



JUNIOR
BETA

CONVENTION HANDBOOK

ALABAMA

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Dear Beta Sponsor,

We are excited that a new school year has started, and we know you are ready to start "Rockin' the Country" with Beta.

Please read carefully through your handbook. There have been many changes since last year's convention. Listed below are changes made by our Board of Directors this summer in Richmond, Virginia.

National Board Changes for 2014-15

- All states will adopt National Rules for all Nationals Competition.
- Schools may enter one student in Division I—grades 4-5 and one student in Division II—grades 6-8 in language arts, math, science, social studies, and spelling academic competitions.
- Sixth and seventh graders are eligible to run for state office. Candidate guidelines and dress code have been updated.
- Tower of Power and Technology are two new national competitions.
- Special Talent will have a total of 7 minutes for setup and performance, with performance time being a max of 4 minutes. First and second place winners will be eligible at national convention.
- Minor changes have been made to multiple competitions. Please read all rules and judging criteria carefully as you plan for this year's convention.
- A \$20.00 registration fee will be charged for everyone in attendance at the state convention. Two sponsors' fee, if registered by deadline date of the convention, will be waved. After the deadline, the registration will be \$25.00 per person and may only be registered on-site.
- All states will register online for competition entries. During the registration process you must provide the competitors' names for each competition. Substitutions may be made on-site for all competitions except quiz bowl, talent, and candidate.
- Send in membership two to three weeks prior to the deadline date of convention, so names will appear on your roster for registration. Doing so will ensure membership requirements are met.
- Name Badges will be preprinted; please add all chaperones and guests to your registration list before submitting your registration. Student ID numbers will be included on badge.

Sponsors, we thank you for all you do for your club. Conventions will be upon us soon, and we look forward to seeing you and your club at your state convention. If we can assist you, please email us at smeyer@betaclub.org or rgarland@betaclub.org or call 1-800-845-8281.

In Leadership and Service,
Shannon Meyer and Ritchie Garland
National Sponsors and Leadership Directors



National Officers

STATE BETA

2014-2015 CONVENTION



National Sponsors



2014 - 2015 STATE OFFICERS

Dear Alabama Beta Sponsors:

Well, it's that time of year again, BETA TIME! I would like to say "Thank You" to everyone for their thoughts and prayers during my illness that started at the 2014 convention. I am happy to say that I am fine and ready to begin a great new year with our wonderful new Junior Beta Officers: Mary McClain, Jacob, Mason, Lydia, and Jordan. I appreciate everyone who had a part in making last year's convention a huge success; especially my Sponsor-Elect, Regina Parris, Kenzie Buttram, Clay Cooper, Caitlin McCrary, Jerod Sharp, and Cole Burns, your 2013/2014 Junior Beta Officers, and all of the coordinators who did an outstanding job!!

I am excited and looking forward to a great convention March 18-20, 2015, in Birmingham, Alabama! I have been assured that the hotels will be ready for us this year and will not make the wait to get our rooms unreasonable. We will not allow the vendors inside the convention hall to be open during our sessions to cut down on the movement and noise. We have been working on several things to hopefully improve problem areas from last year.

There are lots of new things this year. Please read through the bulletin CAREFULLY so that you know about the changes in all the competitions. Also, look over the new schedule. Our convention is starting on Wednesday evening this year so Thursday and Friday are not so packed with competitions. Our hope is that this new schedule will keep our convention running smoothly and also give a little bit of down time for all participants.

The Junior Beta Club has gone through a number of changes in its membership. As you probably already know, Junior Beta is now made up of grades 4-8. We are also now divided into divisions for the academic competitions. Division I is made up of all 4th and 5th grade Beta Members, and Division II is made up of all 6th - 8th grade members. Candidates for offices must come from grades 6 or 7 this year. Probably the most confusing issue is that your 6th grade members are no longer on your club roll and must be inducted again into Junior Beta Division II, along with paying another \$13 in dues. These new rules were all passed this summer by the National Board.

As always, if there is anything that I can assist you with, please don't hesitate to email, call, text, or message me on Facebook. I would like to hear from the coordinators from last year as to whether or not you would like to coordinate again. Please let me know either way so that I can be making plans to make this our best convention ever! I hope everyone has a great Beta year!!

Sincerely,

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Coordinator's Meeting
5:00 PM	Special Talent Prelims
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Living Literature Set-Up
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	State Officers, State Sponsor, Sponsor-Elect, & National Officials Meet
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Living Literature Judging
8:00 PM - 8:45 PM	Living Literature Viewing
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Early Check-in for Arts & Crafts, Banners, Scrapbooks, & Spotlight Your Club

Group Talent Practice immediately following Special Talent Prelims. Each group will have a 10

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015

9:00 AM	REGISTRATION
9:00 AM	Group Talent Prelims
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Check-in for Arts & Crafts, Banners, Scrapbooks & Spotlight Your Club, & T-Shirts
10:00 AM	Judging of Arts & Crafts
10:00 PM - 11:00 AM	Candidates for state office meet with State & National Officials
10:30 PM - 11:30 AM	Quiz Bowl Prelims
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Coordinators meeting, State & National Officials Luncheon

1:00 PM FIRST GENERAL SESSION

Group Talent Final (Top 5)

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Songfest Prelims
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Viewing of Arts & Crafts

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM English
Social Studies
Science
Math
Poster
Spelling
Poetry
Speech
Quiz Bowl
Battle of the Books

4:30 PM - 7:00 PM Break

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM **SECOND GENERAL SESSION**

9:00 PM - 10:00 PM Campaign Rally: Candidates Speech & Skits Voting to follow
Songfest Performances (Top 3)
Pick up Arts, Crafts, Banners, Scrapbooks & Spotlight
Your Club, & T-Shirts

9:00 PM - 11:00 PM Sponsor's Meeting/Social - Adults Only Each club registered much
have at least one sponsor present.

9:00 PM - 11:00 PM Dance

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2015

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Registration

10:00 AM - 12 Noon **THIRD GENERAL SESSION**
No jeans or shorts allowed. No reserved seating.
Installation of 2015-2016 State Officers led by State Sponsor Kathy Brown
Special Talent Performances (Top 8)
Awards Ceremony
Speech Presentation
Poetry Presentation

This schedule is tentative and subject to change based on number of entries in competitions and availability of space. The finalized convention schedule will be online prior to the convention.



REGISTER TO ATTEND / COMPETE

DEADLINE DATE: February 20, 2015

To register:

- Visit www.betacub.org/registration for instructions to register and to enter competitions
- Submit online/ print registration form
- Mail registration form with payment to:

**National Beta Club
151 Beta Club Way
Spartanburg SC, 29306**
- Please include form and school check, money order, cashier's or certified check or school purchase order with signatures for the registration fee.
- After February 20, 2015 late registration fees will apply and must be done onsite. No late competition entries will be allowed
- If you decide to attend after February 20, 2015 do not send registration to the National Office. Please bring registration form and school check to the convention.



