

NOTICE: We have completed another highly successful State Conference for 2008 with over 1,400 registered Students and Advisors from around the state. We are leaving this information here for those who are curious about the 2008 Illinois SkillsUSA State Conference. The information will be changed prior to the 2009 State Conference.



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Champions at Work

2008 State Conference

State SkillsUSA Championships

Contest Updates and Cancellations

TO: Illinois SkillsUSA Advisors

FROM: Don Bauc, State Executive Director

Please carefully read and then inform your competitors, other Advisors, and Teachers about the following information that is relevant to them.

ITEM # 1 CANCELED CONTESTS**

The following contests have been canceled as of February 1, 2008: Aviation Skills; Building Maintenance; Dental Assisting; Industrial Maintenance Technology; Industrial Motor Control; Major Appliance Repair; Masonry; Marine Mechanics; Motorcycle Service Technology; Plumbing; Practical Nursing; Total Quality Management; Robotics and Automation Technology. Any other cancellations will be announced after the March 21, 2008, State Conference registration deadline.

ITEM # 2 CONTEST RULES**

Contest rules for all national contests can be found in the 2008 SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards. Contest rules for all "Illinois only" contests can be found in our Advisors Handbook and the Illinois SkillsUSA website in the section titled: "Rules for New Contests. Be sure to use the memo you are currently reading to determine if any of the state conference contests your students will be in have up-dates or changes.

ITEM # 3 A.M. AND P.M. CONTESTS**

We again have several A.M. and P.M. contests in the same area. Since most of our contests are open to the public, this could present an unfair advantage for those competing in the P.M. contests. To help alleviate this problem, the morning sessions for all A.M. contests that have a separate afternoon session, will be closed to all teachers and students for viewing. All Advisors are encouraged to require all of their P.M. contestants to attend the morning program presented by our guest speaker at the Springfield Hilton in the Ambassador Ballroom on the Concourse level. Remember that all Advisors and Students are invited to attend this program.

The following contests will be closed for viewing during the A.M. session: Architectural Drafting CAD and Technical Drafting CAD. Portions of the Pre-School Teaching Assistant, Firefighters, and First Aid and CPR contests will also be closed from public viewing. Additional instructions and more contests may be added to the list at the Contest Briefings and Advisor's meeting after the Opening Session on Thursday evening.

Firefighters, First Aid and CPR, and Pre-School Teaching contestants will be given directions as to what time and as to how long they will be held in a designated holding area. The afternoon Architectural CAD and Technical CAD contestants should report at 12:30 P.M. Please bring a soft drink and snacks if you like.

Note: The Contest Supervisors have asked that the following changes to the contest rules be made. Please read your contestant rules very carefully to make sure all supply and equipment requirements are met. Also, please note that all safety items required must be brought and used. Uniform requirements, as found in the National Technical Standards, are not required, except in the Opening & Closing Ceremonies Contest and for State Officer Candidates. All other contests and events require appropriate attire or business attire. Exceptions can be made by the Contest Supervisor.

ITEM # 4 CONTEST UPDATES

3-D VISUALIZATION AND ANIMATION **

All contestants are reminded that this contest is a two-person team competition. You will need to bring a computer for your team to use and cell by cell animation software. If you need additional information, please contact Pete Tucker at Triad High School. Pete has had experience with this contest at Nationals. His phone number is: 618-667-8851 ext. 7032.

ADOBE PHOTOSHOP DESIGN **

Follow the rules found on the Illinois SkillsUSA website in the “Rules for new Contests” section.

ADVERTISING DESIGN **

Students need to bring a computer. Two or three people can share the same computer. Time limit on the computer is two hours per student. The following software can be used for the contest: Quark Page Maker, Clip Arts, Fonts, Photo Shop, and Adobe Illustrator.

ARCHITECTURAL AND MACHINE BOARD DRAFTING **

The contest will be held at the Prairie Capital Convention Center. All contestants must bring all of their own drafting equipment. Please review the list of equipment needed that is found on the Illinois SkillsUSA web site in the “Rules for New Contests” section. In that section look for “Machine and Architectural Drafting **Board** EQUIPMENT CHECK LIST”.

