



THE FLORIDA STATE SPANISH CONFERENCE, INC

September 6, 2010

Bienvenida

All 15 forms follow 2a circular

Bienvenidos al 2010 el año número 54 del FSSC

Por favor lea la 2a circular con mucho cuidado, **han habido cambios**.

Nuestro tema para el 2010: *Unidos bajo el mismo cielo con el mismo idioma*

Secunda Circular

Circular and Registration Form are PDF downloads

January 6, 2010

Dear Spanish Teachers and Students:

Lakewood H.S., in St. Petersburg, is hosting this year's conference. Darlene Lebo and Linda Santiago and their students are this year's sponsors. Once again, the 2010 Florida State Spanish Conference will be held **April 15nd through April 17th, 2010**. It will be held as in the past, at the [Wyndham Orlando Resorts](#) International Drive (and Sand Lake Rd). Forms for all competition registrations as well as for hotel reservations are enclosed.

IMPORTANT DATES:

1: February 1st, 2010

Deadline for FAATSP fees (all teachers of students attending the conference must be members). FEES TO FAATSP is \$20 for Conferencia teachers only and \$10 for AATSP teachers with proof of current membership!!

Make check payable to FAATSP and send check to:

FAATSP
6101 N Habana Ave
Tampa, Florida 33614
813 872-6744

2: February 15th, 2010

A: Deadline for fees and forms. Registration will not be processed nor numbers assigned until we receive all forms and fees.

B: Deadline for hotel reservation, sent to hotel.

COSTS:

The Conference registration fee is **\$50.00 per student, school sponsor, or teacher chaperone. Non-teacher chaperone fee is \$60.00**. This fee covers the cost of the banquet, conference rooms, dance, awards, and other Conference expenses.

Please make all checks payable to FSSC 2010 and send with complete forms to:

Darlene Lebo/FSSC 2010
Lakewood HS
1400 54th Avenue South
Saint Petersburg, FL 33705
(727) 893-2916

Please note that NO CHECK WILL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS ALL REGISTRATION AND STUDENTS' ELIGIBILITY FORMS ACCOMPANY IT.

All registration fees MUST be postmarked by February 15th, 2010. After this date NO registration will be accepted due to banquet and program commitments.

HOTEL:

All rooms (two double beds) are available at **\$132.00** per night including the 7.5% per day resort fee. No roll-away beds will be available. This means only four persons per room. **Reservations should be made no later than February 15th, 2010 in order to receive the conference rate.** The regular rate that will be charged after this date is \$140.00 per night. Please remember that the FSSC contract prices are negotiated annually according to the number of rooms booked at the hotel. In order to maintain the prices we **mandate all schools to stay at the hotel** in order for us to continue to offer the best price for everyone.

TWO HOTEL FORMS ARE ENCLOSED WITH THIS PACKET (pages 8 & 9), YOU MUST FILL BOTH OUT AND **SEND ONE COPY TO THE HOTEL ALONG WITH YOUR DEPOSIT AND A COPY OF YOUR TAX EXEMPT CERTIFICATE. PLEASE SEND A DUPLICATE COPY WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS TO FSSC. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE HOTEL SINCE NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE.**

The hotel will not accept personal checks for rooms, so please be sure you pay with a school check, credit card, or cash. **Tax on the room is waived only if a copy of the school tax-exempt certificate is provided (see your bookkeeper for it.) The Resort Tariff of 7.5% is NOT tax-exempt, but IS INCLUDED in the price of \$132.00 per night.**

Students are allowed to have incoming calls but are **not allowed to make outgoing calls from their rooms.** Should they need to call home, they must use the lobby pay phones. **The pay movie channel will be off limits to all students.**

The hotel makes every effort to facilitate check in. Therefore, each school must follow the following procedure in order to avoid any problems:

1. Hotel reservation must be made before February 15th, 2010.
2. Send the enclosed hotel reservation form, rooming list, tax exempt certificate and deposit to the hotel. Once the hotel receives the forms and deposit, they will immediately send you a confirmation notice for each room. If you do not receive a confirmation notice within a reasonable time, contact hotel reservations.
3. Send a copy of all hotel forms with your registration packet to FSSC. **We must have an emergency phone number for each student participating in the conference.** Please make a copy of your rooming list and bring it to the Conference. If there are any room changes, you must notify us upon arrival. If the change requires more or fewer rooms than initially requested, the hotel must be notified of these changes in writing. **You may FAX this information to the hotel at (407) 345-5611.** Please remember that unless you notify them of changes you may be charged for the rooms, even if you do not use them.

