

Why Student Convention?

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Timeline – Steps to Success

To use the links type the following into your browser:

https://www.yaltm.net/documents/ACE.RSC_STS

[Report](#) broken/outdated links to help keep information current and viable.



MAY

JUNE

Start whenever you like but the following progression provides a logical sequence of events to effectively train students while avoiding the crunch of doing everything at once and the last minute. Do “first things first” and plan ahead for a less stressful experience. Either way, it all has to be done.

SECURE INFORMATION in a three-ring binder for easy access:

1. Print this document for reference and place in the front of your notebook
2. Recommended: **get parents signatures** on permission forms during re-enrollment
3. Select [Convention](#), scroll to location, download A.C.E. info [flyer](#) when available
4. Select the link for guidelines or download them [here](#) and print each section
5. Refer to PREPARATION TIPS [here](#) and view other helpful hints.



JULY

AUGUST



SELECT EVENTS balancing individual development with team (school) needs:

1. **Give** students a copy of the event list (CF13) from the [forms](#) section (or [RSC](#) only)
2. **Provide** a copy (**scroll to page vii of the Guidelines TOC**) [HOW TO PREPARE](#)
3. **Print** or copy rules and judging criteria for each individual by event selected and have them maintain a personal convention preparation notebook or folder
4. **Copy** and peruse judges form as reference to evaluation breakdown for each – use as part of your preparation criteria



This is a good point in time to have students **begin early entries** (Essay Writing, Poetry Writing, Short Story Writing, Web Site Design, PowerPoint Presentations, Music Composition, Music Arranging, Radio Program, Scripture Video, and A.C.E. Character Trait Video) **as well as any selected arts and exhibits events**. Doing these events early allows for more time closer to actual competition to hone performance events. Refer to [TIPS FOR WRITTEN ENTRIES](#) for assistance



You may want to consider fundraising options during this time for both RSC and ISC as applicable. See [FUNDRAISING IDEAS FOR STUDENT CONVENTION](#)

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

COMPLETE PROJECTS -especially early entries-and begin working on performances:

1. Finalize necessary paperwork for projects as able (refer to guidelines)
2. Begin memory work and practice on performance selections. You may wish to refer students to the [Student Preparation Handbook](#) for specific tracking purposes especially if you are issuing elective credit.
3. Refer to [HOW TO PREPARE](#) (**follow link then scroll to page vii**)
4. Constantly evaluate in light of the guidelines and judging forms



If not part of the enrollment/re-enrollment package, this is an excellent time to **complete permission forms** and **get signatures from parents** on the [RSC Forms](#) - CF6 release form and health care form CF8 along with the school screening form CF16 all completed and placed in your planning & preparation notebook (ISC [Forms section pages 6-10](#)). It helps avoid a major rush later – if not needed they can be discarded. (Time management principle, “Do it Now”)

NOVEMBER

DEC

 **register now**

Select link for access to online registration program

SCHOOL PREREGISTRATION DEADLINE

Enter school, student & event data; submit \$50 school fee payment into the online convention registration program. Event data can be edited as needed.



Location	Convention	Online Registration	Complete If Needed
Dunbar, WI	Upper Midwest	by December 15, 2023	MOTEL RESERVATIONS
Adrian MI	Great Lakes	by December 15, 2023	MOTEL RESERVATIONS
Bagdad KY	Cumberland Valley	See website	MOTEL RESERVATIONS
Warrensburg MO	Ozark	See website	MOTEL RESERVATIONS
Bradley WV	Virginias	See website	MOTEL RESERVATIONS

CONTINUE WORKING ON EVENTS; COMPLETE EARLY ENTRIES, FINALIZE PROJECTS AND BEGIN PRACTICING PERFORMANCE EVENTS IN COMPETITION TYPE SETTINGS I.E., CHAPEL SERVICES, NURSING HOMES, LOCAL CHURCH, OPENING EXERCISES, ASSEMBLIES, ETC



EVENT REGISTRATION MAILING DEADLINE

Crunch Time for [Registration Forms Mailing Deadline!](#) [UM/GLC RSC direct link](#)

- These are the forms that were to be signed earlier – if it didn't happen at that time the CF6 and CF8 forms will now need to be sent home for signatures
- Late fee applies to those not postmarked by the deadline
- Include the following in your registration packet (or follow local instructions for specific forms needed by region)
 - [CF5 Sponsor Registration Forms](#) (from registration program)
 - [CF6 Permission for Participation](#) (one per student)
 - [CF8 Parent/Guardian Consent for Student](#) (one per student)
 - [CF16 Screening Form](#) (one per school)
 - [Any Judges/Assistant's Forms as applicable](#) (remember, judges need to be registered with a school or complete a separate screening form available from Registrar)



Links as needed

- [Cumberland Valley](#)
- [Ozark](#)
- [Virginias](#)
- [Upper Midwest](#)
- [Great Lakes](#)

Follow the specific local instructions provided online! →

DO NOT MAIL PERFORMANCE SCRIPTS, MUSIC OR JUDGING FORMS WITH THE REGISTRATION PACKET—THESE WILL BE SUBMITTED AT THE TIME OF COMPETITION TO THE EVENT JUDGES

EARLY ENTRY SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Submit early entries electronically or as directed by the local convention director

*Essay Writing, Poetry Writing, Short Story Writing, Web Site Design, PowerPoint Presentations
Music Composition, Music Arranging
Radio Program, Scripture Video and A.C.E. Character Trait Video*

(No late entries accepted in these events)

Follow specific instructions provided in local info packet available in online links above or contact the local convention coordinator for the RSC of your choice!

FINALIZE PERFORMANCES, continue practicing, have a "display night" for parents to show your entries and perform events. Consider a "public relations school service" at other local churches. Review all appearance and conduct guidelines to insure you will be ready when it is time to attend convention.

ATTEND AND COMPETE: Select a **Regional Convention** for which you have prepared

MARCH



Likely **Local Options:**

Cumberland Valley, March 18-22, 2024, [Cedarmore Camp](#), Bagdad KY ([map](#))
Ozark, March 4-8, 2024, [University of Central Missouri](#), Warrensburg MO ([map](#))
Upper Midwest, April 16-19, 2024, [Northland Camp & Conference Center](#), Dunbar, WI ([map](#))
Great Lakes, May 7-10, 2024, [Adrian College](#), Adrian MI ([map](#))

APRIL

TRAVEL TO:

2024 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONVENTION

Dates: **May 25-30, 2024**

Location: *University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg MO*

Begin preparation by downloading (when available) the [2024 ISC FAQ for Schools in the United States](#)



MAY

- **ANALYZE RESULTS**
 - **SET STRATEGY**
 - **PLAN FOR NEW YEAR**
- Determine relative strengths from recent entry placements
 - Plan ways to strengthen both individual and group performances
 - Set strategies for the next school year
 - Begin advance planning during the summer
 - Start preparation for improved performance in the future
 - Schedule regular times for ministry presentation to build real-life skills

JUNE

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and repeat the process for another year

AUGUST