REGISTRATION FEES

Registration is \$20.00 per person attending the convention except two club sponsors. Registrations after the deadline date will be required to pay the late registration fee of \$25.00 at the convention.

Convention Refund Policy

There will be no refund of registration fees for any reason unless the entire convention is canceled by the National Beta Club office.



HOTEL INFORMATION

Sheraton Birmingham Hotel

2100 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. N
Birmingham, AL
205-307-3037

Rooms starting at \$136.00

Does not include hotel, local or state taxes

Westin Hotel

2221 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. N
Birmingham, AL
205-307-3600

Rooms starting at \$159.00

Does not include hotel, local or state taxes

REGISTER &
HOTEL

*Call for reservations for
your club by the
convention
deadline date*

NOMINATION FOR NATIONAL JR OFFICER

PRESIDENT
VICE- PRESIDENT
SECRETARY
REPORTER
CHAPLAIN

JR OFFICE

RULES:

- 1. ELIGIBILITY:** Nominee must be a sixth or seventh grader, in good standing, officially enrolled at the National Office by the deadline date and registered at the convention. The candidate must give notice of his/her candidacy to the National Office by the deadline date, and must comply with the following rules and regulations. A school may nominate for one office only. The club sponsors must enter the candidate online at www.betaclub.org/ registration. The following rules and regulations should be read carefully. By submitting the State Officer Nomination Form, you are agreeing to abide by these rules and regulations.
2. The Sponsor and the Executive Head of the candidate's school must approve the nomination.
3. If elected and later dropped from the local club or if the officer is not enrolled actively in school during the entire term, the officer forfeits the right to serve as a state official. The runner-up will automatically take office. It is imperative for an elected officer to notify the National Office immediately if he/she cannot serve.
4. Submission of the state officer form is a pledge stating that he/she will attend all of the meetings and sessions of the Convention, including the Installation Ceremony and will fulfill all of the duties of the office the following year. This means he/she is obligated to attend all meetings and sessions both years, when nominated and when serving as a state officer. Failure to fulfill this obligation will result in the candidate forfeiting his/her opportunity to run for state office.
5. No nominations from the floor or "write-in" candidates will be permitted.
6. Any violations of the following rules will result in the candidate losing a percentage of votes based upon the rule infraction.
7. Candidates may not take part in any phase of the convention program except for campaigning, campaign speech, question/answer segment, until after voting takes place.

CAMPAIGNING GUIDELINES

- * No handouts, balloons, food products, stickers, band, tape players, radio, any noise makers or any kind of weapons. No chanting at anytime.
- * Betas from the candidate's club may wear the t-shirts and be involved in the skit.
- * Campaign T-Shirts may be worn at anytime during the convention.
- * Placards may not be used at any time except in skit.
- * Costumes may be worn at the Campaign session only. No costumes will be allowed at any other time.
- * Candidate's slogan, movie references or the song, as performed, must not refer to alcohol, drugs, sex, race, or make use of inappropriate language.

DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

- * All candidates must wear business attire
- * Young ladies must wear either dress pants, dress, or skirt with matching or coordinating jacket.
- * The length of the jacket sleeve must be three-quarter or full length sleeve
- * The length of the business suit skirt must be at the knee or longer, with a front, side or back slit no longer than 2" above the knee.
- * The dressy pantsuit pants must be to the top of the shoes. Crop pants must not be worn.
- * No low cut or tight fitting, strapless or spaghetti strap tops will be allowed.
- * The young men must wear a suit or jacket with dress slacks, a tie, collared dress shirt and dress shoes.

CANDIDATE SPEECH

Time Limit: Two (2) minutes

AWARDS WILL NOT BE
GIVEN FOR CANDIDATE
SPEECH

1. The candidate will deliver a speech no longer than two minutes. The Candidate must stay onstage.
2. The speech should have substance and not be a list of your qualifications nor contain references to: alcohol, drugs, tobacco, guns, sex, bathroom humor, violence, underclothing, race, or flirting (i.e., "See you at the dance," or "Here's my phone number,").
3. Deliverance of speech must not be suggestive in anyway. (No sexual connotations)
4. No singing, rapping, costuming, props, slides, videos, inappropriate gestures during the speech or question/answer segment.

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CANDIDATE SKIT JUDGING CRITERIA

Use and Originality of
Candidate's Slogan/Speech

40pts

Evidence of Preparation

30pts

Overall Performance in
Promoting Candidate

30pts

Deduction of Points for the
following:

Going Over Time Limit

20pts

Inappropriate dress or content

20pts

CANDIDATE SKIT

Time Limit: One (1) minute

1. Skit participants must stop when the one minute whistle is blown. The candidate will not take part in the promotional skit.
2. The dress for participants in the skit must be appropriate. No strapless, low-cut or spaghetti strap tops, no midriffs showing, no skin tight clothing, no short shorts, and no sagging pants. Shorts must be worn under very short skirts.
3. No balloons, hay, confetti, glitter, or fire in the skits. Nothing may be thrown from the stage into the audience.
4. The candidate and skit participants must remain on stage during the skit.
5. Skits must not have reference to or use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, guns, sex, bathroom humor, violence, underclothing, race, etc. The candidate's slogan, movie references or the chosen song, as performed, must not refer to alcohol, drugs, sex, race or make use of inappropriate language.
6. No inappropriate dance moves or gestures. Removal of clothing will not be allowed while on stage.
7. Black lights are discouraged due to the inability to turn off lights at the convention sites.
8. No use of and/or portrayal of any weapons is permitted.

QUESTION/ANSWER SEGMENT

Time Limit : Thirty (30) seconds

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1. All Candidates will draw a question from a pool of questions.
2. Candidates will not view the pool of questions prior to the Question/Answer session.
3. Timing starts after the question has been read.
4. Candidate must stop when the whistle is blown.

If there are infractions of the above stated candidate rules, a deduction of votes will occur as follows:

75% of votes per rule infraction :

Sexual gestures or connotations, inappropriate dance gestures, reference to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, gambling, bathroom humor, underclothing or race

Use of and/or portrayal of guns, real knives or swords and very pointed objects.

The candidate's slogan, movie references or the song, as performed, **MUST** not refer to alcohol, drugs, sex, race or make use of inappropriate language.

Obscene dress or removal of clothing while on stage.

25% of votes per rule infraction:

All other infractions

A committee made up the State Council and the State Sponsor will rule on any loss of vote total of a candidate.

VOTING

1. All registered Beta members will be voting delegates
2. Voting will be by candidate number as printed in the program, not by name.
3. All clubs must provide your own #2 pencils.



