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It's time to think about the 81st National FCE Annual Conference in Omaha, Nebraska, July 13-16, 2017. Nebraska's state insect is the honeybee . . . we want you to " 'BEE' all you can 'BEE' with FCE."

Changes are coming to Conference this year. FCL leadership classes will be presented in three sessions as before, but only twice instead of three times, leaving a class slot free each hour for a fun activity. **Bring an old oversized t-shirt with you to Conference.** You are going to be cutting it up; don't bring anything that is precious to you. There will be other activities to be determined soon.

For our service project, bring items for children (books, small games, socks, etc.) – we'll be stuffing totes for abused children who are in shelters. These children could be runaways at some point and likely to be targets for traffickers. Our organization has always been an advocate for children. Let's have bags overflowing!!!

While attending Conference, you will renew old friendships, make new ones, receive new material to take home, and overall just have a great time. Conference registration form and hotel reservation information are included in this newsletter. Be sure to make your hotel reservations before JUNE 9. This is our cutoff date for our group rate.

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In addition to the cost-cutting changes outlined in the last newsletter, we have made changes at National FCE Headquarters in Florence, KY. Judy Jones, our very efficient Office Manager, is now working three days a week (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday). National FCE leases two suites for office space and two suites for storage. Effective April 30, we will be releasing the two suites used for storage, incorporating our storage items into one of the office suites currently being leased. This move will save National FCE \$500/month plus the utilities on the separate storage suites.

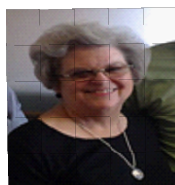
Another large expense for National FCE is the printing, labeling and mailing of our newsletter. Another avenue for distributing the newsletter is to email it to members. However, not all members have access to computers or email accounts. A question: What if the newsletter was emailed to the presidents of each local club and those presidents print out the newsletter for each of their club members? The cost of printing would be nominal for each club and relieve National of about \$12,000 per year. This is something we can discuss at Conference in July.

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The President-elect, Vice President for Public Policy, Secretary, and two educational coordinator positions are posted for election at Conference this year. The job descriptions for these positions are listed in this newsletter. Serving on the National FCE Board lets you step out of your comfort zone, allowing growth and inspiration. Submit your nomination forms today to Jeanne Purich or Sharon Giacometti. Their contact info is on our website.

Looking forward to seeing each of you in Omaha – let's make this one of the largest Conferences National FCE has had in a long time.

Lynn Maples
National FCE President



Descriptions of the positions posted for election at the 2017 National FCE Annual Conference taken from National FCE Bylaws are as follows:

The duties of the President-elect shall be to:

- A. Prepare for the office of President;
- B. Assist the President and perform all assigned duties during the one year term of office;
- C. Serve with vote on the Executive Committee and Board;
- D. Represent FCE at meetings as the President deems necessary

The duties of the Vice President for Public Policy shall be to:

- A. Serve as an aide to the President in all assigned duties;
- B. Direct the activities of the Public Policy Coordinators;
- C. Coordinate the Family Community Leadership program
- D. Assist states in promoting and strengthening the Family Community Leadership program;
- E. Perform the duties of the President in the event of the resignation, disability or death of the President and Vice President for Program until the next meeting of the Executive Committee;
- F. Serve as co-chair and coordinate the efforts of the Education Committee

The duties of the Secretary shall be to:

- A. Keep records of all meetings of FCE, the FCE Board and the Executive Committee and to distribute minutes within 60 days of the close of the meeting;
- B. Serve as chairman of the Credentials Committee and ascertain the number of voting delegates present by calling the roll of affiliated state associations at the business meetings of the annual conference;
- C. Perform any other secretarial duties as assigned by the President and/or the Executive Committee;
- D. The official minutes of all national meetings and other pertinent written material shall be deposited in archives at FCE National Headquarters following the administration of each National FCE President.

The duties of the Program Coordinator shall be to:

- A. Serve as a member of the Education Committee;
- B. Plan and coordinate programs at the annual conference as assigned;
- C. Attend meetings of the FCE Board;
- D. Attend and report on other meetings as a representative of National FCE as requested by the President;

- E. Encourage, receive and consider recommendations from state affiliated associations;
- F. Provide information, resources and/or direction to states based on goals and objectives of the Education Committee

The duties of the Public Policy Coordinator shall be to:

- A. Serve as a member of the Education Committee;
- B. Plan and coordinate public policy education at the annual conference as assigned by the President;
- C. Attend meetings of the FCE Board;
- D. Attend and report on other meetings as a representative of National FCE as requested by the President;
- E. Encourage, receive and consider recommendations from state affiliated associations;
- F. Provide information, resources and/or direction to states based on goals and objectives of the Education Committee

THE FORMS FOR SUBMITTING YOUR NOMINATION FOR ONE OF THESE POSITIONS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE. THE NOMINATION FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 15 TO JEANNE PURICH OR SHARON GIACOMETTI.

