Andrew is known for his fun yet down-to-earth presentations that motivate and inspire.



Each participant should select a track to participate in: Future, Business, or Leader. The participants in the Future track will get involved in activities, workshops, and tours focused on preparing for the future, along with planning for college, selecting careers, and understanding strengths and weaknesses. The Business track will focus on entrepreneurship, green initiatives, and understanding how business and marketing skills translate into careers. The focus of the Leader track will be for student leaders; these include local chapter officers, those with a leadership role in school or community projects, and those with potential to excel at being a leader.

Tentative tours for each track include:

Future: Fox Valley Technical College, UW-Fox Valley, Lawrence University

Business: Heartland Business Systems, Free Market, Miron Construction, Miller Electric, Boldt Construction, Schenck & Associates

Leader: Habitat for Humanity, United Way/St. Joe's Pantry, Goodwill/NCW Schiner Tour

Students will also participate in two state officer-led workshops (unless Program of Work is selected, which is an hour long). The state officer workshops include: Community Service, Business Achievement Awards, Fundraising, Program of Work, Recruitment, and FBLA Week. The cost for this conference is \$50, which includes all tour transportation, transportation to/from outlying hotels, lunch and snack on Monday, and breakfast

on Tuesday. Each chapter is responsible for making hotel arrangements. For more information, visit <http://dpi.wi.gov/fbla/wflc.html>.

Dues and Deadlines

Article by Jon Leja, State Reporter

It's that time of year again. Please register all of the members your chapter has been recruiting. The members will need to have their state and national dues in. This year's state dues are five dollars, while the national dues are six dollars. If your chapter plans on trying to win the Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit, your members need to be registered as paid by October 15. Also, for the members who plan on competing this year, they need to be registered as paid by November 15.



Fall Leadership Labs

Article by Becca Bagniewski, State Vice President

Wisconsin FBLA's Fall Leadership Labs are a great way to kick-off the school year and get members determined and fired up for the year ahead. This year our featured facilitator and keynote speaker, Andrew McCrea will put a humorous spin on leadership with his fun yet down-to-earth presentations that motivate and inspire. Attendees will leave with knowledge of leadership practices that they can put into effect immediately after attending workshops titled: Be a Winner, Leadership Lockdown, and Helping Hands. The workshops and presentations are designed for first year FBLA members and members with future leadership potential. Bring your chapter for a day filled with fun, excitement, and affordable leadership training at the FBLA Fall Leadership Lab.

The 2010 Fall Leadership Labs are scheduled as follows:

Thursday, October 14, in Madison - Crowne Plaza Hotel

Wednesday, November 17, in Eau Claire - The Plaza Hotel & Suites

I hope to see you there!

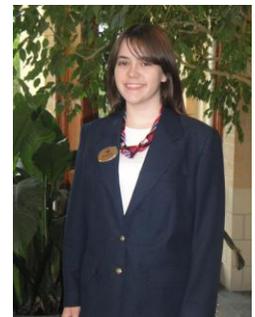


Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

Article by Alissa McClain, State Parliamentarian

UNICEF is an organization that helps children and their families in 156 different countries get health care, clean water, nutrition, education, protection, and emergency relief. UNICEF has helped reduce child deaths by one third over the last four years. Their mission is to get the number of deaths of children due to preventable causes from 22,000 to zero.

This month, people are presented with a great opportunity to raise money from UNICEF, or any other organization deemed worthy of donation, simply by trick-or-treating. Halloween may seem to have become a holiday aimed towards little kids, but it doesn't always have to be that way. This month, go trick-or-treating and ask for donations to UNICEF. The money you raise will help a very deserving cause.



Kick Start Your Life

Article by Jenny Stingle, State Treasurer



Kick start the rest of your life by starting a savings account. A savings account is a very important item to have. A savings account is a safe place to put your money and to earn interest. Interest is money the bank gives you for putting your money in their bank or credit union. A savings account is also good to have because you are establishing a relationship with a bank or credit union. This can help you in the future when you are trying to get a loan.

I learned all of this after talking with Amy Ratliff at Community First Credit Union in Kimberly, WI. To open your savings account at Community First Credit Union, you can be any age as long as you can sign your name. Each bank or credit union may have different rules, so check with your individual bank or credit union for their requirements. When you go to the bank to open your account, you need to have identification, like a student identification card or a driver license, and your social security number. Each bank will require a deposit to open a savings account; the amount of money needed to open and to earn interest depends on the bank.

Another kind of saving account is custodial account. This is an account that your parents open for you. With this kind of account, your parents have to withdraw and deposit your money for you. At the age of 21, the account is changed into a regular saving account. You can then do your own banking.

There are many reasons to open a savings account. For example, you can use the money you are saving for college, a car, a computer, or other things. Beginning a relationship with a bank or credit union may also help you establish credit, which can help you obtain a loan. You may want to open your savings account today.

FBLA Professional Division Recruitment

Article by Daniel Flesch, Region III Vice President



With the 2010-2011 school year well underway, it is time to start thinking about chapter activities, conferences, and Professional Level Division recruitment! The FBLA Professional Division started years ago; originally as an FBLA Alumni Division, but has since expanded to include any adults who want to stay involved with helping FBLA chapters. Since the Professional Division is still growing, it is important that Wisconsin FBLA supports our growing Professional Division program. As your chapters continue their work throughout the year, a new objective to set for this year might be to try recruiting more Professional Division members. Members of the FBLA-PBL Professional Division do have benefits, but their main job is to help local chapters throughout the year. If your chapter knows anyone who teaches or works in business and wants to become involved with FBLA, talk to them about joining the Professional Division. For information about how to join, as well as membership options and fees, please refer to the FBLA website at <http://www.fbla-pbl.org/>. If your chapter is interested in obtaining brochures to present to potential Professional Division members, contact your Regional Vice President and ask them to mail brochures to your chapter. Wisconsin FBLA, good luck, and make sure to break barriers this year in promoting the Professional Division!

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