HOW TO ENTER:

- Visit www.betacub.org/registration and following directions
- Register students and then select eligible competitions to enter.
- Please provide all information on candidate in the provided fields.
- You must click the box that certifies that the candidate has read the pledge to office, will abide by all rules.
- Officers are encouraged to attend the Beta Leadership Camp the following summer.
- The nomination must be completed by the deadline date.

ACADEMICS

LANGUAGE ARTS MATH
SOCIAL STUDIES SPELLING
SCIENCE

Division I - Grades 4th - 5th

Division II- Grades 6th - 8th

- Each club may enter one student in both Division I and Division II of the academic test if eligible.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. Each test will consist of multiple choice questions.
2. The test time is one hour. No consultation will be allowed during the test hour.
3. Completion time of all tests will be recorded. In case of a tie, the participant who finished first will be declared the winner.
4. Competitors will be asked to turn off all electronic devices during the competition.
5. Math- Calculators are permitted.

ACADEMICS



HOW TO ENTER:

- Visit www.betalub.org/registration and follow directions.
- Register students and then select competitions to enter.
- The entry must be completed and submitted by the deadline date.

NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY



Division I - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place
Division II- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place



Educational Connections

LANGUAGE ARTS	MATH	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES	SPELLING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Grade 4-8 Standards * Critical Thinking * Vocabulary * ELA Core Content 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Grade 4-8 Standards * Critical Thinking * Math Vocabulary * Algebra/ Geometry/ Computation/ Problem Solving/ Measurement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Grade 4-8 Standards * Critical Thinking * Science Vocabulary * Earth Science/ Biology/ Oceanography/ Chemistry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Grade 4-8 Standards * Critical Thinking * Geography/ Government/ US History/ World History * Social Studies Vocabulary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Grades 4th - 8th standards * Vocabulary

ARTS

Black and White Photography
Color Photography
Digitally Enhanced Photography
Oil or Acrylics

Pastels/Charcoals
Sketching (Pen, Pencil, or Ink)
Watercolors
Sculpture

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. Art tags are included on the following page. Print, complete in full, and attach to the back or bottom of the art entry. Failure to do so will result in ineligibility to be judged.
2. An individual may enter only one item per category; however, an individual may enter more than one category. Schools are limited to one entry per category.
3. Although reasonable precautions to protect entries will be taken, the National Beta Club will not be responsible for loss, damage, or breakage. It is the responsibility of clubs entering the competition to collect entered items only at the designated times.
4. Paintings and other similar works should be matted or framed for best presentation. No easels will be supplied.
5. All artwork completed by the individual or group must be presented for judging and display at the designated time.
6. Students must be present and registered at the convention in order to enter artwork.
7. In all three photography categories the photograph must be original content. The photograph must not be a picture of a picture. Photographs are to be no larger than 8" X 10" before framing.
8. All digitally enhanced photos must be accompanied with the original photo for judging purposes.
9. All artwork must remain on display and can not be pick up until designated time in program .

JUDGING CRITERIA

Creativity – Originality, innovation

Composition – Lines, simplicity, balance, color contrast, details

Focus – Degree of sharpness or softness, depth of field

Lighting – Exposure, direction quality, use of shadows, shading

Technique – camera angle, paint strokes

Primary visual Impact – Subject matter

Presentation – Appearance, complimentary framing and/or mounting, overall artistic appeal

Degree of difficulty

ARTS



HOW TO ENTER:

NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY



- Print art tag and complete in full.
- Attach tag to back or bottom of entry.
- Visit www.betacub.org/registration and follow directions.
- Register students and then select competitions to enter.
- The entry must be completed and submitted by the deadline date.



Educational Connections

- * Visual Arts Standards
- * Creativity and Innovation
- * Communication and Collaboration
- * Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- * Use of Artistic Mediums

ART TAG

NAME OF ENTRANT: _____

STUDENT ID NUMBER: _____

SCHOOL NAME: _____

CATEGORY: _____

The work, which I am entering in the arts competition was created by me and is original. No kits have been used. This entry was completed this convention year. I understand that I must attend the convention to enter.

ENTRANT'S SIGNATURE

SPONSOR'S SIGNATURE

ART TAG

NAME OF ENTRANT: _____

STUDENT ID NUMBER: _____

SCHOOL NAME: _____

CATEGORY: _____

The work, which I am entering in the arts competition was created by me and is original. No kits have been used. This entry was completed this convention year. I understand that I must attend the convention to enter.

ENTRANT'S SIGNATURE

SPONSOR'S SIGNATURE

CRAFTS

Cross-stitch
Hand-made Jewelry
Quilting

Recyclable Art
Woodworking
Wreath

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. Craft tags are included on the following page. Print, complete in full, and attach to the back or bottom of the craft entry. Failure to do so will result in ineligibility to be judged.
2. An individual may enter only one item per category; however, an individual may enter more than one category. Schools are limited to one entry per category.
3. Although reasonable precautions to protect entries will be taken, the National Beta Club will not be responsible for loss, damage, or breakage. It is the responsibility of clubs entering the competition to collect entered items only at the designated times.
4. All crafts completed by the individual or group must be presented for judging and display at the designated time.
5. Students must be present and registered at the convention in order to enter artwork.
6. **Cross-stitch and Wreath**– Must be related to the 2014-2015 Beta Theme – Betas, Rockin' the Country
7. **Handmade Jewelry**- the display will not be considered in judging.
8. All artwork must remain on display and can not be picked up until designated time in program

JUDGING CRITERIA

Originality – exhibits creativity

Craftsmanship – Artists skill in the use of material

Elements of Art – Line color, space, form texture

Composition - Effective use of forms or abstract techniques

Unity and Variety – Balance of elements, repetition

Medium and Texture – appropriate use of materials and textures

Use of space – Prospective and mass

Presentation – appearance, complimentary framing and/or mounting

Degree of difficulty

CRAFTS



HOW TO ENTER:

NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY



- Print craft tag and complete in full.
- Attach tag to back or bottom of entry.
- Visit www.betaclub.org/registration and follow directions.
- Register students and then select competitions to enter.
- The entry must be completed and submitted by the deadline date.



Educational Connections

- * Visual Arts Standard
- * Creativity and Innovation
- * Information/ Media Literacy
- * Communication and Collaboration
- * Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- * Use of Artistic Medium

CRAFT TAG

NAME OF ENTRANT: _____

STUDENT ID NUMBER: _____

SCHOOL NAME: _____

CATEGORY: _____

The work, which I am entering in the crafts competition was created by me and is original. No kits have been used. This entry was completed this convention year. I understand that I must attend the convention to enter.