AUTOMATED MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY **

This contest will be held a week before the State Conference due to equipment requirements. Schools will be notified by the contest supervisor regarding this contest.

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY

Contestants are reminded to wear proper work clothing, non-athletic shoes/boots and ANSI approved safety glasses with side shields and a pen and pencil are required. No shorts are to be worn.

BASIC HEALTH CARE CONTEST

Students need to bring a black ink pen, a watch with a second hand, their supplies for their presentation and should wear a uniform as required by their high school program.

CAD CONTESTS - ARCHITECTURAL & TECHNICAL

Again this year we are requesting that all contestants bring their own computers and necessary peripheral devices (CPU, monitor, keyboard, input device, surge suppressor strip). For Architectural CAD, contestants need to bring reference material, architectural scale, calculator and pencils. Optional are textbook and machinery's handbook for Technical CAD. They also must bring a fully functioning computer aided drafting package. The national rules require a portion of each CAD contest to include some board work. You will be notified if it is necessary for you to also bring board equipment. Please read the National rules carefully. We have arranged for secure storage for computers and equipment.

Also, please note that the number of contestants is 30 per contest. This means that 15 Architectural CAD and 15 Technical CAD will be in each room during the A.M. and P.M. It didn't seem to be a big problem with sharing computers in the past.

CARPENTRY **

Contestants are reminded to bring a drill/screw gun (110 volt or battery) and folding saw horses and/or lumber leg sets for metal brackets. Optional is a step stool or 2 foot ladder. Bring tools as required by the National Technical Standards, 2008.

CASE STUDIES (ACTION SKILLS)

Contestants should bring a pencil and/or pen.

CENTERPIECE - FRESH FLORAL

Contestants must bring a knife; scissors, tape, and ½ block saturated foam.

CNC MILLING AND CNC TURNING **

Both of these contests will run again this year as part of the Precision Machining competition. The top CNC Milling and top CNC Turning student will be given the opportunity to compete at Nationals.

COLLISION REPAIR TECHNOLOGY **

Follow the rules found on the Illinois SkillsUSA website in the "Rules for new Contests" section. These rules are different from the 2008 Technical Standards rules.

The contest judges will decide which two students will represent Illinois SkillsUSA at the national competition - one student for Collision Repair Technology and one student for Automotive Refinishing Technology.

COMMERCIAL BAKING

Contestants must bring four hot pads, a set of measuring spoons, dry measuring cups, and liquid measuring cups (2 cups). See the "CULINARY ARTS" information further on in this memo for contest Sanitation information. Recipes for this contest will be emailed to the lead Advisor of each school that had students participate in the Qualifying Exams for the contest, as soon as the recipes are available. Please read them carefully and have the students practice and bring the equipment required.

COMMERCIAL SEWING

Contestants will again this year be required to bring their own sewing machines for the competition. They need proper machine equipment for sewing on knits and pressing cloth.

COMPUTER MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY **

The number of contestants in this event has been increased, therefore the time schedule will be tight. Session 1 will run from 6:45 a.m. till 10:45 a.m. with a 10 minute break. Session 2 will run from 12:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m. with a 10 minute break.

Contestants will be required to bring all materials listed in the SkillsUSA 2008 Technical Standards. Specified books in SkillsUSA 2008 Technical Standards are allowed. The contest is fast moving. Students are given strict time with each module. Diagnostic software is allowed with proof of purchase or certified proof of shareware. Equipment cannot be shared between contestants. (This will be strictly enforced). Be prepared to file a Job Application. Contestants must bring a #2 pencil, pen, paper, and Resume. Tools needed by the contestant are a T-15 Torx and #2 Phillips Screwdrivers, Voltmeter w/amp measurements and antistatic wrist band. Disposable wrist straps are acceptable. Software needs to be checked in between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2008 in order to be used in the contest.

COMPUTER PROGRAMMING (JAVA)

Follow the rules found on the Illinois SkillsUSA website in the “Rules for new Contests” section. These rules are different from the 2008 Technical Standards rules.

