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MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS

# FALL NEWSLETTER

## “XPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE” WITH MASC

The **TIME** is now for your school to join MO Association of Student Councils and take advantage of all it has to offer. MASC is sponsored by the MO Association of Secondary School Principals. It is a voluntary membership organization, which provides leadership training activities for member schools. Membership is open to all junior high, middle and high schools both public and private.

It is **TIME to TEACH, INSPIRE, MOTIVATE** and **EDUCATE** your members. Here's what MASC has to offer:

- Newsletters published three times a year to bring you news about activities, registration forms for activities.

- Motivation and Magic—a monthly email of inspiration and ideas!
- Membership Directory of all member schools.
- Advisor Training, October, 2007, Lake of the Ozarks



- MASC State Convention held annually, 2008: Webb City HS, March 13, 14, 15, 2008
- State and National scholarship opportunities for students and advisors

- Leadership Institute—weeklong summer camp designed to enhance skills and knowledge of students and advisors. June, 2008—Wm Woods University, Fulton, MO
- Missouri Honor Council Recognition of outstanding councils
- Fall district workshops in 7 regional locations
- Winter Energizer, held over MLK weekend for summer campers to renew and re-energize their leadership skills

**COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED MEMBERSHIP INVOICE FORM TO SECURE YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 07-08 YEAR.**

**REMEMBER DUES MUST BE PAID BY 12/31 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR HONOR COUNCIL RECOGNITION**

### ADVISOR TRAINING AT THE LAKE

“Xperience the Difference” of Advisor Training at the Lake of the Ozarks, Oct. 6-8, 2007. The conference will again be held at the: COUNTRY CLUB HOTEL & SPA, just minutes from Bagnell Dam, the outlet mall, great restaurants and entertainment.

Advisor Training begins on Saturday for NEW(ER) advisors

who want some help getting started. Then stay over the next two days and **XPLORE** leadership and the **XCITEMENT** of learning, **XCHANGE** ideas and skills with an **XPERIENCED** leadership consultant and veteran advisors. **XPLORE** new possibilities of leadership! You will return home and **XCEL** with new found energy and knowledge.

See the informational flyer and registration form on the inside to begin the journey and

**“Xperience the Difference” of MASC!**



## FALL DISTRICT MEETING—"XCITE" YOUR MEMBERS

**MASC is divided into 7 geographical regions. Each region elects officer schools and an adult board member. Officer schools assist with the planning and hosting of district meetings.**

**Member schools should take TIME to attend the FALL DISTRICT meeting in their area.**

**Member schools may send as many delegates as they wish to these fall conferences for a minimal cost.**

**The conferences include:**

**motivational speakers, informational workshops, food, entertainment, and ice-breakers. Most importantly, it provides a place for students and advisors to meet other student council leaders, share ideas and make new friends.**

**These conferences are well attended and organized. Don't miss the Fall District Meeting in your area. Each host school will send you information. If you have questions, contact the host school or MASC.**

GATEWAY—Northwest HS, Nov. 3

TRAILS WEST—Ft. Osage HS, Oct 26

NORTHEAST—Simonsen Hosting at Lewis & Clark MS—Nov 2

NORTHWEST—Liberty HS—Oct. 26

SO CENTRAL—Iberia HS, Oct 1

SOUTHEAST—Dexter HS Hosting at SEMO, Nov 8

SOUTHWEST—Republic HS, Oct 26

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS—"XPLORE" THE

MASC chose Special Olympics as our charity of choice nearly 15 years ago. Since that time we have been raising funds and awareness across the state and among our membership.

Member schools are encouraged to assist with Special Olympic events in their areas. Many of our schools host recruiting parties for athletes, assist at events, do fundraisers, act as coaches, provide moral support and include athletes in their own student council activities. The past several years MASC and the state president school have introduced Special Olympics athletes and coaches at the state convention. In addition a donation has been made to Special Olympics.

Last school year MASC member schools raised nearly \$50,000 for Special Olympics and performed 10,000 hours of volunteer service. Our efforts

gives Missouri Special Olympians an **advantage**. More importantly our student council members feel the power of volunteerism and helping others. Go to:



[www.somo.org](http://www.somo.org)

for Special Olympics events and activities in your area. Contact the Special Olympics area coordinator for additional information.

Recently SOMO named NW District Area Coordinator, Melody Prawitz the liaison between MASC and SOMO.

Please contact Melody if you need any kind of information or are having trouble getting in contact with your area rep. Melody will also be sending our advisors email updates about Special Olympic events. She is a great person and is responsible for helping us each year at our DUCK RACE held at Summer Leadership camp.

Special Olympics activities also earn points on the Honor Council application. Please get involved this year in Special Olympics. They need our help!

**MASC website has a new look...thanks to webmaster Ann Bolzenius (Gateway Board member) for her hard work and dedication to MASC and the website! The site has information about coming events, registration information, idea sharing, and much more.**

**Check us out at: <http://www.masc1.org/>**

# NATIONAL AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Twenty-six Missouri Student Councils were named to the NASC Gold Councils of Excellence in 2007. The awards were presented for the second time at the National Convention this past summer.

This announcement was significant because Missouri had more schools recognized as winners than any other state! Our own Honor Council program gave these schools a definite advantage when completing the national application.

Check out [www.nasc.org](http://www.nasc.org) website for complete guidelines, deadlines and application for 2008.

