

Information on the PJAS State Meeting, May 15 - 17, 2011

Registration: Sunday, May 15, 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Findlay Johnston Commons, for 3-day packages. Contact your regional director for information on registration for 1-day packages.

Housing: PJAS will be housed in the East Halls (near the football stadium).

Parking: Individual vehicles will park in the parking garage adjacent to the East Halls. Parking on Sunday is free. Cost for Monday - Tuesday is approximately \$15.

Emergency Phone Numbers:

PJAS Nurse (814) 865-2825; Johnson Commons Housing Desk (814) 865-0465; PSU Police (814) 863-1111; PJAS Info Desk (814) 865-0087

What to Bring

Your project - all of your presentation materials (note cards, transparencies)

Dress will be casual for all events except that you will need dress clothes for your presentation. You will be walking long distances so wear comfortable shoes and be prepared for the weather. You may wish to bring a swim suit. You must wear shoes with soft soles (like athletic shoes) when in the gymnasium or at the dance, which is held in the gym.

You will need towels (at least 2), soap, shampoo, deodorant, other toiletries, hair dryer, flip-flops for the shower. An alarm clock would be a good idea. Sheets are provided. You must bring your own pillow. You may wish to bring a blanket.

Money for lunch on the way up and the way back, if a stop is planned.

Optional items

Money for PJAS tee shirts and sweatshirts, Penn State items, video games, between meal snacks. Small bills and quarters are preferable to larger bills.

Athletic equipment (basketball, volleyball and/or tennis racquet)

Snacks. Rooms are quipped with a small refrigerator and microwave.

What NOT to Bring

Boom Boxes, Radios

Roller Blades, Skates, Skateboards, or Scooters

Water Guns or Super Soakers

Laser Pointers

Candles or Incense

Penn State Security reserves the right to confiscate any item that may cause injury to you or to others.

Presenters

Presenters are expected to study the schedule listed in the front of the state book. Attendance is mandatory at all meetings, sessions and ceremonies. It is your responsibility to be present and on time.

Check the state book immediately for your project judging unit. Make sure that you know the time and location of your judging unit. Campus maps are provided. Shuttle buses are available.

If there is a problem (i.e., not in program, wrong category) tell your sponsor at once. You and your sponsor should report to one of the change sessions listed on the schedule. Session changes will not be made.

There are a number of special awards (listed in the state booklet). If you receive a first place award, you must

attend the Special Awards Ceremony on Monday evening. If your name is called and you aren't at the ceremony, you forfeit the award.

Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores may interview for scholarship and trip awards. Check the state book for more information.

Technicians

Technicians will need a watch to use for timing and a pen or pencil. You may use your cell phone if it has a stop watch feature. There is an important technician meeting Sunday evening. Check the state booklet for time and place. It is imperative that all technicians attend. Technicians should **not** attend the region meetings. Review the section on this website concerning technician expectations. Technicians must be 3-day packages.

Sponsors and Chaperons

Sponsors are to pick up their judging packets on the second floor of Findlay/Johnston Commons. Please do this as early as possible on Sunday. All sponsors will be assigned to judge.

All chaperons will be assigned to supervise in areas such as the natatorium, gymnasium, auditorium and dance. Chaperons will find their chaperoning packets in their registration envelope. All chaperons must report as assigned.

Important Points

Meal tickets are required for all meals.

Nametags must be worn at all times.

Curfews will be strictly enforced, check the state booklet.

Check your room on arrival, report any damage to your sponsor. Any damage which might occur will be charged to the occupants.

Female students are not allowed in male dorms. Male students are not allowed in female dorms. No exceptions.

There are two stairwell exits on every floor of the dorms. Locate these upon your arrival. If a fire alarm would sound, you must use the stairs, not the elevators.

Nurses are on duty twenty-four hours a day in the health suite in Fisher.

The Sunday night meetings are mandatory for all. No exceptions.

Lock your room when you leave on Tuesday. Turn in all keys to your sponsor. You will be billed (approximately \$50) if you lose your key.

There will be a conference assistant staying in each dorm to help with problems.

Put an identifying number in your cell phone so that if it is lost it can be returned to you.

At Penn State

PSU Dining Services offers a wide variety of menu choices at all meals. Persons who are diabetic or vegetarian will find sufficient choices available to be able to meet their special dietary needs.

Recreational opportunities include basketball, swimming, tennis, volleyball, video games and a dance on Monday night.

PJAS sweatshirts and tee shirts will be on sale all three days in Findlay/Johnston Commons. The Penn State Bookstore will be open, offering a wide selection of Penn State items. The Creamery will extend its hours for all of the ice cream lovers.