COSMETOLOGY CONTEST

This contest will be held in accordance to the old rules, not the rules listed in the 2005-2007 nor the new 2008 Technical Standards. Live models will be required at the Illinois state competition; and, the models must be registered for the State Conference. All contestants will be notified by the contest supervisor if there are any additional changes. The first place winner of the state competition will need to study the 2008 Technical Standard rules for the national contest in order to be competitive. If you are not familiar with the “old rules”, contact Don Bauc.

CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY – COLOR - BLACK & WHITE - DIGITAL

The minimum image size is 7 ¾ x 9 ¾. Border or borderless on 8 x 10 stock is acceptable. Contestants must specify their entries as “Black & White” or “Color” or “Digital”. These contests are registered for on-line by using the following titles: Creative Photography - Black & White, Creative Photography - Color, Creative Digital Photography. **Be sure to read the latest Creative Digital Photography rules on the Illinois SkillsUSA website in the “Rules for New Contests” section. Follow these rules.**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Contestant must bring a gun belt, training weapon, handcuffs, pen, pencil and paper.

CULINARY ARTS **

Contestants need to bring four hot pads and a cutting board to this contest.

Recipes for this contest will be emailed to the lead Advisor of each school that had students participate in the Qualifying Exams for the contest, as soon as the recipes are available. Please watch for these. Make sure that the proper teachers and students get them.

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Sanitation is an evaluation criterion for this contest and the Commercial Baking contest, so keep your work area, pots, pans, utensils, etc. clean and sanitary. Each contestant will be expected to assist in the overall clean up of the contest area. Failure to do so will result in a deduction from the contestant's sanitation score.

There will be two sets of recipes, one for high school and another for college/postsecondary students. The supervisor is giving the recipes so that the student can practice ahead and know what they will be preparing at the state conference.

DIESEL EQUIPMENT TECHNOLOGY **

Students are reminded to wear clean work clothes, with long sleeve shirts. Also, safety glasses and work shoes with leather uppers must be worn. Be sure the shirts are plain and do not have messages or pictures on them. Also safety glasses with side shields and work shoes with leather uppers must be worn.

ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY CONTEST

All Contestants must bring all of the supplies and tools required of each contestant as listed in the National SkillsUSA Championships 2008 Technical Standards.

ESSAY

Remember that we have two Essay contests. The contests are: "Essay" and "Personal Narrative". See the rules in your Illinois Advisor's Handbook. Remember that all Essays and Personal Narratives need to be mailed post marked by March 21, 2008 to Larry Huck.

FIREFIGHTERS **

Contestants must bring full turnout gear, along with SBCA with full bottle (no $\frac{3}{4}$ length boots) meeting NFPA1971 standard. Station duty uniform required. Contestant will be graded on appearance. (Must be shaven and well groomed, along with no jewelry, piercings, necklaces, etc.) No facial hair, except a moustache, as long as the moustache doesn't interfere with the seal of the SCAB mask. Contestants should start hydrating with water 2 days prior to the competition.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE **

Contestants must wear black pants, white shirts, tie, apron, and bring a number 2 pencil and their own calculator.

FULL SERVICE AUTO (ACTION SKILLS)

This contest is limited to two (2) students per school. Contestants should bring safety glasses, a 12 volt test light, a fuse puller, a torx T-15, a Phillips screwdriver, and an air pressure gauge. Be sure to use the rules titled "11.3 Full Service Auto Attendant Contest", revised 3-04 from your Illinois Advisor's Handbook. Call the Illinois SkillsUSA State Director's office if you do not have these rules. Leave your name, school and fax number if there is no answer.

GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION

Contestants must bring a ruler, a t-square, a triangle, an X-ACTO knife, an apron (for use in press competition), a pen and a pencil. Also needed is knowledge of a Heidelberg Quickmaster Press and Quark XPress.

HEALTH KNOWLEDGE BOWL CONTEST

Schools will be allowed to bring multiple teams. Each team should assign a person from their school to help with the scoring. **The time and day of this contest will be announced after March 21, 2008.**

A National's test bank of questions is available for this contest. It can be downloaded from the National SkillsUSA website at: <http://skillsusa.org/downloads/PDF/contests/health.pdf>

INTERIOR ROOM DESIGN

Contestants need to bring foam board, pen, pencils, straight edge, eraser, scissors, glue, colored pencils. Note: The foam board should be at least 18 x 22 and a neutral color.