ENTRANT'S SIGNATURE

SPONSOR'S SIGNATURE

CRAFT TAG

NAME OF ENTRANT: _____

STUDENT ID NUMBER: _____

SCHOOL NAME: _____

CATEGORY: _____

The work, which I am entering in the arts competition was created by me and is original. No kits have been used. This entry was completed this convention year. I understand that I must attend the convention to enter.

ENTRANT'S SIGNATURE

SPONSOR'S SIGNATURE

BANNER

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. This is a club entry and must be made by Junior Beta members. The banner will be checked in and picked up at the designated time as printed in the program.
2. The banner must reflect the theme: Betas, Rockin' the Country
3. The banner is to measure 24" W x 36" L. These measurements are to include any type of border or fringe. (1/2" more or less will be allowed for shrinkage or stretching.)
4. The banner must be free flowing as a flag and two dimensional in design. A two dimensional banner has the design and lettering lying flat against the banner material. The depth of the design, lettering, etc. on the material must not exceed 1/4 of an inch. Anything else will have points deducted.
5. Each club must provide an approximate five foot (5') standard for the banner's display. The standard is not judged.



Suggestions for hanging banner - A 24" piece of wood may be attached across the top of the five foot stand to from the "T". The banner may be attached to the piece of wood by using Velcro. A dowel rod may also be used by feeding it through the top hem of the banner and attaching it to the top of the five foot stand.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Interpretation and Illustration of theme (Descriptive Paragraph must be attached to the back of the banner)

25pts

Color and Contrast

25pts

Craftsmanship (Workmanship put into creating the banner)

25pts

Originality and Creativity

25pts

DEDUCTIONS

Not providing a standard

-25pts

Not adhering to banner size and/or depth

-25pts



HOW TO ENTER:

NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY



- Print form, complete, and attach to back of the banner.
- Visit www.betaclub.org/registration and follow directions.
- Register students and then select competitions to enter.
- The entry must be completed and submitted by the deadline date.



Educational Connections

- * Creativity and Innovation
- * Information/ Media Literacy
- * Communication and Collaboration
- * Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

BANNER

BANNER FORM

Print and attach to
the back of the banner

Name of School: _____

Club ID Number: _____

In the space below please describe the meaning or symbolism used on this banner and how the banner carries out the theme: Betas, Rockin' the Country.

ESSAY

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. Subject: Betas, Rockin' the Country
2. Must be typed and double spaced
3. Word Requirement - 600-1000 words. Count the words and note the total number of words at the end of the essay. Every word will be counted except dates (such as March 1, 2015) which will be counted as one word only. Do not exceed the word limit.
4. Bibliography: All essays should include a bibliography with the essay if material from books, pamphlets, letters, newspapers, etc. is used.
5. Title Page: Title Page to include only the title of the essay, Student's Name, Student ID Number, and School Name. Nothing else should appear on the title page. Lack of these items result in point deductions.
6. Students must be registered and attend convention in order to be eligible for awards.

** This year essays will be uploaded online at the time of registration.*

JUDGING CRITERIA

Adherence to and Interpretation of Theme How well does the essay relate to this year's theme? How well did the author interpret this year's theme in his/her essay?

30pts

Organization and Development Does the piece have a well-developed introduction, body and conclusion?

30pts

Creativity Does the writing contain creative details and/or descriptions that contribute to the reader's enjoyment?

30pts

Punctuation/Grammar

10pts

DEDUCTIONS

No word count documentation
- 25 pts.

Incomplete Title Page
- 25 pts.

Essay not typed or double spaced
- 25 pts.



HOW TO ENTER:

NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY



- Visit www.betaclub.org/registration and follow directions.
- Upload essay to site as directed.
- Register students and then select competitions to enter.
- The entry must be completed and submitted by the deadline date.
- The entry must be completed by the deadline date.



Educational Connections

- * Creativity and Innovation
- * Information/ Media Literacy
- * Composition Writing and Journalism
- * Written Communication
- * Grammar
- * Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

LIVING LITERATURE

The Living Literature competition provides an opportunity for students to present their interpretation of a scene from a work of literature. Students should choose an actual scene and characters from any form of literature, including but not limited to a novel, short story, poem or play. Students recreate the scene through costumes, scenery and props (no music or sound effects will be allowed). Essentially, students become “wax museum figures” of the characters.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. Each school may have one entry, either an individual or a group of several students. Entire scene should be entirely free standing, not leaning on walls. No electricity will be provided.
2. A short description of the scene, book title, author, and school name must be incorporated within the dimensions of the scene. Keep in mind to make this information visible for viewing.
3. The dimension of a scene may not exceed 10 feet wide by 12 feet deep.
4. All attempts will be made to have a storage room for sets and props the night before the convention. Major construction is not to be done in the storage area. This will be a room for storage only.
5. Schools will be allowed to move their props into the room before the 30 minutes set up time, but not into their designated space. No assembly will begin until the 30 minute set up time.
6. Only 2 adults and Beta Members may set up the scenery and adults must leave room after set up.
7. Set up time will be limited to 30 minutes. Competitors must adhere to set up times or points will be deducted.
8. Students elevated off the floor (i.e., on a ladder, on top of a scene, etc.) must be secured to prevent falls.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Choice of selection –
Originality, literary merit, correct title,
actual single scene from literature
15pts
- Scenery - Interpretation of the scene,
craftsmanship
25pts
- Costume – authentic quality,
attention to detail
25pts
- Pose – expression, attitude, ability to
maintain character (Adequately explain
scene, and be eye catching, neatness)
25pts
- Poster – should include title, author,
and school (Adequately explain scene,
and be eye catching, neatness)
10pts

DEDUCTIONS

- Scene exceeds the designated area
– 25 pts.
- Not including description, book
title, author and school name
– 5 pts.
- Moving objects, fire, hay, confetti,
mannequins
– 20pts

LIVING LITERATURE

9. Entrants must be set up and “ready to freeze” by the designated time to qualify for judging. No moving objects, live animals, fire, balloons, hay, confetti, mannequins or music in the scene.

10. There will be a public viewing 30 minutes after the judging. The viewing will take place in four 5-minute increments with a 3-minute break between each. After a 3-minute break participants must resume their original pose.

11. Entrants must clean their assigned scene area and remove all props immediately after the competition is over.

REMINDERS

- Participants are encouraged to bring bottle water for breaks because they will not be allowed to leave the room.
- Students are recommended not to lock their knees.
- This is a student competition. Adults are able to advise the students but must not be the primary construction team.



HOW TO ENTER:

NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY



- Visit www.betaclub.org/registration and follow directions.
- Register students and then select competitions to enter.
- The entry must be completed and submitted by the deadline date.