SPIRIT OF FCL

The winner is everyone that has spirit, but the Spirit of FCL is a very special award that is given to a FCL trained individual or team of individuals.

The application for the Spirit of FCL demonstrates the use of the 30 hours or more of FCL training by providing education and leadership to a community group or activity beyond the membership of FCE. The nomination form must clearly indicate the community action as well as the involvement of the nominee. This form is available on our website: NAFCE.org.

There may be one nomination per state and these applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2017 and submitted to the National FCE headquarters.

Look around your community and take notice of the special things being done by FCE members or an individual/ group that have received their 30 hours of FCL training and send an application into your state president to nominate that person for this very special award.

LINE UP OF FCL LESSONS

The FCL line up of lessons for the 2017 National FCE Conference being held in Omaha, NE is as follows:

Character Begins At Home will be presented by Phyllis Narus and Martha Crawford – The promoting of good, strong ethical values starts at home. Attendees will become reacquainted with the 6 pillars of Character Counts, FCE Friends and Story Books and how they can help build character.

What Are Your Medications Telling You is being presented by Sally Bowman and Jeanne Purich – This lesson will help you understand how your medications interact with other medications and food that you consume. It will touch on the increasing opioid addiction that is growing in this country.

Being Your Best Everyday will give you skills to become comfortable speaking in public by refreshing memories or update the public opinion of what helps us to make the best impression in the first 30 seconds. The presenters Connie Larrington and Sharon Giacometti will cover manners, etiquette and social skills of modern day society.

Hope to see you at the 2017 National FCE Conference.

Ardyce Snyder
National Vice President Public Policy

Family Community Leadership Programs

The FCL program is twofold:

The first fold is getting your FCL Leader Certificate which is obtained after you complete 30 hours of FCL training.

The second fold is the 60 hour FCL Trainer Certification which can be received after you have gotten your 30 hour FCL Leader Certificate. The 60 hour trainer certificate requires the applicant to do 20 hours of **actual teaching/training** using the FCL model of team teaching, 20 hours of **community action** and 20 hours in **public policy**.

To document the necessary hours for the teaching category please list the topic taught, where, dates and length of presentation (which can include your prep time); for community action and public policy list how you were involved, dates and length of time.

Some suggestions on how to get your 60 hour training:

- Serve on a non-profit board
- Attend a City Council or school board meeting
- Attend a state legislative meeting
- Write a letter to the editor of the newspaper
- Help with 4-H events
- Volunteer to help at the nursing home
- Volunteer to help at the school or sporting events
- Write to your representative or senator
- Organize and perform a community service project
- Serve on committees at your church
- Run for an elected office

After you have all of the required hours please send all of the documentation along with your filled out application to National FCE Headquarters.

I look forward to seeing lots of applications for the 60 hour FCL Trainer Certification.

Ardyce Snyder
National Vice President Public Policy



**2017 NATIONAL FCE CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION**



**Conference Dates:
July 13-16, 2017
Conference Tour Date:
July 17, 2017**

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- Keynote Speakers
- General Sessions
- Annual Business Meeting
- Workshops & FCL Leadership Training
- Eligibility to Purchase FCE Tour

Events:
Thursday Opening Ceremony & FCE Night
 Presentation of Presidents
 Meet the Board Reception
Evening:

Friday: Business Meeting
 Spirit of NE Luncheon
 FCL Sessions & Workshops
 Awards Dinner

Saturday: Workshop Sessions
 Heart of FCE Luncheon
 Workshop Sessions
 FCL Benefit Dinner (Extra Cost)

Sunday: Memorial & Inspiration
 Awards Luncheon & Installation Ceremony

MAIL TO:
 National FCE Conference
 73 Cavaller Blvd., Suite 106
 Florence, KY 41042
 Fax: 859-525-6496
 E-mail: natcehq@fuse.net

Check or credit card payment must accompany registration.

Make checks payable to: National FCE

Credit cards accepted: VISA, MasterCard, Discover (circle one)

Credit card number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Print name as it appears on card: _____

Signature: _____

Please make a copy of this registration form to save for your records

Please print clearly: Membership # _____ This is my first National FCE Conference _____

..... (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Initial) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) (____) (____) Fax (____) (____) (____) E-mail _____

In case of emergency contact _____ Phone (____) (____) (____)

List any food allergies: _____ Vegan meals: _____
 (Disclaimer: This information is for meal count only. YOU will be responsible to inform hotel staff of special needs)

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:

