

Students: Be Prepared for a Great Trip to Kansas City and the SkillsUSA National Conference!

Ensuring a good experience in Kansas City means being prepared for your contest and your trip in general.

Be sure you know your travel schedule and trip details. If in doubt, check with your advisor well before departure day.

If you are a SkillsUSA contestant or delegate, check to be sure you have the proper work uniform, SkillsUSA official attire for the Awards Ceremony, and all tools or equipment specified for your contest. If you need clothing or tools, acquire these items well ahead of time.

Rules and requirements are different for national events than for state events and can change year to year. Be sure you have the latest rules for your contest.

Visit our Web site at www.skillsusa.org for the latest SkillsUSA contest updates and conference information.

If you would like a copy of the rules for any contest, purchase them online from www.skillsusa.org/store/

Planning and Packing - Tips for Students

Take the time to think through what you will need on your trip, and then pack accordingly.

- Leave your itinerary with family
- Tag your luggage inside and out
- Bring a calling card or a cell phone
- Bring your cell phone charger
- Have your advisor's cell phone number
- Carry your medical insurance card
- Bring a list of family phone numbers
- Leave expensive jewelry at home
- Bring an alarm clock
- If you take prescription medicine, bring a supply with you
- Bring some extra cash for emergencies
- Bring two pairs of comfortable shoes
- Write down your schedule for the week including any meetings, contest times, state meetings, etc.

New this Year:

No backpacks or large tote bags at Kemper Arena.

Dress Code for Award Winners to be Strictly Enforced

PHOTOS OF MEDALIST and industry supporters are used in trade and SkillsUSA publications. It's important that all members demonstrate their professionalism by looking the part. Therefore, the national Board of Directors has ruled that all contestants receiving medals at the ceremony must be dressed in **official SkillsUSA attire or SkillsUSA**

Championships work clothing. Winners who are dressed inappropriately will not be allowed on stage. Other attire, jeans, T-shirts, sneakers, boots and sandals are not allowed. Please leave behind any cameras, purses, hats and blinking lights. (As defined in the 2009 SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards, official attire begins with the red blazer or windbreaker. For women, it also includes a white blouse [collarless or small-collared], black dress skirt or black dress slacks, black sheer [not opaque] or skin-tone seamless hose, and black shoes. For men, official attire includes the blazer plus a white dress shirt, solid black tie, black dress slacks, plain black socks, and black dress shoes.)

For more information, visit www.skillsusa.org and click on the "Conference" or "Championships" link