Educational Connections

- * Visual/Performing Arts Standards
- * Creativity and Innovation
- * Information/ Media Literacy
- * Communication and Collaboration
- * Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

POETRY

Time Limit: One (1) hour

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. No prewritten materials allowed.
2. Each student may bring a dictionary and/or thesaurus.
3. Students must provide pen/pencil.
4. Loose leaf paper will be supplied.
5. Word limit: 200 words.
6. Subject for the poem will be assigned at the beginning of the competition.
7. Writing must be legible to be judged.
8. Student must record the poem's word count at the end of poem. Deductions will be made if there is no word count.
9. Use of electronic devices will not be permitted during competition.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Impact Writer has something to say; completeness and correctness of content and form. Adherence to the Poetry Theme

30pts

Inventiveness Reader is surprised by new and unexpected elements, coined words, figurative language, unconventional punctuation, spelling or format, etc

30pts

Individuality a distinctive voice, tone or point of view

30pts

Adherence to rules Completed within the time limit of 60 minutes
Poem limited to 200 words or less

10pts

DEDUCTIONS

Overage in word count or not providing word count

-10pts

POETRY



HOW TO ENTER:

NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY



- Visit www.betaclub.org/registration and follow directions.
- Register students and then select competitions to enter.
- The entry must be completed and submitted by the deadline date.



Educational Connections

- * Creativity and Innovation
- * Information/ Media Literacy
- * Composition Writing
- * Vocabulary
- * Poetic Devices
- * Written Communication
- * Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

POSTER

Time Limit: One (1) hour
One (1) team per club

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. Teams of 2 to 4 students will design an original poster around a theme that will be presented at time of competition.
2. The theme does not have to be written on the poster design.
3. A room will be designated to display the posters after judging.
4. Use of electronic devices will not be permitted during the competition.

TEAMS MUST PROVIDE:

- One sheet of white poster board measuring 14" X 22"
- Scratch paper
- Pencils and Erasers
- 8 standard markers –

Brown, Black, Yellow, Orange, Purple, Red, Blue, and Green

JUDGING CRITERIA

Adherence to theme

How is the artwork related to the topic? Does it make a strong connection to the theme?

20 pts.

Creativity How does the poster reflect the students' creativity?

20 pts.

Originality How unique is the interpretation of the theme?

20 pts.

Neatness Is the artwork easily viewed?

20 pts.

Overall appearance

Is the poster attractive in terms of design, layout and neatness?

20 pts.

POSTER



HOW TO ENTER:

NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY



- Login to sponsors.betaclub.org and click on national convention icon.
- Register students and then select eligible competitions to enter.
- The entry must be completed by the deadline date.



Educational Connections

- * Visual Art Standards
- * Information/ Media Literacy
- * Communication and Collaboration
- * Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

QUIZ BOWL

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- Each school may only have one team consisting of four members and two alternates.
- The team should have a designated captain.
- Questions on the written and oral round will vary in difficulty and range from trivial to the highly technical. There are no specific sources from which you can study. This is a general knowledge competition, which stresses quick recall.
- Electronic devices are not permitted.

WRITTEN GUIDELINES

- Each team will collaboratively take a written test with a time limit of thirty minutes.
- Each member must provide a #2 pencil.
- To break ties the time the answer sheets are turned in will be used.

ORAL GUIDELINES

- The competition will be single elimination.
- If a team is late or fails to appear at all for the oral round, it will forfeit the match and the remaining teams will compete.
- Each match will consist of two teams and will be played with two 10 question halves or in a thirty minute time limit, whichever is less.

STATE PROCEDURES

• Listed below are the number of teams advancing to oral rounds

ALABAMA	2
ARKANSAS	4
FLORIDA	4
GEORGIA	4
ILLINOIS	0
INDIANA	0
KENTUCKY	4
LOUISIANA	8
MISSISSIPPI	0
MISSOURI	4
N. CAROLINA	2
OHIO	0
S. CAROLINA	4
TENNESSEE	8
TEXAS	4
VIRGINIA	4
WEST VIRGINIA	0

HOW TO ENTER:

NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY



- Visit www.betacub.org/registration and follow directions.
- Register students and then select competitions to enter.
- The entry must be completed and submitted by the deadline date.



Educational Connections

- * General Knowledge of Grades 4-8 Core Standards
- * Communication and Collaboration
- * Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

PROCEDURE FOR QUIZ BOWL MATCH

- Quiz Bowl is a question-and-answer game played between two teams of four players each.
- All rounds will be played in the following manner: One 15 minute half or 10 toss-up questions, whichever comes first; a 2 minute break for substitutions; and a 15 minute half or 10 toss-up questions, whichever comes first. There will be an official time keeper.
- Only the coach and team members may enter the competition during the first and second rounds. Spectators may enter during the third and following rounds. There will be an area designated for spectators to wait during the rounds.
- Points are scored for correct answers to questions asked by the moderator.
- There are two types of questions: toss-ups, worth 10 pts. each, and bonuses, worth 20 pts.
- On toss-ups and bonuses, unless otherwise stated in the question, players may use abbreviated answers, such as last names only, nicknames, acronyms, chemical symbols, etc., as long as such answers still correctly indicate clear and precise knowledge of the information requested in the question.
- For toss-up questions, players will be given approximately 5 seconds from the time the moderator stops reading to signal, and then must answer as soon as recognized. The moderator will allow for a natural pause, but no stalling. For Math Calculations team members will have 15 seconds to respond.
- If a toss-up answer comes after time has been called, it does not count.
- If a player confers with a team mate on a toss-up question, the answer does not count. The question is turned over to the other team. The first player to signal and be recognized by the moderator answers the question.
- If a player answers without being recognized, the answer counts the same as a wrong answer. This rule is in effect to prevent players from answering because they “think” they signaled first. That is not the same as actually signaling first, and the right of the player who really has signaled must be protected.
- On a toss-up, the first response is the one that counts. Sometimes a player will attempt to give more than one piece of information in his/her answer. There are some instances when such a response is acceptable. The moderator (and judge) must distinguish whether the player has, in fact, pinpointed the answer or is just rattling off a list of facts on a given subject. This situation is particularly likely to occur on an interruption. The officials must be alert. This is a judgment call.
- If a player answers a toss-up correctly, his or her team scores 10 points and is given a chance at a bonus question. The team captain has 15 seconds to respond with an answer to the bonus after the bonus question has been read. Math Bonus questions will be given 20 seconds to respond.
- If a player answers a toss-up incorrectly, the question is turned over to the other team for 10 points. On the turnover, a player must still signal and be recognized before answering. The moderator need not reread the entire question for the other team, but may pick it up from a logical point.