	Member	Non-member	Amount
Registration: By June 9, 2017	\$ 350	\$400	\$ _____
Registration after this date will not have meals guaranteed			\$ _____
Future Stars-full conference			\$ _____
Future Stars-FCL & FS Sessions Only	\$ 50 (Meals not included)		\$ _____
National Board	\$200		\$ _____
Conference Committee	\$100		\$ _____
Spouses - Meals Only	\$ 50/Dinner \$40/ Lunch		\$ _____
Future Star-Meals Only	\$50/Dinner \$40/Lunch		\$ _____
ONE-DAY CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: (Circle day attending, due by June 9, 2017)			
Friday	\$ 125	\$ 150	\$ _____
Saturday	\$ 125	\$ 150	\$ _____
Sunday	\$ 125	\$ 150	\$ _____

SPECIAL EVENTS:

FCL Benefit Dinner (dinner and entertainment) All Welcome!
 (Saturday, July 15, 2017) \$ 55 \$ 55 \$ _____

National FCE Board Alumni Breakfast \$ 45 N/A \$ _____
 (Thurs. Morning) For National Board Alumni Members & Spouses

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Registration is non-refundable, but can be transferred.



1616 Dodge Street
Omaha, NE 68102
402-346-7600

To register for the 2017 National FCE Annual Conference
Use the following website connection:

[http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/O/OMAH-DT-NAF-20170709/
index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG](http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/O/OMAH-DT-NAF-20170709/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

(I know! This is incredibly long.)

Group Name: NAFCE Annual Conference
Group Code: NAF

OR

Go to OUR website (nafce.org) and click on the link to the hotel.
You still have to use the Group Name and Group Code.

OR

Call the hotel at the number above. Give them our Group Name and Group Code.

BE SURE TO REGISTER BY JUNE 9.

This is the day our block of rooms will be released and we lose our group rate!

There is a complimentary shuttle from the airport. It runs on the half-hour and the hour.

2017 National FCE Conference Tour

Monday July 17, 2017

The 2017 FCE Tour will take us to visit historic Boys and Girls Town, where we will tour the Chapel, Father Flanagan's home and the Hall of History. After the tour we will stop at the Visitors Center for a visit to the Gift Shop and lunch on your own. There are several options for lunch; price ranges from \$6.85 to \$13.70.

After lunch we will board the bus for a short trip to Lauritzen Gardens. At the Gardens we will board a tram for a 50 minute guided tour. Along with the tram tour there will be time to wander the grounds and visit the education and visitors center.

The cost for the day will be \$55.00 plus lunch. This includes bus fare and admissions to both Boys and Girls Town and Lauritzen Gardens.

Monday Tour Reservations due by June 1, 2017

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Send your reservation and check today!

MAIL TO:

National FCE Conference
73 Cavalier Blvd., Suite 106
Florence, KY 41042
Fax: 859-525-6496
E-mail: nafcehq@fuse.net

Hearth Fire Programs

To be presented in Omaha
July 13-16, 2017

ARE YOU A SUGAR ADDICT? by Jeanne Purich and Phyllis Narus

HOW IS TECHNOLOGY AFFECTING MY FAMILY? by Martha Crawford and Sally Bowman

AGING IN PLACE, AGING WELL by Sharon Giacometti and Connie Larrington

“NATIONAL FCE BOARD ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP”

For

FIRST TIME ATTENDEES TO NATIONAL FCE CONFERENCE

“REGISTRATION COST ONLY”

Sponsored by the National FCE Board Alumni

1. National FCE dues must be on file at National FCE Headquarters by April 15.
2. National FCE Conference registration form and all applicable fees must be paid by check or listed credit card information. Winners will be notified before conference and their method of payment will be returned to them. Those applicants who are not winners will have their conference registration form and method of payment sent on to Headquarters by May 30.
3. This scholarship application form must be filled out according to the following instructions:

Name _____ Region _____

Address _____ City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Years of membership _____ Membership number (on label of fce TODAY) _____

On ONE separate sheet, tell us about the following:

- a. List your FCE involvement and accomplishments in the last 5 years (local, county, district, and state).
- b. What focus or issues of FCE are important to you and WHY? (i.e. Health, Home and Community Environment, International, Leadership, Youth Education, ACWW, FCL, CHARACTER COUNTS!, Community Service, Hearth Fire literatures, Membership).
- c. If you are selected, how will you share what you have learned or gained with your county, district, and state?

Send the following postmarked by May 15.

- This Scholarship application form completed
- The attached ONE separate page of information
- Completed Conference Registration form and method of payment

Mail to: National FCE Board Alumni Scholarship, Chair

Margaret Polen

3160 S Brand Lee Way

Yuma, AZ 85365-5110

Email: margaretnai531@gmail.com

Phone: 928-726-7454

Applications postmarked after May 15, will not be judged.

**2018 NAFCE Annual Conference
July, 2018
Austin, Texas**



Bring your cowboy boots, your Stetson hat and your bandanas!

We'll have a "rip-roaring" time.

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