INTERVIEW COMPETENCIES

Contestants need to bring a neutral foam board instead of poster board, size 18 x 22 to be used to mount the completed project.

INTERNETWORKING

Contestants must bring all required material from the 2008 Technical Standards contest regulations. Follow the national contest specifications.

The following supplies are needed by the contestant: #2 pencil, pen, paper and Resume.

Laptop computer with active serial port and 10/100 Ethernet port; DB9 modular adapter with RJ45 cable (A limited number of cables/adapters can be rented on site); Cable tester (A limited number of cable testers can be rented on site); 110 punch tool (A limited number of punch tools can be rented on site). RJ 45 cable crimping tool; screwdrivers and safety glasses.

INTERNET HOMEPAGE/WEBSITE**

The revised rules for this "state only" contest are located on the Illinois SkillsUSA website in the "Rules for New Contests" section. Follow these rules.

JOB INTERVIEW

The Contest Supervisor would like each contestant to dress in professional attire and bring two copies of their resume and two pens. **Remember that no written exam was required for this contest.**

JOB SKILL DEMONSTRATION "A" & "OPEN" (IMPORTANT CHANGES THIS YEAR)

Be sure to follow all the 2008 Technical Standards rules for these contests. Pay particular attention to item #3 in "Contest Guidelines" for both contests. **A student may be registered for only one of the two contests.** Contestants must have enough materials to do their demonstration twice, in case there is a run-off at the State Conference.

MEDICAL ASSISTING CONTEST

Each Contestant needs to bring a black ink pen, a watch with a second hand, and two pairs of latex gloves.

MICROSOFT OFFICE XP

Contestants may bring reference materials.

NAIL CARE **

The updated rules for this contest are found on the Illinois SkillsUSA website in the "Rules for New Contests" section. Follow these rules.

PHOTOGRAPHY **

Follow the rules found in the 2008 Technical Standards and the rules found in the Illinois SkillsUSA website "Rules for New Contests" section. The website has specific details about the Illinois contest rules. Contest Supervisor contact information is located on the Illinois contest rules page to help Advisors with answers to questions regarding the contest.

POWER EQUIPMENT TECHNOLOGY **

Contestants must bring a tape measure, 0-1 Micrometer, and an electrical test VOM meter. Also, contestants must bring safety glasses with side shields and dress appropriately.

PRESCHOOL TEACHING ASSISTANT **

The Contest Supervisor will mail an agenda, information sheet, and contest updates, after the results are complete from the Written Qualifying Exams.

PRESCHOOL INTERACTIVE BULLETIN BOARD **

All bulletin boards must be in place before 8:00 a.m. on Friday, April 18, 2008.

PREPARED SPEECH

Contestants are reminded to bring all of their speech and support materials (visual aids, handouts, etc.).

QUIZ BOWL

The date and time of the contest will be announced after March 21, 2008.

All participants in the Quiz Bowl competition will take a written exam during the State competition in April. **NEW THIS YEAR: There is a two (2) team limit for each school for the Quiz Bowl contest. If a school has a High School and a College/Postsecondary charter, the school may have up to two (2) High School teams and up to two (2) College/Postsecondary teams.**

RELATED TECHNICAL MATH

See pages 117-118 of your new 2008 SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards handbook. Each contestant should bring two #2 pencils, and one calculator (Scientific or Graphing Calculator).

RESIDENTIAL WIRING

Contestants are reminded to bring safety glasses, a battery operated drill, various bits, a hard hat and wear safety shoes.

SAFETY PRESENTATION

See the rules in the Illinois Advisor's Handbook.

SkillsUSA COURTESY CORP ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST

All Contestants must bring a SkillsUSA Leadership Handbook to the first meeting of the SkillsUSA Courtesy Corps held on Thursday, April 17, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in room B-3 of the Prairie Capital Convention Center. First-, Second-, and Third-place winners will be allowed to participate in the National Courtesy Corps in June. Last year, the national registration fee, room and food was provided by a national sponsor.

