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It's almost Spring!

There is a lot of news in this *fce*TODAY News from ACWW, news about our 2018 Service Project, news about our Annual Conference . . . be sure to cover it all.

This is also our first newsletter to be sent by email! We're doing all we can to make sure every member receives their copy.

The theme for our 2018 National FCE Conference in Austin, Texas, is "Reachin' for the Stars." The message in our theme is two-fold: first, we want to reach for those membership stars. When you recruit a new member, contact National FCE HQ to find out how to receive your gold star for bringing in a new member. Wear it proudly! Second, with our new members joining with us, we will be "reaching for the stars" to become the best we can be.

This will be the last Conference of my term as your President. It has been an honor to serve and to learn more about our wonderful organization. Thank you all for the privilege.

Lynn Maples
National FCE President

"I cannot count the number of times I have been strengthened by another woman's heartfelt hug, appreciative note, surprise gift, or caring questions . . . My friends are an oasis to me, encouraging me to go on. They are essential to my well-being."

- Dee Brestin

National Association For Family & Community Education

2018 NATIONAL FCE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Reach for the Stars!

Conference Dates:
July 19-22, 2018
Conference Tour Date:
July 19, 2018

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

Name_____
(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 28, 2018	$ 350	$400	**$** _____
Registration after this date will not have meals guaranteed			
Future Stars-full conference	$ 130		$ _____
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 21, 2018)	$ 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.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

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

Events:

Thursday: **Presentation of Presidents**
Service Project-reception PM

Friday: **Business Meeting**
Spirit of FCE Luncheon
FCL Sessions & Workshops
Awards Dinner- FCL Presentations

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 Cavalier Blvd., Suite 106
Florence, KY 41042
Fax: 859-525-6496
E-mail: nafcehq@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

Hotel Registration and Information

All conference attendees must make their own room reservations.

Contact:

Holiday Inn Austin Midtown—(512) 451-5757

When making your reservations make sure you use the group name "NAFCE"

Room block will remain open until **June 28, 2018**. After that date, attendees will be able to book rooms at the group room rate above subject to availability. Group room rate is available 3 days pre/post event dates.
Attendees may call (512) 451-5757 individually to book hotel rooms at the $99.00 rate.

All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit, or guaranteed with a major credit card. Hotel will not hold any reservations unless secured by one of these methods. Reservations by attendees must be received on or before **June 28, 2018.**
Reservations must be canceled by 4:00 PM, 24 hours before the day of arrival or the first night of the stay will be charged. Check in time is 3:00pm and check out time is 12:00pm. Guests arriving before 3:00pm will be accommodated based on availability. Guest Services can arrange to check baggage for those arriving early when rooms are not available and for guests attending functions on their day of departure.

Room rates: $99.00 occupancy 1-4 people, plus applicable taxes

Hotel amenities include the following:

- Complimentary Self- Parking.
- Complimentary Wireless High-Speed Internet throughout the hotel.
- Located 3 miles North of UT Austin Campus
- Located 4 miles North of Downtown.
- 100% Non-Smoking Facility.
- Red Pepper Bar & Grill - Full Service Restaurant.
- Lobby Bistro Bar
- Coffee maker, iron, ironing board, hairdryer, two phones, desk lamp with outlet & phone jack, oversized work desk, ergonomic desk chair, & voice mail.
- 24 hour Business & Fitness Center.
- Outdoor Swimming Pool with Poolside Courtyard.
- Within walking distance of restaurants, shopping and a movie theater.

(IHG Rewards Club – www.ihg.com/rewardsclub/ is available for those who wish to join or who are already members)

Facility Address: 6000 Middle Fiskville Road • Austin, TX 78752

Shuttle Information for Austin Texas, 2018 National FCE Annual Conference

Arrangements have been made for the "Super Shuttle" to handle our 2018 Annual Conference shuttle needs to and from the airport in Austin Texas. The cost of the ride is $15 each way.
Super Shuttle has given us a discount **IF** the reservations are made on line. You can book your ride from the airport to the hotel and your return ride at the same.
Please use the following link to book your ride. The discount code for our group is: W2W5J

https://group.supershuttle.com/group-page/3413/
If you use the link it will take you to the National FCE group page, you should see our logo on the page.

2018 SERVICE PROJECT

Our 2018 service project is Zero Hunger. It is staggering and shameful that so many people, especially children, in this country are hungry!

Our Books for Newborns seems to be unrelated to this issue, but I feel that if we can reach just one or two families with the encouragement to read to their children, it might begin to break this cycle of poverty and/or neglect. Books for Newborns started May 15, 1994, which was the International Year of the Family. The Year of Family committee chose May 15 to give books to newborns, showing that FCE supports families and literacy projects. It was also when the '101 ways to Celebrate the Family' poster was printed.

