

## Lakeview *Lioness* Yearbook Program

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Memo to: Parents of Students Attending the National Scholastic Press Association annual convention in Anaheim, California, April 25-27, 2019

From: Jennifer Chittaro, Adviser

Regarding: Details of the trip

Date: November 6, 2019

Thank you so much for making it possible for your student to attend the convention of the National Scholastic Press Association in Anaheim, California, one of the nation's premiere scholastic press organization for student journalists. This letter is update everyone of prices, give a packing list, and tentative itinerary.

On the attached sheet, I'm providing you with the pertinent trip details. I worked on a tentative itinerary for the days we will be there. Understandable, this may change.

Meals are not covered by the initial trip cost. Breakfast, lunch, dinners and snacks need to be purchased by the student.

This year, the convention will be held in the hotel where we are staying so there will be no need for a public transportation pass to attend the classes.

We will have limited activity outside of the convention and hotel as the classes last from 9AM – 5PM each day. A list of possible activities may be found below. We will finalize this list closer to our trip.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at any time. Please know that I'll treat your child as "my own" on this trip—and, a big "thank you" again for letting them take part in this great convention!

Kind Regards,

Jennifer Chittaro

## Trip Details

*JEA/National Scholastic Press Association Annual Convention  
Anaheim, April 25-27, 2019*

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### **Airline information (not confirmed, estimates only)**

- We will be flying on **Delta Airlines**, departing at **11:28 AM** on Thursday, April 25 on a non-stop flight. We will arrive at the Orange County Airport (SNA) at **1:27 PM**.
- We will return on a redeye **Delta Airlines flight** leaving at **9:40 PM on Sunday** arriving in Atlanta at **5:09 AM on Monday**, April 28.
- I will be driving my SUV down and can carry up to 7 students along with me, but we may need to make room for luggage. I will also return students with me back to LA on Monday where they will attend the school day. If needed, another LA parent/chaperone may drive their car with students and luggage down and back as well.
- Cost for the plane ticket is currently \$423.00. This does not include the price for a checked bag. (Usually \$25). Students will need to bring a way to pay if they choose to check their bag.

### **Hotel information**

We will be staying at the **Hilton Anaheim Hotel** where the convention is also being held.

- The address of the hotel is 777 W. Convention Way, Anaheim, CA 92802.
- We will have hotel rooms for the students with 4 per room and will also have myself and at least one other chaperone depending on the final number of students attending.
- Within the hotel are five dining venues including a food court.
- We have a special room rate for the convention. Each student's estimated cost for hotel for the trip is \$200. (3 nights plus tax/4 people per room)

### **Ground transportation**

- On Thursday, Mrs. Chittaro and an additional LA employee/parent will drive from Lakeview Academy to the Atlanta Airport.
- We use a car service shuttle (**Super Shuttle**) to get us from the Orange County Airport (SNA) to the hotel, rather than cabs. This is both for security and logistical purposes. We do the same on Sunday for the trip from the hotel to the airport for the return home.
- During the week, we may walk to a variety of restaurants or shopping within walking distance of the hotel.
- Each student's portion (two legs) of ground transportation estimated cost is \$20. This will include both transportation both to and from the airport and a tip for the driver.

## Clothing for convention

- Dress for the convention is casual: nice jeans, LS shirts, sweatshirts, etc. "Non-uniform, school appropriate" is best – **no yoga pants, sweatpants**, etc.
- Please: no letter jackets, school sweats, school insignia clothing! We want to blend in to the city crowd, not stand out. And, this is not just for vanity; it's for students' safety, as well.

## Activities, daily schedule

- While I don't have exact plans set yet, we have a tentative schedule at the end of this packet.
- Students will stay within the convention center for all classes and must attend a class with a buddy. No student will be alone at any point during the trip.
- Mrs. Chittaro will know the individual schedule of each student and once arriving to the session, students are required to check in with Mrs. Chittaro.
- Please do not request that your student be allowed to visit friends or family members who live nearby while on this trip. While your student is with me, they are my responsibility and school policy does not allow students leaving the group for personal visits such as this.
- In the evenings, we do things as a group. We may venture outside the hotel to a restaurant or shopping nearby. At no time will the student be alone or without an adult chaperone.
- On Sunday, we would like to go to Disneyland as a group since it is within one block of our hotel. Although we may split up into groups, no student will be without an adult chaperone. Estimated cost for the day's ticket is \$100.

## Other information

- School policy requires that parents sign the contract.
- In addition, I need the Medical Consent Form completely filled out and turned in. If your student takes regular medication, I need to know and per school policy, I will be in possession of it the entire trip. I will give the student their medication as prescribed. Please be specific with the medications, dosage, and frequency. Also, please make sure that all prescription medications are in the original prescription bottles or containers.
- I will have copies of each students' medical forms (provided by the Upper School office) in the event of an emergency. I have also requested a copy of your insurance card just in case.
- Assuming they have one, each student should bring their cell phone with them and keep it on at all times.
- My cell phone number is 678-521-0980. I'll have it with me at all times. If you should need anything while your student is with me, feel free to call me at any time.

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**Cost itemization**

- Hotel \$200.00
- Airfare \$425.00
- Convention registration \$119.00
- Disneyland Ticket \$100.00
- Ground Transportation \$20.00 (Super Shuttle)
- **Total \$864.00**

Thank you again for making it possible for your student to accompany us on this trip!

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**Visit the Lakeview Lioness website for links to all the above information:**

<http://lakeviewlioness.weebly.com/cspa-convention.html>

# Tentative Itinerary

## **Thursday, April 25, 2019**

- 9:00 AM – Pack cars (Chittaro & 1 other LA Staff chaperone) and leave for airport
- 11:28 AM Flight departs ATL for SNA (Orange County, CA)
- 1:27 PM – Arrive at SNA; take SuperShuttle to Hilton Anaheim Hotel
- 2:00 PM – Arrive at hotel, check into rooms and pick up registration materials
- Afternoon – Enter writing contests for convention
- Evening – Have dinner, plan individual convention schedule for Thursday
- 10:00 PM – Everyone in rooms
- 11:00 PM – Lights out

## **Friday, April 26, 2019**

- 8:00 AM – Breakfast downstairs in convention hotel food court
- 9:00 AM – 5PM – Attend conference sessions within convention center
- 5:30 PM – Meet for dinner, possible activity nearby (walking distance – shopping, etc.)
- 10:00 PM – Return to hotel, everyone in rooms
- 11:00 PM – Lights out

## **Saturday, April 27, 2019**

- 8:00 AM – Breakfast downstairs in convention hotel food court
- 9:00 AM – 5PM – Attend conference sessions within convention center
- 5:30 PM – Meet for dinner, possible activity nearby (walking distance – shopping, etc.)
- 10:00 PM – Return to hotel, everyone in rooms
- 11:00 PM – Lights out

## **Sunday, April 28, 2019**

- 7:30 AM – Breakfast downstairs in convention hotel food court
- 8:30 AM – Take shuttle to Disneyland (1 block away)
- 9:00AM – 5:00 PM Disneyland activity; split into groups with a chaperone
- 5:00 PM – return to hotel to pick up bags, eat dinner in food court
- 6:00 PM – leave for airport
- 9:40 PM - Flight departs SNA for ATL (red eye flight)

## **Monday, April 29, 2019**

- 5:09 AM – Flight arrives in ATL, chaperones drive students back to Lakeview Academy for class
- 8:30 AM – Classes begin