## CONGRATULATIONS NATIONAL WINNERS!

Buerkle Middle School  
Liberty Middle School  
Parkway NE Middle School  
Richmond Middle School  
Sikeston Junior High  
West Junior High School

Blue Springs High School  
Carthage High School  
Center High School  
Dexter High School  
Ft. Osage High School  
Fox High School

Hermann High School  
Iberia High School  
Lafayette High School (St. Joe)  
Lindbergh High School  
Notre Dame High School  
Pattonville High School  
Plattsburg High School  
Poplar Bluff High School  
St. John the Baptist HS  
Skyline High School  
Truman High School  
Union High School  
Washington High School  
West Platte Jr - Sr High School

## Missouri Honor Councils “XCEL”

Honor Council is an opportunity to recognize the “XCELLENT” work of your council. This program recognizes outstanding student councils and their work across our state. Schools are asked to complete an application in January and return it to Karen Haak. The application requires schools to have membership paid by December 31, 2007, attend the state convention in March, have a constitution and democratic election and to send at least two pictures of any one activity.

Other requirements include a checklist of choices from activities, service, workshop or state running belonging providing ship training of off-



ranging spirit community doing a at district meeting, for office, to NASC, a leadership session cers, and

many, many more.

There are two levels of award, gold and silver. Schools can opt for either level and still receive recognition. The awards are made at State Convention and each school receives a plaque or year plate.

This past March, over 100 schools were recognized as Missouri Honor Councils.

## JOIN THE LIST SERVE AND “XCHANGE” INFORMATION

Join the LIST SERVE by sending me an email message ASAP:

[terri.johnson@sjsd.k12.mo.us](mailto:terri.johnson@sjsd.k12.mo.us)

There are lots of great reasons to join LIST SERVE...here are five of them:

1. Monthly Motivation and Magic email newsletter filled with inspiration and enthusiasm
2. Email updates of coming events
3. Reminders of postmark and registration deadlines
4. The latest in news and information from MASC
5. Links to website and online forms

## MASC EXECUTIVE BOARD 07-08

- Gateway—Ann Bolzenius, Notre Dame HS
- Northeast—Charlotte Dudenhoeffer, Lewis & Clark MS
- Northwest—Jeanne Lair, Chillicothe HS
- South Central—Gary Young, Waynesville HS
- Southeast—Marty Powers, Fredricktown HS
- Southwest—Tiffany Stringer, Carthage JH
- Trails West, Fran Burnett, Ft. Osage HS
- Past President—Dan Easton, Fox HS
- President—Jennifer Beem, Webb City HS
- Principals Association: Bill Dooley, Richmond MS

## **JC Applicants Needed for Leadership Camp, 2008**

Summer Leadership Camp is looking for 52 juniors and seniors to serve as Junior Counselors for next summer's camp.

Please remind high school students who attended Summer Leadership Camp at Fulton this past summer to request a JC application.

Requests are to be sent to Terri in the **POSTAL MAIL**—No email requests are accepted! The request letter should include the student's name and mailing address and be mailed to Terri before January 1.

All applications are mailed after January 1 and are due back to MASC by March 1.

Selections are made in April and all applicants are notified of their status.

## **NAWD Conference Provides Training for Advisors**

Dec 1—Dec 3, National Association of Workshop Directors will host a conference for Student Council Advisors in Minneapolis, MN.

This workshop is one of the best in the country for advisors and features Dr. Earl Ruem, a well-known STUCO authority.

If you are looking for great ideas, teach a leadership class, want to have some fun and meet some great colleagues, then NAWD is just for you.

Usually there are several advisors from Missouri who travel to this conference and we would love to have more. Contact Terri if you are interested or [www.nawd.com](http://www.nawd.com) for information.

# **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS NEWS AND INFORMATION**

**National Association of Student Councils has changed its policy on Host Families for students at the National Convention. Beginning in 2008 all students will stay in HOTELS. Our MASC Executive Board made a decision at our meeting in August that any student who travels to the NASC National Convention, must be accompanied by their advisor. The hotel block will be reserved by Terri to insure that all delegates from Missouri are housed together.**

**Space continues to be limited and schools who plan to attend, must register through their state executive directors. Deposits of \$100 per person are being accepted to reserve spaces for the convention. The site is Northwest High School in Texas, June 25-29, 2008. Registration for the convention is will be \$385 per person. Hotel costs are not deter-**

**mined at this time.**

**The convention is truly an incredible experience. If you and your students would like to attend, please pay your \$100 deposit to MASC as soon as possible.**

**In addition, I am looking for schools and advisors to provide small group workshops at the National Convention—contact me!**

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Dues to join the National Association of Student Councils will be \$75 for the 2007-2008 school. Schools who are interested in joining NASC should go their website: [www.nasc.us](http://www.nasc.us) for membership form and a complete list of membership benefits. MASC strongly encourages schools to join NASC and be involved on a national level. LEADERSHIP magazine continues to be an outstanding reason to join!

The **NASC Certified Student Leader** designation will provide the motivation and means for students to demonstrate their personal leadership abilities, and will recognize those who successfully meet the standards and criteria.

The NASC Certified Student Leader Award gives member schools a tool to enhance and improve the development of student leaders. It will challenge students to demonstrate their leadership abilities, skills, and knowledge for the right to earn national recognition. Because evaluation is based on authentic assessment that is observed and verified, students who become Certified Student Leaders will be encouraged to include their accomplishments on college applications and resumes. The Certified Student Leader Award program is aligned with the standards and goals of the NASC National Council of Excellence Awards.

The criteria for the Certified Student Leader designation are currently being finalized. Check the NASC website soon for more information.