



COLORADO FBLA AUGUST BRIEFING

National Theme: FBLA-PBL: Simply the Best

Colorado Theme: Colorado FBLA-PBL: Simple the B.E.S.T (Business Excellence Starts Today)

Chapter Management Handbook (CMH):

- The Colorado CMH has been updated and on the Colorado website, **FBLA - Adviser's Corner**.
- The National CMH has been revised and you should receive it during the month of August. Many changes have been made. Please read carefully, especially the Competitive Event Section, and Rating Sheets.

Colorado Fall Leadership Conference (CFLC):

- There will be five fall conferences. Information regarding the conferences will be located on the website, **Conferences – Conference Information**. Space is limited, so plan early. Registration will close with a received deadline of September 14. Your students do not have to be members to attend. Hopefully, this is a recruitment opportunity.
 - September 28: Grand Junction
 - September 29: NJC, Sterling
 - September 30: UNC, Greeley
 - October 1: UNC, Greeley
 - October 2: CSU, Pueblo

2009 National Fall Leadership Conferences (NFLC):

- Information can be found on the National Website
 - November 6-7 Baltimore
 - **November 13-14 DENVER**
 - **Hyatt Regency: \$140 Single/Double, \$150 Triple/Quad**
 - **Registration:**
 - **Early Bird: \$60 (by October 16)**
 - **Regular: \$70 (October 16 – November 7)**
 - **Onsite: \$80 (November 8 – on site)**
 - November 20-21 Orlando

Fall Mailing

- You can find the Fall Mailing on the website – **FBLA - Adviser's Corner**.

Membership

- Membership is online through the national office. Your password is: Service. Please make certain that Nationals **RECEIVES** your check for payment of state and national dues, by **December 1, 2009**, as those unpaid members will not be eligible to attend the District Conference. Dues: All payable to National FBLA by **December 1**.
 - Students: \$13.00 (\$7.00 State, \$6.00 Nationals)
 - Advisers: \$23.00 Professional Membership
- Professional Membership: Please encourage your department members and advisory council members to join the Professional Division.

Calendar:

- Located on the website, **FBLA – Calendar**. If you prefer a word document, you can obtain it from the pdf link located above the calendar.

Colorado Business Educators (CBE):

- Plan on attending the Colorado Business Educator's Conference, September 24-26 in Colorado Springs. Contact CBE at **cbeweb.org** for more information. Please support your professional organization. This is a great time to network and gather ideas for your classroom activities.
 - Thursday, September 24 – 8:30 – 4:00 pm: Special Pre-conference Activity – teaching Financial Literacy. Sponsored by the Colorado Council on Economic Education. This pre-conference workshop is available only to CBE conference attendees.

Competitive Event Topics:

- Topics can be found in the National Competitive Event Handbook.
- Topics are used for District and State Conferences.

Adviser Updates:

- Please notify Colorado FBLA-PBL of any changes to your mailing address, email address or phone number as soon as possible

District Leadership Conferences (DLC):

- The District Leadership Conference Registration Packet will be located on the website, **Conferences – Conference Information**.
- District Leadership Conference registration will be online. The deadline for registration is December 14 at midnight.
- Dates and locations are on the website, **Conferences – Conference Information**.

New, Retired, and Modified Competitive Events:

- New Event:
 - Computer Game & Simulation Programming (I): similar to Desktop Application Programming
- Retired Event:
 - Internet Application Programming
- Modifications:
 - Competency revisions for: Help Desk
 - Electronic Career Portfolio: Must be Web based
 - Job Interview Application: Now part of the portfolio submitted. The form can be downloaded from www.fbla-pbl.org. (Colorado has used this process. Nationals has changed to this process)
 - Digital Video Production: Must be submitted on a DVD
 - Microphones and podium/lecterns will not be provided for any event.
 - All Read me files should be submitted as hard copies
 - DVDs should be labeled using a felt tip marker
 - Prepared templates may be used for the Accounting II production test
 - Rating Sheets have been modified
 - Help Desk competencies have been modified
 - Where appropriate, media may be submitted on a USB thumb drive

Colorado FBLA Reminders:

- Business Financial Plan, Business Plan, and Help Desk will have an oral presentation at the District Leadership Conference.
- Each district will grade their Computer Production Events (skill events). Your District Adviser and VP will be recruiting to grade these events in January.
- ALL District materials will be sent to the District Adviser and VP. You will no longer send District materials to the state office or to your Board Member.
- Membership dues deadline is December 1 and not the 31st. Online registration will utilize the database to make registrations user friendly.
- All Districts will go to online testing for the objective tests. More information will be given by the District Advisers.
- National Leadership Conference Competitors: If a member competed at Nationals, they may not compete in the same event at the District and State level.

Glenwood Springs Invitational

- Cancelled this year. We encourage you to attend the National Fall Conference

National Leadership Conference Highlights:

- **Mountain Plains Awards:**
 - Most Professional Members: 1st Place (190 members) – Thank you for becoming a member
 - Largest State Chapter: 1st Place (6,274 members – increase of 165 members)
 - Largest Increase in Membership: 2nd Place
- **National Awards:**
 - Colorado tied for 7th in the national with 23 awards.

Please feel free to contact Colorado FBLA with any questions or suggestions: 303.595.1583 or Deborah.ramirez@cccs.edu

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