When you come to Austin for Conference, please bring a book or two (new or slightly used). There will be baskets at the reception following the opening ceremony for collection of books. The books will be given to a crisis shelter or food pantry to be distributed to families. Canned goods, etc., probably won't travel well by plane; so in addition, please bring a bit of cash to contribute to an agency or food pantry in the area.

Do you have your ticket yet for the Donation Drawing to be held at the Annual Conference in Austin?

Prizes to be awarded are a hand-crocheted tablecloth, a hand-woven shawl, and $100 in cash. You do not have to be present to win.

Notify your State President or one of the National Board members for tickets.

Tickets are $5 each.

DUE DATES

April 15 is the due date to Headquarters for the following:

Spirit of FCL nominees
Program Award Books
Brochures
Essay & Artwork Contest

Come be a part of the National FCE Conference in Austin Texas , July 19 to 22, 2018.

Thursday , July 19th will begin with a tour for all attendees , Presidents information meeting and practice as well as the Opening Session and service project.

Your room at the Holiday Inn Austin Midtown is bright and cheery with free high speed internet access throughout the hotel. Other amenities include: outdoor pool, an exercise facility, and 24 hour business center. Parking is free!

Most meeting rooms, workshop rooms, sales & silent auction room, meal room, and office are on the main floor making it easier to walk to events. The temperature in Austin will be very warm, but as you know, while in a hotel the temperature can vary. You may want to bring a sweater or jacket for your comfort.

The National FCE board is planning educational and interesting programs and workshops. Some of the sessions will include new Hearth Fires, new FCL workshops, and MORE. And don't forget the FCL Benefit Dinner, the Silent Auction, small quilted items for the Alumni silent auction, introduction of state presidents, board reception and the service project. This is only a sampling, there is much more, so come, have a memorable experience at the 2018 National FCE Conference. It's an opportunity to meet new friends, renew old friendships, be inspired by speakers, learn new things, expand your leadership skills and best of all have fun.

For first timers – we hope this will be the beginning of many years that you will join other FCE members at National Conference.

If you have any questions or ideas, please let me know.

Bonnie Teeples
2018 Conference Chair
541-891-2662 email: bdteeples@charter.net

ACWW Information

Jo Almond, ACWW USA Area President, has sent information about ACWW to member societies. State Presidents should have received the information in an email with several attachments. If your state has not received this information please contact Lynn Maples.
These attachments address ACWW's Project #1023 "Enhancement of Nutritional Health Security through Home Gardens for Dalit Women;" also the **Zero Hunger** campaign; Jo's report to London; and ACWW's 40th Anniversary promotion.

April 29 is fast approaching. Have you planned a walk for **"Women Walk The World** "? On the ACWW website there is a copy of the WWW logo that can be copied. Use it wherever and whenever you can to promote your walk.

You can access more information on these and other subjects on their website www.acww.org.uk.
ACWW's office has moved! New address is

ACWW

A04 Parkhall

40 Martell Road

London, SE21 8EN,

United Kingdom

Phone, website and email remain the same

29th Triennial World Conference

April 4-10, 2019

Melbourne, Australia

JUST A REMINDER

National FCE Headquarters no longer has the toll free phone number. To call headquarters you must dial 859-525-6401. If you call our old toll free number you get a marketing company which has no association with National FCE.

The Cutting Edge

"THE CUTTING EDGE" how often have we recently seen that phrase in the last year? We see it in technology, medicine, science, sports and so much more. I really think that NAFCE is on the cutting edge also as I listen to the news and read the newspaper and magazines.
The last few years we have devoted a great deal of time educating each other and our communities about the problem of 'Human Trafficking' and 'Opioid and other prescription drug abuse'. I have become very interested in the number of State's Legislatures who have addressed these issues and have passed bills or have them pending this session. Likewise multiple Law Enforcement agencies have developed programs to inform the public and have also trained their fellow officers how to properly talk to a trafficking victim. The medical profession is looking at the abuse of prescription drugs and legislation has been passed in a number of states. In Nebraska alone the number of pain pills has drastically reduced that is given to a patient following surgery.
Maybe NAFCE is not on the cutting edge but we are sure becoming a voice across this country. We must continue to talk to our state and national delegation, our law enforcement people as well as anyone at any opportunity we have regarding these very important issues.

Connie Larrington
Vice President for Public Policy

ALUMNI FUNDRAISER

The National FCE Board Alumni chose to repeat last year's fundraiser by donating quilted items to sell in the Silent Auction. While Board Alumni are planning to donate, anyone can donate.

Proceeds from our fundraiser/s go to First Timer Scholarships. These scholarships are applied for by anyone who has never attended a National Conference. The Scholarship Committee makes the determination as to who receives a scholarship.

It is VERY important that the applicant follow the rules and guidelines as they are spelled out. Anything that is partial or left out will not be judged. The form can be found in the latest edition of the *FCE TODAY*.

