



MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS

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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.

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, 2008, Lake of the Ozarks
- MASC State Convention held annually, 2009: Waynesville HS, March 12, 13, 14, 2009
- 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, 2009—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

IMPORTANT FEE CHANGES TAKE EFFECT

MASC has a long and proud tradition of activities, programs and services. Like other organizations we are experiencing the effects of rising prices. For this reason the Executive Board took formal action at it's summer meeting to set the prices of events and membership dues. There are several changes, therefore all costs will be listed to help advisors, students and schools make adjustments in their budgets for the year. Many of our events have not seen an increase in SEVERAL years, but as you know food, gas, postage, printing and shipping have increased, making it necessary to also change our operating budget. Please read the changes carefully and email/call if you have questions.

REMEMBER—DUES MUST BE PAID BY DECEMBER 31 TO BE DECLARED A MEMBER SCHOOL.

MEMBERSHIP FORMS ARE INCLUDED AND AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE:

www.masc1.org

MEMBERSHIP AND EVENT RATES

DUES will remain \$100 per school per year. Our year runs from Sept 1—Aug 30. **Beginning this year schools who DO NOT pay their dues by December 31 will be considered NON-MEMBERS and will pay a higher rate for State Convention & Summer Leadership Camp.**

Dues **must** be paid by December 31 for a school to be considered for Honor Council Award.

STATE CONVENTION

\$75 per delegate/advisor — MEMBER SCHOOLS

\$125 per delegate/advisor — NON member schools

WINTER ENERGIZER

\$125 per student—high school students who must have attended Summer Leadership Workshop

SUMMER LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP—FULTON

\$350 per student of MEMBER SCHOOLS

\$450 per student of NON-MEMBER SCHOOLS

\$225 for visiting advisors

I will update the paid list of MEMBER SCHOOLS on the list serve to keep you aware of your school's status. This was a very difficult decision, however we must remain fiscally responsible and the cost of these two events has increased dramatically over the past five years.

Join the MASC List Serve to get all the latest in news and information. Monthly newsletters, reminders, ideas, words of inspiration are sent to all list serve members. Join by emailing: terri.johnson@sjsd.k12.mo.us

FALL ADVISOR TRAINING AT THE LAKE OF THE OZARKS

DUCK into LEADERSHIP will be the theme of the annual Fall Advisor Training at the Lake of the Ozarks. 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, October 10 for

NEW(ER) advisors who want some help getting started. Then stay over the next two days (October 11 & 12) and join experienced advisors from across the state. Learn, share ideas, network, and take home a better understanding of what it means to be a Student Coun-



cil advisor. Make your hotel reservations now for this outstanding event. Complete the registration form enclosed in this packet. Hotel reservations must be made deadline Sept 22. Conference registration deadline: Sept 29. A confirmation letter will be mailed to each attendee.

Hotel Reservations:
800-964-6698

FALL DISTRICT MEETINGS

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.

DATES & HOSTS

Gateway—Nov 15, Timberland HS
Trails West—Nov 7, Blue Springs HS
Northeast—Oct 31, Mark Twain HS
Northwest—TBA, Oak Park HS
South Central—Oct 27, Union HS
Southwest—Oct 24, Lebanon HS
Southeast—Nov 6, Fredericktown HS

HONOR COUNCIL AWARDS AND APPLICATIONS

Honor Council is an opportunity to recognize the excellent 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, 2008, attend the state convention in March, have a constitu-

tion and democratic election and to send at least two pictures of any one activity. Other requirements include a checklist of choices ranging from spirit activities, community service, doing a workshop at district or state meeting, running for office, belonging to NASC, providing a leadership training session of officers, 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.

Applications will **ONLY** be available on the website this year—**NO** postal mail applications will be sent.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS—STATE CHARITY OF CHOICE

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 \$60,000 for Special Olympics and performed 12,000 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

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



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. 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.

Special Olympics has launched a new program called BE A FAN. Check out their website to see what your school can do to support this program. Many schools have made a commitments to ERASE THE "R" WORD from vocabulary. This campaign has caught on world wide and is having an impact on our national media. Do what you can to make a difference!

MASC WEBSITE: <http://www.masc1.org/>

Check us out on the web. Our site is in the process of moving to a new server. Please be patient as we take time to update and add new features.

JUNIOR COUNSELORS SOUGHT FOR LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

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.

National Association of Workshop Directors

Each December, the annual **NAWD Conference** features top notch speakers and presenters, and also provides a plethora of opportunities to share great ideas while networking with a vibrant professional community dedicated to student leadership and activities. The NAWD Conference has a rich history of bringing together leaders in the field of student activities. Whether attending your first NAWD conference or your twentieth (or more!), the people you meet, knowledge you gain, and ideas you share will have a lasting impact on you as well as the students and adults you work with.

San Diego, CA will be the site of the NAWD conference this year from December 5-7. If you are interested in joining advisors from Missouri who will travel to this outstanding conference, please contact Terri immediately. She has made a reservation block of hotel rooms for MO Advisors.

Check out the NAWD website for registration information and costs.

www.nawd.com

MASC EXECUTIVE BOARD 08-09

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, Fredericktown HS
Southwest—Tiffany Stringer, Carthage JH
Trails West, Fran Burnett, Ft. Osage HS
Past President—Jennifer Beem, Webb City HS
President— Gary Young, Waynesville HS
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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS

Missouri Association of Student Councils is a state organization which is affiliated with the National Association. MASC recommends to its member schools to join the National Association.

You can find information regarding membership on their website: www.nasc.us

Since 1931 the goal of NASC has been to help all student councils become more effective organizations. NASC represents middle level and high school councils nationwide. It seeks to provide a valuable leadership partnership

between students and their school. It creates the opportunity for students to become effective leaders, thus encouraging and influencing a positive school climate.

NASC is a program of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Its operation and administration are at the national office in Reston, Virginia. An Advisory Committee, whose membership included students, advisers and principals appointed by the NASSP Board of Directors provides valuable input and ad-

vice to NASC staff and are national advocates for the association.

NASC sponsors LEAD weekend conferences for students and sponsors, a National Convention, National Leadership Week, National Student Leader Program and a host of materials available for purchase.

MASC delegates travel each summer to the National Convention. Schools interested in this event should contact Terri this fall for additional details.