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Local Office Leadership

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Professional Development

Our objective is to prepare each SkillsUSA member for the work force so that he or she may excel in his or her desired careers. Becoming a professional does not stop with acquiring a skill, but involves an increased awareness of the meaning of good citizenship and the importance of leadership and dedication in the world of work.

Several meetings throughout the year will have specific focuses on attaining a job, keeping a job, attending the SkillsUSA Georgia Fall Leadership Conference, STORM and the SkillsUSA State Competitions. We will plan a college fair that will include all types of colleges to suit the whole range of interest areas. Competition preparation will provide opportunity for students to develop profession specific skills sets.

Through our career tech classes, we have created a Professional Development Point system in order to insure that students are participating in extracurricular activities beneficial to each student's career development.

Professional Development Points foster the bridge between secondary education and life-long learners. Students receive Professional Development Points for participation in SkillsUSA events, community services, and competitions.

In the Law and Justice Program, students may earn points by several other activities. Students participating in Debate Team, Mock Trial Team, and Police Explorers receive points provided these align with the student's career plan. Students may also read journal articles from approved professional journals such as FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, American Lawyer, or similar and submit a summary report. Members of SkillsUSA also earn PD Points by attaining leadership positions in the organization, as well as competing in competitions aligned with the career pathway.

Community Service

Our objective is to conduct community service as an award of one's community does not end at the end of the workday, but is demonstrated by promoting the goodwill of the community through service. Our SkillsUSA chapter will conduct service projects in correlation with the needs of our local community. Our specific focus has been set on instilling in members a commitment to serving others for the goodwill of the people and the members themselves.

By created partnerships with prominent 501 (c) 3 charitable organizations in our area, primarily North Fulton Community Charities, we will foster an environment where community service activities are always available to our members.

We will focus on specific community services each month. From October to November, our chapter will host a Coat Drive and a Can Drive in partnership with North Fulton Community Charities. In December, we will have a Furniture drive in partnership with NFCC. SkillsUSA and FBLA will work together in February for the March of Dimes by volunteering at the event. In March, our chapter will collect items to donate to NFCC's Baby Shower event. The chapter will conduct an NFCC School Supplies Drive in May to aid low-income families with the purchase of school supplies.

There are recurring opportunities to get involved as needed to demonstrate SkillsUSA's commitment to our local community. Some of our other projects include the Rickey's Challenge, Football Game Concession Stands, Tutoring for Law and Justice or other classes as needed, helping at the Soup Kitchen or MedShare, Hosting a track meet at Cambridge High School and Relay for Life.

Employment

Our objective is to engage in employment activities that help increase student awareness of quality job practices and attitudes, and increase the opportunities for employer contact and eventual employment in the modern world.

Throughout the year, SkillsUSA Cambridge shall host several meetings with a specific focus on the processes of being hired, choosing a good career for oneself, and being aware of the ever-changing career opportunities. For these meeting several guest speakers have donated their time to share their experiences with the students.

Such speakers include David Thornsberry, owner of the local Chick-Fil-A's inside North Point Mall and on North Point Parkway. Mr. Thornsberry will speak on how to have an exceptional job interview, as well as how to prepare for a first job experience.

We will host meetings after school from 7 PM to 9 PM, which will offer opportunities for students to attend different sessions to work on their weaknesses or to learn more about specific topics. We will have these meetings once a month.

These meetings will consist of activities that relate to personal, workplace and technical skills as outlined in the CEP Program. Some examples of the sessions include True Colors, mock interviews and resume writing, Gallup StrengthsFinder and mock public speaking simulations to engage and challenge the students to overcome their weaknesses.

Ways and Means

Fundraising is a very valuable way of raising money to cover the expenditures of our chapter. Most significantly, it permits members to convey out the chapter's obligations while working together as a team.

Fundraisers:

Yankee Candle Sale:

The Yankee Candle Sale is a primary source of money for our events proceeding to the State Conference. This is the only main fundraiser in the year. We encourage our members to sell as much as they can and overall it is very successful because the candles are of high quality. Yankee Candle offers products that families want and the prices are at a reasonable range. We will implement the Yankee Candle Sale in October just in time for Thanksgiving.

Rickey's Challenge:

Rickey's Challenge is a competition between chapters across the state to see who can raise the most money for students that are in need of financial help. It is a chance for all of our members to help competitors to go to Nationals. It is entirely funded by students, which is a great idea because this helps keep students interacted with the chapter and SkillsUSA. It will be implemented in February before the State Conference in March.