PROCEDURE FOR QUIZ BOWL MATCH

- If the half or game ends while the moderator is reading a toss-up, he or she stops right there, without giving either team a chance to answer. However, if a player on either team has signaled before the whistle, he or she is given an opportunity to respond, if the answer is correct, the team is given its bonus question. If the answer is wrong, the question is not turned over to the other team.
- If a player believes he or she knows the answer to a toss-up question before it has been completed, he or she may interrupt the moderator by signaling. If the answer is correct, the team scores 10 points. If the answer is wrong, the entire question is repeated for the other team.
- If the moderator inadvertently gives an answer to a toss-up without giving either team a chance to respond, a new toss-up is read. However, if one team has given an incorrect answer without turning it over to the opposing team, then the next toss-up will be read for the opposing team only.
- If someone in the audience shouts out an answer, the moderator discards the question and goes to the next question in the stack, with all other rules as set forth in effect. The person who interrupts may be asked to leave the round.
- Team members may confer on bonus answers. All team members are encouraged to participate as much as possible. However, if there are conflicting answers, the moderator will ask the team captain for the team's official answer. The team captain can designate another team member to answer the bonus question.
- On all bonuses, anticipate some delay in response because of conferences. Allow the answers to come naturally, but remember, no stalling. The team has 15 seconds to respond the bonus question.
- The toss-up and bonus questions will be completely read before time begins, unless a team member buzzes in prior to the end of the question.
- If a bonus answer comes after time has been called, it does not count.
- If the score is tied at the end of the regulation time, the tie is broken by a sudden-death play-off of toss-up questions. First correct answer scores 10 points and wins the game.
- **PROTESTS:** If a player or team wishes to protest either an accepted answer to a question or a game procedure, the protest must come during the game at the time of the occurrence from the team captain. A decision will be made at that point by the moderator and judge and it will be final. If a team has had two unsuccessful protests in one game, it may not make any further protests during the game.

SCRAPBOOK

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. The scrapbook must cover only one year, state convention to state convention.
2. The material is to be enclosed in a hardback cover. The name of the school may be used on the cover if desired.
3. Only the scrapbook will be judged.
4. The first page of the scrapbook must contain the name of the school and city and state.
5. The scrapbook must contain a table of contents.
6. The theme for the scrapbook must be Betas, Rockin' the Country.
7. The scrapbook must not exceed 24" by 24" by 12".
8. Scrapbooks will be on display for viewing and cannot be picked up until the designated time in the program.

Content Suggestions:

Community/Club Service Projects
Social Functions
Original Categories (unique to the school)
Beta members in other school related activities
Member Profiles
Convention Activities/Preparation
Leadership Activities

JUDGING CRITERIA

Cover and Binding	10pts
Title page and Table of Contents	10pts
Originality/Creativity	20pts
Artwork/ Artistic Appeal	30pts
Contents (<i>state convention to state convention</i>)	30pts

DEDUCTIONS

Exceeds the designated size	-25pts
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HOW TO ENTER:

NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY



- Visit www.betaclub.org/registration and follow directions.
- Register students and then select competitions to enter.
- The entry must be completed and submitted by the deadline date.



Educational Connections

- * Creativity and Innovation
- * Information/ Media Literacy
- * Composition Writing and Journalism
- * Communication and Collaboration
- * Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

SONGFEST

Time Limit of Song: Three (3) minutes

You will have a time limit of six (6) minutes. This includes set up and take down, but the performance still has a maximum time limit of three (3) minutes.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. The Songfest entry must follow the Convention Theme- Betas, Rockin' the Country. *The theme interpretation must be evident throughout the song's lyrics.*
2. Lyrics to the original song and lyrics of the new song must be typewritten and submitted online at time of registration.
3. Props are not permitted.
4. Stationary movements will be allowed. This means that the student's feet must remain in place during the performance. Examples of stationary movement are, but not limited to, clapping, finger snapping, swaying, and simple gestures that enhance the lyrics.
5. Matching shirts, pants, shorts, skirts or school uniforms will be allowed. Costumes are not permitted.
6. Fifty percent of members in attendance are required to participate.
7. All club members on stage must sing.
8. No background vocals will be allowed on track. (This means no words or computerized/synthesized voices on CD.)

JUDGING CRITERIA

SONGFEST

Use of Theme

Theme interpretation must be evident throughout the song's lyrics.

25 pts.

Originality (Words, Phrases)

25 pts.

Club's Overall Performance

50 pts

Clubs must sing in tune/on pitch. Clubs may use stationary movements such as clapping finger snapping or swaying. Student's feet must remain planted during the performance.

Deduction of -25 pts

No lyrics (original and new) submitted
Students not dressed matching attire
Students' feet NOT planted during the entire performance
Original song is inappropriate
Lip syncing or background vocals
Length of performance exceeds time limit



HOW TO ENTER:

STATE WINNER ELIGIBILITY



- Visit www.betaclub.org/registration and follow directions.
- Register students and then select competitions to enter.
- You must upload original and new lyrics to the site at time of registration
 - The entry must be completed and submitted by the deadline date.



Educational Connections

- * Performing Arts Standards (vocal)
- * Communication and Collaboration
- * Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

SPEECH

Time Limit: 1- 2 minutes.

There will be an official timer to record times. Any variation from the limits – over or under – will result in points being deducted from the speaker's score –

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. Topic: Betas, Rockin' the Country
2. Props or costumes are not allowed.
3. Participants must be dressed in business attire.
4. Order for speech presentations will be determined by state officials.
5. Contest Spectators will be permitted based on room size. Decision will be made by state officials prior to competition.
6. To prevent distractions, no one will be allowed to leave until the conclusion of the competition.
7. Electronic devices will not be permitted.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Adherence to theme
25 pts.
- Effectiveness of Delivery/
Holds Interest of Audience
25 pts.
- Organization/Transitions
25 pts.
- Eye Contact/ Expression/
Professional Appearance
25 pts.

DEDUCTIONS

- Use of Props or costumes
- 25 pts.
- Time limit deductions -
-5 points for each 15 seconds over/
under time limit of 1-2 minutes the
designated size

-25pts

SPEECH



HOW TO ENTER:

STATE WINNER ELIGIBILITY



- Visit www.betaclub.org/registration and follow directions.
- Register students and then select competitions to enter.
- The entry must be completed and submitted by the deadline date.



Educational Connections

- * Creativity and Innovation
- * Oral Communication/Persuasive Presentation
- * Information/ Media Literacy
- * Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

SPOTLIGHT YOUR CLUB

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

This is a club entry created to highlight your club.

** Spotlight Your Club must follow the Beta Theme: Betas, Rockin' the Country*

1. Each club must use a display board that is the size of a standard science fair board and may include the optional attached header/banner. No additional materials should be displayed with the spotlight, such as brochures, candy, etc.
2. Everything incorporated with the spotlight board must be attached. Any border, trim, etc. should not exceed the regulation size noted above. The board must be free standing without any supports.
3. Suggestions for board:
 - Information about school and club
 - Photographs of club, school, sponsors
 - Service projects, leadership activities, character development, etc.
 - Information about your clubs involvement in your school and community

JUDGING CRITERIA

Effectively Showcased Club/Activities

20 pts

Adherence to theme

20 pts.