SUITCASE

Follow the rules in the Illinois Advisor's Handbook.

TECHNICAL COMPUTER APPLICATIONS CONTEST

Be sure to read pages 409-412 of the SkillsUSA Technical Standards, 2008 edition. In addition, each contestant **must bring** one extension cord and one outlet strip with circuit breaker. Contestants will need to have a working knowledge of Microsoft Office 97 & 2000 (2000 will be used for the state contest); Word (Work assignment will be given) (2); Excel (Work assignment will be given) (3); Access (Work assignment will be given) (1); Access (Problem will be assigned) (1); PowerPoint (Creative assignment will be given) (1); Front Page 97 (Creative assignment will be given) (1); Publisher (Creative assignment will be given) (1); Internet Explorer 6.0 (Final Projects will be viewed).

T.V. PRODUCTION CONTEST

Updated rules for this contest are listed below. Remember that the contest supervisor has asked that all Contestants bring three blank tapes for use in the contest. Please bring the format that you will need to use for your equipment. It should be noted that Capital Area Career Center's (CACC) editing equipment can handle on $\frac{3}{4}$ MBR 20 S mini and $\frac{1}{2}$ T-120 VHS.

T.V. PRODUCTION, ILLINOIS UPDATE RULES

PURPOSE: Evaluate teams' ability to gather and edit TV video and sound in a news format.

CLOTHING: As per Illinois SkillsUSA rules.

ELIGIBILITY: As per Illinois SkillsUSA rules.

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS:

1. Supplied by each team: Color TV camera with batteries. Blank video tapes, Microphone(s) and cables, Tripod, Video Recorder, Video Editing Suite, Multiple outlet power strip and extension cord. Monitors. Teams must bring enough tape for shooting and editing, minimum of two tapes.

SCOPE OF THE CONTEST

1. Each team will be assigned a SkillsUSA event to produce a 30-40 second story about the event.
2. Teams will use their own portable camera/video recorder/mics/tape to gather the raw material.
3. Teams are assigned a time to edit their materials to the 30-40 second story.

JUDGING: To be determined by the Contest Supervisor.

QUESTION: For questions, please contact the Technical Committee through Jerry Schneider at: 1-217-529-5431.

T.V. PRODUCTION CONTEST SPECIAL INFORMATION:

Set up and tear down times can be made by calling Jerry Schneider at 1-217-529-5431 before contest day or following regular set up times which are Thursday, before 4:30 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.. Please note that access to the CACC Communications and Media classrooms and labs will be strictly limited on contest days. Please note the following:

1. Team Coaches and Sponsors may accompany their teams to deliver and may assist teams in setting up equipment in the CACC TV classrooms and labs only during these specific times: Thursday, April 17th – 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on Friday, April 18th – 6:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m.

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2. Should a team experience technical problems with their equipment or software during the contest, which the team members themselves cannot correct, they will not receive any assistance from anyone, including coaches and judges.
3. Only student team members may be present in the CACC Communications and Media classrooms and labs during the contest period, except as noted in #1 and #4.
4. All teams must remove their equipment when they have completed their competition. Coaches and other non-team members may assist in equipment removal from the CACC labs only after all teams have completed competition or between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on April 18th, whichever comes first.
5. Violations of these rules will result in the disqualification of the offending team.

WEB DESIGN

Contestants will need to bring a laptop computer with power strip. All web design software including photo/image manipulation software and proof of license for the software.

WELDING (COLLEGE/POSTSECONDARY)

Dress appropriately for welding and bring the normal tools. See National rules.

FUTURE UPDATES

Please note: The changes in this memo may be updated by the Contest Supervisors before the State Leadership and Skills Conference. The Contest Supervisors have been asked to contact a lead Advisor at each school if there are any additional changes in their contests. **Advisors** contacted are reminded that it is **a must that they pass on the information to the students** even if the contest information pertains to another Advisor's students in his or her school.

PLEASE NOTE:

IF ANY ADDITIONAL CONTEST UPDATES ARE ANNOUNCED BY THE CONTEST SUPERVISORS, THEY WILL BE POSTED ON THE ILLINOIS SKILLSUSA WEB SITE IN THE "Special Notices" SECTION.