Educational Material at National Conference

The Education Committee on the National Board are planning some very educational and thought provoking lesson for National Conference and then for you to take home to State and community groups.

FCL LESSONS

Grow as a Volunteer: How do volunteers grow while avoiding "burn out"? Volunteers need to know that they are an integral part of a program where they are able to share their insight, ideas and experience. They must feel needed and that their time and skills are valuable to an organization. Some may experience "burn out" when they are no longer challenged or become overwhelmed with responsibility or no longer feel the goals of an organization are being met. Being a volunteer is a journey not a task.

"Wills, Trusts and Funerals" Estate planning is a kindness you can do for your beneficiaries. Death is inevitable and planning for it eases the burden on those left behind (spouse, children or executor of the estate). We will provide some guidelines and forms to help get you started to plan for the way you would like your property to be disturbed and your funeral to be handled.

"Controversial Issues – Drugs" This FCL program will provide information on Opioids and the affect they have on communities and how best to keep communities safe. We will also learn how we have the power to influence our state and local leaders.

HEARTH FIRE LESSONS

"Asking for a Friend …How Does Aging Affect My Senses?" Our five senses give us an abundance of information about our world. As we age, senses lose their precision and sharpness, making details harder to notice. Senses work by receiving and processing information about the surrounding environment. The challenge is that stimulation is necessary to comprehend these sensations. As we age, the stimulation level required for sensation increases but our ability to comprehend that stimulation decreases. This makes it difficult to maintain the senses. This lesson will look at ways aging affects our senses and ways to compensate for these affects.

"Someone's in your Home …Eating Healthy Food" Do you know what you are eating? Do you know if the bread you are eating is Gluten free? Do you understand what a GMO is? Do you know what Pulse Grains are? These questions will be answered in this Hearth Fire program.

" Someone's in the Community... Driving to Save Lives" As we grow older and changes take place in our lives a refresher in driving safely is good for us. Rules change, roads change and newer automobiles change every year.

Essay and Artwork Contest
"CARING"
2017 National Winners

1st Place – Maryland
Jennifer Villalto

2nd Place – Tennessee
Chloe Collins

3rd Place – Hawaii
Carla Sue Small

Program and Brochure Awards 2017

Program Award Books
Leadership: 1st Colorado FCE, 2nd Kansas FCE
Education: 1st Colorado FCE, 2nd Hawaii FCE, 3rd Kansas FCE
Action: 1st Kansas FCE, 2nd Colorado FCE

Open Brochure Marketing/Membership:
1st Scott Teeples, Oregon
2nd Carol Smead, Colorado
3rd Edith McClain, Kansas

FCE Tools
1st Scott Teeples, Oregon
2nd Carol Smead, Colorado
3rd Judy Fullmer, Kansas

OTHER:
2nd Carol Smead, Colorado
3rd Susan Gartell, Kansas

2017 Public Relations Award: Cheyenne County, Nebraska

Board Alumni Scholarships: were awarded to Ruth Haitsuka, Hawaii, Sharon Taylor, Alaska and Shirley Kirkley, Missouri.

2018 NATIONAL FCE CONFERENCE TOUR

Thursday July 19, 2018

Our tour this year is the essential Central Texas detour! We start with an Austin city overview, showing you all the major landmarks, and then leave the tourist areas for the "real" Austin where you'll see hidden gems only a local would know about. Hear about the lifestyle, food, music, and history while zipping around the city's best areas. Then we'll head for the hills, literally, as we wind through our beautiful Hill Country. Wildflowers and wineries dot the landscape and you feel as if you've entered a different world. Finally we'll arrive at the most famous BBQ pit in Central Texas – The Salt Lick. You'll experience why 2,000 people a day flock here to indulge on famous brisket and out of this world sides.

We leave the hotel at 9:00 am and will return around 1:00 pm. This tour is for all conference attendees. What fun we will have being all together this year!!

The total cost for the tour will be $105.00. This includes your bus fare, tour and lunch at the "Salt Lick"

Reservations due by June 15, 2018

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip__

Phone _____

Email _____

Send your reservation and check today!

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"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 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 Headquarters
73 Cavalier Blvd., Suite 106
Florence, KY 41042
Fax: 859-525-6496

Applications postmarked after May 15, will not be judged.

Reach for the Stars!

STAR PIN

I signed up a new member:

Name of New Member _____
Address _____
City _____ ST _____ Zip Code _____
Date Joined _____

My Name is _____
Address _____
City _____ ST _____ Zip Code _____
Membership ID Number _____

Please send my FCE Star Pin

Receive a free gold FCE Star pin every time you recruit a new FCE member. Complete this form and send to National FCE Headquarters, 73 Cavalier Blvd., Suite 106, Florence, KY 41042-5178.
Once the new member information has been verified a star pin will be mailed to you.
You may also fax this information to headquarters at 859-525-6496 or you can email the info to nafcehq@fuse.net.

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