Creativity

20 pts.

Craftsmanship

20 pts.

Overall appearance

Is the poster attractive in terms of design, layout and neatness?

20 pts.

Deductions

Did not use one of the standard tri-fold board sizes -15 pts

Tri-fold doesn't stand alone

-15 pts

SPOTLIGHT



HOW TO ENTER:

NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY



- Visit www.betaclub.org/registration and follow directions.
- Register students and then select competitions to enter.
- The entry must be completed and submitted by the deadline date.



Educational Connections

- * Creativity and Innovation
- * Information/ Media Literacy
- * Visual Arts Standards
- * Communication and Collaboration
- * Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

TALENT

GROUP TALENT SPECIAL TALENT

A school may enter only one talent competition - Group or Special

GROUP TALENT (5 or more participants) – 6-minute limit. You will have a total time limit of eleven (11) minutes. This includes set up and take down, but the performance still has a maximum time limit of six (6) minutes.

OR

SPECIAL TALENT (4 or fewer participants) – 4-minute limit. You will have a total time limit of seven (7) minutes. This includes set up and take down, but the performance still has a maximum time limit of four (4) minutes.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. All talent participants must be officially enrolled at the National Office by the deadline date. Betas registered at the convention may take part in the program.
2. Clubs must furnish their own properties. A keyboard, sound system and CD player will be provided. Any music used for talent must be put on a CD or flash drive and given to the sound tech prior to their performance.
3. CD for vocal entries must contain music only. (This means no words background vocals or computerized/synthesized voices on disc.)
4. Lip syncing is not allowed. As defined as pretending to sing in synchronization with recorded vocals. i.e. moving mouth while holding a microphone.
5. Acts must clear the stage of any debris following their performance. Clean up will be included in the set up/take down time limit.
6. Only microphones and headsets that are provided by the Audio Visual Company hired by National Office may be used.
7. No use of and/or portrayal of weapons of any kind will be allowed.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Talent

Is evidence of real talent present in the performance? (No lip syncing allowed. Vocal performers may not have background or computerized/synthesized voices on the accompaniment CD.)

40pts

Evidence of preparation before presentation

Consideration will be given for the originality and complexity of the act. Evidence of adequate rehearsal, preparation of sets, backdrops, and special effects that contribute to the act will be considered.

20pts

Nature and appropriateness of performance

Consideration will be given to the manner in which the performance is given. The content must be appropriate and in good taste. (Off color, risqué acts and costume(s) or inappropriate costuming will not be allowed.) The performance should be uniform. All aspects of the act should blend together to present a pleasing, effective performance

20pts

Overall Entertainment Quality

Presentation confidence, Stage Presence

20pts

DEDUCTIONS

Less 20 points for going over performance time limit and/or each rule infraction that occurs.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES CONT.

8. No audio visual technology allowed in a talent performance, such as, power point, slide show, etc.
9. The use of black lights are discouraged due to the inability to turn off lights at the convention sites.
10. No fire, hay, balloon, or confetti may be used in any act.
11. Candidates for State Office cannot participate in the talent competition or they will forfeit their right to run.
12. Adults may help students set up props for the competition. Adults must be off stage prior to the beginning of the talent.
13. Title of entry, brief description, and addition sound information will be requested at time of registration.



HOW TO ENTER:

NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY
Group and Special Talent



- Visit www.betaclub.org/registration and follow directions.
- Register students and then select competitions to enter.
- The entry must be completed and submitted by the deadline date.



Educational Connections

- * Performing/ Visual Arts Standards
- * Creativity and Innovation
- * Communication and Collaboration

T-SHIRT

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. The t-shirt is a club project that must adhere to the convention theme, Betas, Rockin' the Country
2. One side of the t-shirt will be judged. Designate the side upon check-in
3. The t-shirt must be student designed. Computer aided drawings are acceptable.
4. The original hand drawn artwork that shows the students' creative ideas must be submitted with T-shirt.
5. The T-shirt must be commercially reproduced.
6. Club must be present and registered at the convention in order to enter a t-shirt.
7. Although reasonable precautions to protect entries will be taken, the National Beta Club will not be responsible for loss, or damage. It is the responsibility of clubs entering the contest to collect entered items at the designated times.
8. Entries will remain on display and available for pick up at the designated time in the program.

JUDGING CRITERIA

T-SHIRT

Use of Theme How unique is the interpretation of the convention theme.

20pts.

Creativity/originality Is this idea an original thought; how creative is the idea

30 pts.

Overall artistic appeal How well do the colors compliment the design?

30 pts.

Complexity of Design How complex is the detail of the design?

20 pts.

DEDUCTIONS

No original hand drawn artwork

- 25 pts.



HOW TO ENTER:

NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY



- Visit www.betaclub.org/registration and follow directions.
- Register students and then select competitions to enter.
- The entry must be completed and submitted by the deadline date.



Educational Connections

- * Creativity and Innovation
- * Information/ Media Literacy
- * Design Elements/Visual Arts Standards
- * Communication and Collaboration
- * Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

TECHNOLOGY

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. Technology is a club project that must adhere to the following topic: Beta is Service
2. Recommended formats are .wmv / .mov / .mp4
3. Time Limit will be 2 minutes
4. All entries must be uploaded during the registration process.
5. Your media may be used in promotional materials by The National Beta Club.
6. Entries will be judged prior to convention.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Effectively Showcase The Topic Clearly showcase topic throughout the production.
25 pts

Use of Media The production should have an array of different media including but not limited to pictures, videos, and text.
25 pts.

Creativity A unique use of design, text and placement to enhance the visual experience.
25 pts.

Content How effectively did the content support the theme.
25 pts.

DEDUCTIONS

Not adhering to time limit. - 25 pts.

TECHNOLOGY



HOW TO ENTER:

NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY



- Visit www.betaclub.org/registration and follow directions.
- Upload video to site in .wav / .mp4 / .mov format
- The entry must be completed and submitted by the deadline date.



Educational Connections

- * Creativity and Innovation
- * Information/ Media Literacy
- * Design Elements/Visual Arts Standards
- * Communication and Collaboration
- * Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

DELEGATES/ VOTING

- Each Beta attending this meeting will be classified as a voting delegate.
- Voting will be by the number of the candidate as printed in the program not by candidate name.
- Each voting delegate must provide their own #2 pencils for voting.

