

SkillsUSA South Carolina Fall Leadership Conference Information for Student & Parent

What: SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference

Dates: November 1 – 3, 2023 (Wednesday – Friday)

Registration Check-in: November 1, 2023, from 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm (in gymnasium)

Closing Ceremony: November 3, 2023, from 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Location: FFA Center (1069 FFA Circle Road, N. Myrtle Beach, SC 29582)

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. We help each student excel. A nonprofit national education association, SkillsUSA serves middle-school, high-school and college/post-secondary students preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service (including health) occupations.

Members have opportunities to gain leadership skills, personal growth, and professional experiences, take part in community service activities, and participate in competitions.

SkillsUSA South Carolina holds a Fall Leadership Conference annually which is centered around the development of student leaders. Through various activities and experiences, the aim is to provide each student with the tools to help their school, chapter, and themselves improve.

As a student, you have either shown interest in leadership development through this specific event and/or been recommended by your teacher to fill one of the limited spots for this event. This trip does require an overnight stay in a dormitory-style setting at the FFA Center in North Myrtle Beach. Dormitory assignments are made in advance by the state.

Males and Females are assigned to separate dormitories with the aim to keep schools together. Adults are also assigned separate dormitory-style rooms. Room checks will occur at curfews assigned by SkillsUSA South Carolina and the FFA Center. While at the FFA Center, a separate outing may occur to the beach for some activities, but not for swimming. The menu at the FFA Center may not be known until on-site and no outside food will be ordered and brought in. Persons with any dietary needs or allergies must let their advisor know, who will then let the state director know so that separate meals may be prepared. In the event you forget to do this, you may notify the staff when on-site.

Anyone with medical, medication, or allergy needs should inform their advisor prior to the trip and follow all their school/district rules/guidelines. If medical attention is needed on-site, the advisor for that student should be able to provide the necessary information.

Attendees will be sent some pre-work items to complete prior to attending the event in person. While at the event, attendees who have not already obtained the Statesman Pin award from a previous trip may earn it on this trip. The Statesman Pin is available to both students and advisors.

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Maps, information regarding the Statesman Pin, and any additional information will be provided on the State Website on the Fall Leadership Conference page. All attendees should read all information regarding the conference, in advance, to ensure they meet all requirements for the Statesman Pin.

Cell phone service may be inconsistent, and Wi-Fi may be insufficient for all to access at one time, so plan accordingly if needed for any reason.

List of suggested items attendees should consider bringing:

- Cellphone Charger
- Extension Cord / Power Strip (if desired)
- Twin Bedsheets (or sleeping bag)
- Blanket(s)
- Pillow
- Sunscreen (if desired)
- Comfortable Shoes
- Shoes for Beach (if desired)
- Shoes for Shower (if desired)
- Toiletries
- Hair Dryer/Brush (if desired)
- Sunglasses (if desired)
- Medication (if needed and advisor notified)
- Towel(s) and Washcloth(s)
- Dirty Clothes Bag (if desired)
- Hat (if desired)
- Appropriate sleepwear (you are rooming with others)
- Rainwear or Umbrella (if desired)
- Coat/Jacket (if desired)
- Insect Repellent (if desired, you will be outside at times)
- Reusable Water Bottle (encouraged)
- Snacks, Drinks (if desired)
- School Appropriate Clothing

**Attendees should check the weather when deciding on packing clothing. There will be activities inside and outside during the trip at different parts of the day. This includes late-night events.