Our chapter will raise money for our expenses by charging \$5 extra for membership, \$5 extra for t-shirts and extra at social events. Members will be notified of the extra charge in advance. We will also contract sponsorships from surrounding companies to help our SkillsUSA chapter thrive and succeed.

Skills Champions

Our goal regarding Skills Champions is to prepare our members for their specific competitions. We plan to offer the students a multitude of different competitions, which suit the individual strengths of each student. We group the competitions based on their primary skills so each member has the simplicity of deciding what competition they want to compete in based on their unique strengths and skills.

For further information on the different competitions, we will host a meeting from 7 PM to 9 PM in November featuring different sessions grouped on the different skills prominent in the competitions. Previous winners and contestants will provide an insider's experience, tips, and tricks in the sessions to benefit the future competitors.

We will host mock competitions upon request for students to experience how the competition is conducted. These competitions allow the students to test their career and technical and leadership skills against peers and earn awards from this nationally recognized organization.

To prepare our competitors to be their best we will train each one in their specified competition. PAWS classes are available for students who need time to prepare for their competitions. We have all the Technical Standards for each competition available for our members so they know exactly what they need to organize and practice in order to achieve.

Public Relations

Our goal is to publicize SkillsUSA to our society by providing services to benefit our community. During social activities and community services, we will take pictures of members conducting exceptional tasks to aid others in need. We plan to contact the school newspaper, morning announcements and our local newspapers so that students can learn more about SkillsUSA.

The Bridge is our school morning show that airs every Friday. If we need to broadcast an announcement, we will film a segment and then give it to Coach Schneider schneiderm@fultonschools.org.

Parents receive a Cambridge Connection newsletter every Friday. We would write an article publicizing our activities or community services and email it to Mrs. Bybee at bybeec@fultonschools.org.

Bear Witness is our school magazine that comes out on the last Friday of the month. Whenever we have an ad or an article, we will give it to Ms. Jones a week before the paper comes out so the members can publish it as inserts or articles. We will email Ms. Jones at JonesSN@fultonschools.org.

The administration rotates morning announcements, so if we have something that needs to be reminded everyday it will be given to the front office before 8:00 AM on the day of the announcement.

We will utilize the Milton and Alpharetta newspapers, which are the local newspaper in the area to advertize and portray our SkillsUSA chapter. We will email articles to news@northfulton.com to ensure that our successes are recognized. For example, after state competitions, we will submit the names of state winners and their motivations and preparations for their designated competitions.

Social

Social activities are great ways for our members to know each other personally to enhance the SkillsUSA experience for everyone. Our goal is to create opportunities for the members to interact with one another, as well with the community, outside of the formal business or school environment.

Falcon's Day is a day that brings students together in the SkillsUSA program. Families will enjoy a fun evening of watching a Hawk's Game as well. Hawk's Day will take place in December.

We will organize an ice cream social gathering for SkillsUSA members and their families sometime in May. It will cost \$5 for each member and each member will contribute his or her favorite toppings for a variety at the ice cream social. Karaoke night is a profound way for our members to know each other. It will take place around November and will cost \$5 for each member. There will be free food for the members.

One major social event will be a Six Flags gathering sometime in December or in April, depending on the circumstances. Each member will be in charge of buying his or her ticket. We will spend the whole day at Six Flags and have fun collectively.

An End of the Year Party will consist of delicious food and a reflection on the past year as well as a farewell party for the senior members. This will be our ultimate social gathering to spend quality time with each other and to give feedback on our chapter. Admission will be free and there will be music and games so the members can have fun and enjoy the fact that they're part of such an amazing and valuable organization.

Calendar

Month	Events
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SkillsUSA Membership Drive
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SkillsUSA Rally

October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yankee Candle Fundraiser • Region 3 STORM • NFCC Jacket/Coat Drive
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NFCC Can Drive • Karaoke Night • November Meeting 7PM (Competitions)
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hawks Game • December Meeting 7P (CEP Skills) • Six Flags Social (tentative)
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region Championships • School Competitions (upon request) • January Meeting
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SkillsUSA Week • Day at the Capitol • February Meeting • March of Dimes w/ FBLA
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rickey's Challenge • SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference • March Meeting • NFCC Baby Shower Drive
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April Meeting • Six Flags Social (tentative)
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of Year Party • Elect new officers • NFCC School Supplies Drive • May Meeting
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Leadership and Skills Conference