GENERAL DRESS CODE

- Dress for the State Convention must be in good taste.
- Adults are to follow the same dress code as students.
- Name tags will be issued at registration and must be worn at all times.
- Not Allowed:
 - Jeans with holes
 - Shorts that are not finger tip length
 - Hats
 - Low cut tops
 - Tight fitting clothing
 - Tank tops, bare midriffs or tops with spaghetti straps
 - Clothing with references that would offend any group
 - Bathing suits except at pools or beaches
 - Clothing with any writing or symbols that advertise any of the following:
alcohol, tobacco, drugs, violence, sexual or profane content

VOLUNTEERS FOR CONVENTION

- At time of registration, each club must provide at least one volunteer to help with convention.

SUPERVISION

- Each group must be accompanied by an adult sponsor or chaperone approved by the Principal.
- The Convention Code of Conduct must be followed and will be enforced by officials.

SPECIAL NEEDS

- If accommodations are needed please contact the National office by deadline date, so we may, if reasonably possible, make appropriate arrangements.

TROPHIES/AWARDS

- All trophies not picked during the awards ceremony will be shipped to the sponsor per their request COD.
- All requests must be made by the sponsor.

DEADLINE/ RULE INFRACTIONS

- Failure to comply to all rules and code of conduct may result in loss of awards.
- Failure to adhere to all deadlines and procedures will result in students not being able to compete.

CONVENTION RESULTS

- All convention results will be posted online following the convention.



CODE OF CONDUCT

Knowing that any organization is judged largely by the behavior of its individual members, we who attend the State Beta Club Convention, agree that our registering at the State Convention constitutes our subscribing to the following rules which comprise the Code of Conduct.

- Rule 1: Each Sponsor is responsible for each and every one of his/her students. Therefore, students must keep their Sponsor informed of their whereabouts at all times.
- Rule 2: Betas registered at the Convention should be present for all scheduled meetings and on time.
- Rule 3: Curfew is promptly at 11:30 PM unless the Board of Directors announces otherwise. This means in your own room and respectfully quiet.
- Rule 4: Members may visit other members' rooms only with the Sponsor's knowledge and approval.
- Rule 5: No alcoholic beverages, drugs or tobacco, in any form, shall be possessed by anyone at this National Junior Beta Convention. Clothing which advertises sex, drugs, tobacco, or alcohol will not be permitted.
- Rule 6: All registered Betas and Adults are expected to wear official name badges at all times. Admission to meetings and the convention functions is by name badge only.
- Rule 7: Each registered Beta is expected to display and exert leadership qualities in a responsible manner that will lead to the organized success of this Convention. Betas should conduct themselves in such a manner that their actions will reflect favorably on the school and community and all of those responsible for providing the student with this opportunity.

We agree that any violation of these rules subjects our entire chapter to being sent home and all honors and awards forfeited. Serious misconduct on our part shall be reported to our Principal and our parents, who shall be advised that we are barred from participating in future Beta Conventions, and shall constitute grounds for the cancellation of our school's charter of The National Beta Club.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

General Safety Tips

Sponsors

It is recommended that sponsors collect parental consent forms and emergency contact forms from students. It is also recommended that sponsors bring these forms and keep with them at all times during the convention.

Sponsors may also choose to take a digital photo of each student traveling with them to convention and carry them on a memory stick or flash drive. In the unlikely event that a student becomes lost, the photo will help convention staff and local authorities locate the student.

Hotel Safety

- Read the emergency instructions on the back of your hotel room door. Familiarize yourself with the fire escape route.
- Count the number of doors between your room and the nearest exit.
- Do not leave your door open and always use the dead bolt.
- Do not open your hotel door to anyone you don't personally know. Call the front desk to verify hotel staff, security guards, and others requesting entrance to your room.
- If you encounter questionable individuals, report them to the front desk.
- Do not leave valuables out in the open. Many hotels provide lock boxes for your security.
- Keep your room key with you at all times.

Weather Emergencies

Watches: Indicate that conditions are right for the development of a weather hazard. Watches cover a larger area than *Warnings*. Watches usually have lead times of approximately 1-2 hours (tornado or thunderstorm), 3-12 hours (flash flood), and 12-36 hours (river flood or winter storm).

Warnings: Indicate that a hazard is imminent and the probability of occurrence is extremely high. Warnings are issued based on eyewitness reports or clear signatures from remote sensing devices (radar, satellite). Warnings usually have lead times of approximately 30 minutes or less (for thunderstorm type events), and 6-18 hours (for river floods and winter storms).

Advisories: Issued when weather is expected to disrupt normal routines, but is not expected to be life threatening (e.g., 2-3 inches of snow, dense fog, etc.). Advisory lead times are the same as *Warnings*.

Upon Issuance of a Watch or Advisory

Council Chair/CEO/COO/Convention Staff will monitor weather reports for change in conditions.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Upon Issuance of a Warning

- Council Chair/CEO/COO/Convention Staff will implement Severe Weather Safe Area procedure.
- All students and attendees shall proceed to designated safe areas and remain quiet to hear further instructions.
- Sponsors should follow standard student accounting procedures and notify National Beta Club staff of any issues.
- Occupants of shelter areas shall remain in that area until the “all clear” is given.
- In the event of building damage, students and attendees shall be evacuated to safer areas of the building or from the building.
- If evacuation occurs, do not reenter the building until given the “all clear.”

Drop, Cover, and Hold (For use in the event of an earthquake or other imminent danger to building or immediate surroundings).

- DROP to the floor, take cover under a nearby desk, table, or chair and face away from the windows.
- COVER your eyes by leaning your face against your arms.
- HOLD on the desk, table, or chair legs and maintain present location/position.
- If no cover is available, get against inside doorway or crouch against inside wall and cover head; stay away from outside walls, windows or other expanses of glass, and potential falling objects.
- Leave doors open to minimize jamming if the building shifts.
- Do not attempt to run through the building or outside due to risk of falling objects.
- Wait for further instructions.

Fire

- Implement evacuation procedures to outside assembly area.
- Assist any students needing special assistance.
- Follow standard student accounting procedures.
- Do not re-enter the building until being given the “all clear” to do so.

Bomb Threat

- If an evacuation response is initiated, modify evacuation routes as necessary based on the possible location of bomb.
- If what appears to be a bomb is found, DO NOT TOUCH IT; the police department will take charge.
- Turn off cell phones and DO NOT transmit with radios.
- Leave the environment as it is.
- Avoid altering any electrical items or systems (DO NOT turn on or off lights, DO NOT change thermostat, etc.).
- Avoid opening and closing doors.
- Evacuate personnel at least 300 feet from the building; during inclement weather and a possible prolonged search, move students to an Alternate Building Location.
- Follow standard student accounting procedures.
- Do not re-enter the building until being given the “all clear” to do so.