**BETA State Convention Application**

November 28th -Nov. 30th at the Savannah Convention Center

The convention is a wonderful event that allows Jr. Betas from across the state to showcase their successes and spotlight the different talents of its club members.  Beyond the competitions and talent exhibitions, they will also have an On-Site Service State Project.

Here is an explanation of what to expect:

**Wednesday, November 28th:**

9:30- bus leaves SFMS

3:00- Arrive in Savannah. Walk on Riverstreet. Eat dinner with a chaperone

6:00- Go to Convention Center. Registration, Special Talent Preliminaries, Check in Visual Arts, Living Literature

9:30- Go back to hotel.

**Thursday, November 29th:**

9:00am- Convention Center. We will remain at the Convention Center for competitions all day. Lunch and dinner are included in trip price and will be brought to convention center.

9:00pm- Go back to hotel.

**Friday, November 30th :**

9:30- Awards Ceremony and Celebration

12:00- depart Savannah

5:30- arrive at SFMS

The cost will be $275 and will cover the Convention registration fee, the hotel room, convention t-shirt, charter bus transportation to/from Savannah, Thursday breakfast, lunch & dinner, & Friday breakfast & lunch. Students will need to bring lunch for Wednesday and money for Wednesday’s dinner. There will be an optional parent meeting on Sept. 7th at 6:00 pm (before Curriculum Night) to hear more about this trip.

**How do you get chosen to represent our club?**

**Step 1:**  Fill out this form & return to Mrs. Schreier **by Sept. 11th.** You also need to sign up on the google doc: **https://tinyurl.com/sfmsbetacon18.** This is so that you can see who else is trying out for the competitions.

**Step 2:** Start working on your projects andfollow the guidelines outlined in the chart on the back. Some competitions will need to submit projects by Sept. 11th. Other competitions have meetings in September. All of the due dates are listed on the back.

**Step 3:** Mrs. Schreier will send out a final list of students chosen to represent our club by Oct. 1st. You will then receive permission forms and can then make a trip payment.The first payment will be due by Oct. 19th & the final payment will be due November 2nd.

**\*I encourage students to sign up for more than one event. Please rank your preference. If the schedule allows, I will put students in more than one event.**

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| **Title of Event** | **Description** | **Deadlines to be chosen for event** |
| Academic Individual Competitions | We will enter a student from each grade level for each subject. Math, Science, S.S., Language Arts | On this form, please write down the subject you prefer as well as your current teacher & last year’s teacher of that subject. Make sure you also write down what grade (7 or 8) you are in. |
| Quiz Bowl | Team event.  \*At the same time as academic individual competitions | On this form, indicate your strongest subject. |
| Book Battle | A team of 3-5 students will read a list of books & take a group test on these books. | Look at the list of books from the “Convention Handbook” on ItsLearning. Start reading them and let Mrs. Schreier know which ones you have read by **Sept 11th.** |
| Creative Writing | On-site competition where you will be given an essay topic and a time limit. | An example of an essay that you have written should be submitted to Mrs. Schreier by Sept. 11th. |
| Speech | Student will give a pre-written speech on the topic: Beta Refuel, Renew, Rethink | You will give your speech at the Sept. 11th club meeting. Please submit a copy of your speech to Mrs. Schreier by Sept. 11th. |
| Poetry Competition | On-Site competition where you will be given a topic and a time limit. | An example of a poem that you have written should be submitted to Mrs. Schreier by Sept. 11th. |
| Talent | It can be an individual or group. | Video of performance submitted to Mrs. Schreier by **Sept. 11th.** We can choose one group & one solo/duo/trio. |
| Marketing & Communication | A group competition where students need to create a marketing campaign for the following task: Develop a new program for your school that incorporates a Leadership Mindset Platform | An idea/ plan of your marketing campaign should be submitted by **Sept. 11th** to Mrs. Schreier. You can work with someone else, but please indicate who you are working with. A team will set up some team meetings to create the project in Oct. |
| Robotics | A team of students will create a robot that can accomplish this year’s challenge : “Reduce, Reuse, Refine” | Submit a plan of what the robot can do to follow the theme of “reduce, reuse, and refine” by Sept. 11th. Mrs. Schreier will pick the team and then set up deadlines of a finished project from there. |
| Apparel Design | T-shirts need to center around the theme “Beta Fueling the Future” | Your design can be hand drawn or computer created and submitted by **Sept. 11th.** |
| Service Learning Showcase | Display board about club that centers around the theme “Beta Fueling the Future” and highlights the service that our club does. | Display board is expected to have 3D elements, pictures, and professional craftsmanship. Students must attend meeting on **Sept. 4th at 8:00** in Mrs. Schreier to discuss ideas. Your project needs to be completed by Sept. 27th |
| Two Dimensional Design | Fabric Banner that conveys theme “Beta Fueling the Future” | Banner is to have professional craftsmanship. Students must attend meeting on **Sept. 4th at 8:00** in Mrs. Schreier to discuss ideas. Your project needs to be completed by Sept. 27th . |
| Three Dimensional Design | 3-D Design that conveys theme “Beta Fueling the Future” | Students must attend meeting on **Sept. 4th at 8:00** in Mrs. Schreier to discuss ideas. Your project needs to be completed by Sept. 27th. |
| Technology | A video that centers around theme “Fueling the Future.” Time limit is 2 minutes. | Students must attend meeting on **Sept. 4th at 8:00** in Mrs. Schreier to discuss ideas. Submit your final project to Mrs. Schreier by Sept. 27th. |
| Songfest | Group Singing event. We will need 20 people for this, so we will need everyone! | No pre-requisites except that you are available to practice every Thursday morning at 8:00am starting on **Sept. 20th** . |
| Engineering (Building a Tower) | Group event. Make a tower using a list of materials. (List is in Convention Handbook). | Groups are encouraged to set up practice times outside of school. Groups will need to come to Mrs. Schreier’s room on **Sept. 18th at 8:00** to build tower. |
| Living Literature | Students create a scene from a book using a backdrop and props. The students will wear costumes and stand in a “freeze frame” for the judging. | This group has already been meeting over the summer. E-mail Mrs. Ezell if you would like to be a part of this group and we could possibly find a way for you to help the team! |
| Visual Arts:  -Jewelry Making  - Photography  -Pencil Sketch  - Painting  -Digital Art  -Fiber Arts  -Recyclable Art  -Sculpture | All of these entries need to be completed before the convention. The convention judges like pieces of art that are unique!  \*you can enter into more than 1 of these categories. | By Sept. 27th, please submit your piece of art. (You do not need to have it matted for Sept. 27th.) |

For detailed descriptions & judging rubrics, look at the Convention Handbook on ItsLearning

\*2D Design, Spotlight on Service, 3D Design & Technology participants will need to show Mrs. Schreier their progress of their projects on Sept. 4th at 8:00am in Mrs. Schreier’s room. You should have met with your team before this and have a design to bring.

**Please fill out the information below if you would like to attend:**

Student Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Student HR: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*I understand that we are representing our school with the quality of our entries and agree to follow through with the competitions that I am sign up for.*

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent permission to attend:

**Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

I would like to attend the convention as a chaperone Parent E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(The chaperone cost will also be $275)

\*\*I would like for you to compete in more than one event! Write down and rank all of the competitions that you would like to participate in:

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If your decision to attend the field trip changes, please notify Ms. Schreier as soon as possible.

**Feel free to e-mail Mrs. Schreier with any questions- kschreier@forsyth.k12.ga.us**