



# Rosie's Reminders!

## Montana State Leadership Conference 2026



### December/January

Local Arrangements	Students & Chaperones	Lodging	Communication
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Complete chapter affiliation in the membership portal before January begins!</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Submit forms for local approval.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Determine what financial support the school can provide and how much you will need to collect from students or fundraising needs.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Begin a SLC binder. Put copies of all documents in it.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Discuss with students who will attend in what role.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Determine how many chaperones will be needed--one adult who can volunteer for conference activities is required for every eight students attending.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> When you are certain of who is attending and how they will participate, use portal login credentials to complete conference registration.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Review the lodging options in the SLC Registration Packet. Determine rooming lists.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Reach out to hotel and reserve rooms.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Add reservation confirmation, rooming list, and payment info to the binder</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Develop an information packet for attendees. Add info to your chapter website or bulletin board, along with FAQs and answers.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Consider securing a chapter set of polos or blazers so that students may borrow them and return for next year's attendees.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Communicate expectations about what components students will be expected to contribute.</li></ul>

### January/February

Competitive Events	Forms, Forms, Forms (found at <a href="http://mtfccla.org">mtfccla.org</a> unless otherwise indicated)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Ensure all competitive events participants have a copy of competition guidelines for their event. Double check your registration to be sure they have the correct event information.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Utilize the Guide to Getting Started with STAR Events at <a href="http://mtfccla.org">mtfccla.org</a></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Schedule a work day or night. Encourage attendance for students with yummy snacks.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Schedule a rehearsal night, complete with speeches and dress codes. Ask for volunteers to provide feedback using competition rubrics</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Students must complete the online project submission requirement in the student membership portal. Print and sign this. It is required for STAR Events entries.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> National Officer Candidate forms are due by 2/1</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Complete the Adviser Role Survey on the SLC website by 2/10</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Complete an Activity Change Form by 2/10 for anyone who has changed roles for SLC</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Submit DPIL forms by 2/15</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Complete the STAR Chapter Award Application by 2/15. Scholarships and awards are due 2/15</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Log in to double check your registration and be sure all fees are paid! Invoices are required to be paid in full by February 20.</li></ul>

# March

## Registration and Orientation

- Submit your chapter's service hours and send 3 photos of your chapter service efforts to Tracey by March 1
- Submit State Project awards and National Program awards (portal) by March 1
- Be sure all students are entered in the same events they have prepared for
- Meet with your students to review the final conference schedule.
  - Clarify roles of each attendee.
  - Remind them of your expectations.
- For any competitive events, ensure your students complete the online project summary form and secure the documents needed

## General Conference Reminders

- Be sure your students know about the participation incentives
- Double check the SLC information at [mtfccla.org](http://mtfccla.org)  
Look for details such as:
  - Parking Info
  - Campus Map
- Double check your checklist and binder.
- Create your own packing list for items you will need and check your email for any reminders from Tracey
- Email/text students and parents with reminders of travel times and important details.

## Miscellaneous Notes

Student/family communication is an important component for success. Consider copying and customizing one of these templates to help your students and families understand SLC and NLC details:

[SLC information letter](#)

[SLC competitive events information: pre SLC](#)

[SLC competitive events information: post SLC](#)



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