



## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

This schedule is tentative and could change at any time. All attempts will be made to make final scheduling decisions by Sept. 1. There are several factors that may affect a scheduling decision, including the availability of monuments and congressional offices, safety measures and permitting.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 23, 2023

Attire: SkillsUSA business casual

- 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Conference Registration  
*Plaza Ballroom Foyer*
- 5:15 p.m. Doors open for Opening General Session  
*Plaza Ballroom*
- 5:30 p.m. Opening Dinner and General Session  
*Plaza Ballroom*
- 8:30 p.m. Students: Huddle Group Welcome  
*Huddle Group Rooms*
- 8:45 p.m. Advisors and State Staff: Orientation Meeting  
*Terrace East & West Room*
- 11 p.m. Curfew

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 24, 2023

Attire: SkillsUSA business casual and casual for twilight tour

- 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. SkillsUSA Store and Educational Resources  
*Plaza Ballroom Foyer*
- 7:45 a.m. Breakfast  
*Plaza Ballroom*
- 8:30 a.m. General Session  
*Plaza Ballroom*
- 9:30 a.m. Student Training  
*Huddle Group Rooms*
- 9:30 a.m. Advisor and State Director Training  
*Terrace East & West Room*
- 12 p.m. Lunch and Advocacy Panel Discussion  
*Plaza Ballroom*
- 1:30 p.m. Break

- 1:45 p.m. Advisor Training  
*Terrace East & West Room*
- 1:45 p.m. Student Training  
*Huddle Group Rooms*
- 5 p.m. Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Buses depart for Twilight Tour (Casual)  
*Front of Hotel*
- 10 p.m. Buses depart for hotel  
*From Twilight Tour*
- 11 p.m. Curfew

### MONDAY, SEPT. 25, 2023

Attire: SkillsUSA conference T-Shirt

- 8 a.m. Breakfast  
*Plaza Ballroom*
- 8:45 a.m. General Session  
*Plaza Ballroom*
- 10:30 a.m. Buses depart for 9/11 Pentagon Memorial  
*Front of Hotel*
- 11 a.m. Wreath Laying at 9/11 Pentagon Memorial  
*Pentagon Memorial*
- 12 p.m. Buses depart for downtown D.C.
- 12:30 p.m. D.C. Touring  
*States on their own for touring, lunch and dinner  
Downtown D.C.*
- 3 p.m. Buses begin departing for hotel (on rotation)  
*Air & Space Museum*
- 7 p.m. Last bus departs for hotel  
*Air & Space Museum*
- 7:30 p.m. Statesman Interview Process  
*Lower Level of Hotel*
- 11 p.m. Curfew



## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (CONT.)

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 26, 2023

*Attire: SkillsUSA official attire*

- 8 a.m. Buses depart for Capitol Hill  
*Front of Hotel (Breakfast served on bus)*
- 8:45 a.m. Group Photo on Capitol Hill  
*Front of Capitol*
- 9 a.m. Congressional Visits  
*Lunch on your own  
Capitol Hill*
- 2 p.m. Buses depart for Arlington National Cemetery  
*Front of Capital Hill*
- 3:15 p.m. Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns  
*Arlington National Cemetery*
- 4:20 p.m. Buses depart for hotel  
*Front of Hotel*
- 6:30 p.m. Celebration Dinner  
*Plaza Ballroom*
- 11 p.m. Curfew

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27, 2023

*Attire: appropriate casual*

Travel home safely!





## WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE EXPERIENCES

### STUDENT TRAINING

Training will focus on the three key Essential Elements of the conference. As a result of participating in WLTl, students will be able to:

- Know, create, and communicate their own CTE story
- Communicate effectively using the POWER formula and other SkillsUSA resources and tools
- Demonstrate their ability to create change through the application of advocacy best practices
- Network with other students from across the country to understand the breadth of career and technical education and SkillsUSA across the nation

### ADVISOR TRAINING

Training will focus on how to best advocate for your CTE program as well as how to effectively implement SkillsUSA educational resources.

Note: All advisors should bring a laptop, tablet or other digital device to access digital resources during the training.

### NIGHTTIME MONUMENT TOUR

This will provide participants a fun evening exploring some of the most prominent monuments and memorials in Washington, D.C. A highlight of the evening will be a powerful reflection delivered by the national officers.

### STATE PLANNING SESSION

To ensure your state delegation is prepared for the legislative visits, we provide intentional time and materials during the conference for state associations to meet for planning. Please use this time to ensure your team is prepared for their congressional visits where they will advocate for CTE and SkillsUSA.

### TOURING AND EXPLORING D.C.

Conference participants will have time to visit monuments and museums in Washington, D.C. We suggest groups identify in advance some places to visit and things that you want to see or do. Check out this website to begin your tour planning: [www.washington.org](http://www.washington.org).

### WREATH LAYING AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

SkillsUSA will honor men and women of the armed forces by laying a wreath during the changing of the guards' ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Participants are asked to remain respectful at all times while visiting the cemetery.





## CONGRESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

A highlight of WLTI is when students and advisors go to Capitol Hill to visit senators and representatives on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2023, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Buses depart at 2 p.m.) Please request your congressional appointments early.

To make this process easy, SkillsUSA has placed an editable meeting request letter on the SkillsUSA advocacy web page so you can email appointment requests. To follow up, we also suggest calling the office's scheduler to confirm your appointment.

To edit and email a letter to Congress, visit SkillsUSA Advocate at [advocate.skillsusa.org](https://advocate.skillsusa.org).



## BUS INFORMATION

Bus transportation will be provided for all local conference activities. State associations will be assigned to a bus by number. Each motor coach will have a bus captain who will provide instructions, announcements and important information to participants. Further information about state bus assignments will be available once registration has closed.

\*State associations with more than 50 participants will need to provide a bus list prior to the conference.