PARTICIPANTS:

Each school may bring up to 16 students. **No observers may attend.**

Questionnaire: The FSSC questionnaire is enclosed. Please remember that **all participants and alternates must fill out a copy and that they must be returned with your registration and fees by February 15th, 2010** to Lakewood HS (See pg. 2 for details). Please **proofread and sign** each student questionnaire form.

Eligibility: Students must meet the standards set by Florida Statutes for Interscholastic Competition. They are required to have a 2.0 G.P.A. for the grading period preceding the competition. They must also have passed 5 of 6 or 5 of 7 classes. If the status changes, an eligible alternate must be substituted from your alternate list

Categories: Student participants will be divided into four categories. They are:

- (A) Students who have ONLY learned Spanish exclusively in the classroom.
- (B) Students with limited outside experience at home or in a Spanish-speaking environment.
- (C) Students with extensive outside experience at home or in a Spanish-speaking environment.
- (D) Students reared and educated in a Spanish-speaking environment.

Only **high school** students in levels 1-AP Literature (6) are allowed to compete. Students must be/have been (4 by 4 schools or the like) enrolled in a Spanish class this year. They will be registered according to the years of Spanish studied. **There is no AP category. AP Language is considered five years and AP Literature is considered six years.** All students coming to the conference must participate in at least one of the three academic areas of competition: impromptu (required of all participants), declamation, and dramatic presentation.

Divisions: There will be two divisions in the competition with equivalent trophies awarded for each division. The maximum number of delegates representing any one school is sixteen. The divisions are:

Division I: In this division no more than 70% of delegates must be in Category A; maximum of 30% of delegates in categories B, C, and D.

Division II: This division includes schools with more than 30% of delegates in categories B, C, and D.

SPONSORS:

There must be one school sponsor for the first ten students (or fraction thereof). The FAATSP directly promotes the Florida State Spanish Conference, therefore each sponsor and teacher sending their students to participate **must pay the fee which is used to help defray the cost of the Points Room supplies and to give Senior Exam Scholarships.** Conferencia only teachers: \$20 fee; FAATSP members \$10 fee with proof of current membership. Send your fees to **FAATSP Treasurer.**

The deadline for FAATSP fees is February 1st, 2010. The fees must be paid by this date in order for your school to participate. **Make checks payable to**

FAATSP.

Please be advised that FAATSP fees are not the same as FFLA dues.

CHAPERONES:

Please advise all non-school board employees to sign in as a school volunteer **before** leaving for the conference.

ACADEMIC COMPETITION: Students participate in three types of competition:

Impromptu Speeches: Each student will give a two-minute, non-memorized discourse on a given topic. A list of **NEW** sample topics can be found on our website under the TEMAS link. Each school may have up to sixteen participants, but **ALL** registered team members must compete in this area. (See FSSC Constitution Article VIII Section 1A) Since no sponsor or chaperon may attend the impromptu competition, videotaping and photography of this competition is **NOT** permitted.

Declamations: Students may also compete in an oral presentation of poetry, a monologue, or other suitable material, which may not exceed three minutes. Hand motions, movements, voice intonations and costumes to accompany the mood of the recitation are encouraged. Each school may have up to five participants. All levels must meet a **two-minute minimum time**. Anyone not meeting a two-minute minimum time **CAN NOT** receive a SOBRESALIENTE.

The only exception to this rule: Category 1A, 1B and 2A students

Any 1A/B or 2A students not meeting a **one-minute minimum time CAN NOT** receive a SOBRESALIENTE.

Dramatic Presentation: Each school may enter one skit or short play. If the play consists of two or three students, a minimum duration of six minutes is required. If four or more students are in a play a minimum time of eight minutes is required. The maximum time is fifteen minutes for both situations. Plays with prompting or any reading of parts, as well as plays not meeting the minimum time or exceeding maximum may not receive SOBRESALIENTE. In this competition the school will receive triple point value.

Judging: Two judges will rate each participant on the basis of diction, interpretation, and overall effectiveness. Remember: It is up to each individual judge whether to allow anyone other than the competitors into his or her room for declamation and dramatic presentation. This decision is final and shall be respected.

Awards: Each entry will receive one of the four assessments: Bueno, Excelente, Superior and Sobresaliente. Certificates, ribbons and trophies will be awarded accordingly in all categories of competition.

Scholarships: Several scholarships offered by FAATSP, FFLA, FORSPRO and other organizations will be awarded to seniors wishing to participate in the Senior Scholarship Exam. **ONLY THREE SENIORS PER HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE GIVEN THIS TEST.** Seniors taking the scholarship test can be enrolled in levels II through VI.

Students participating in this event **must** bring a **photo ID**.

NON-ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS:

Regional Dress: The regional dress contest will be held at the banquet. Any student wishing to participate must be **pre-registered** in the enclosed form. **Regional dress must be representative of a Spanish-speaking country.** (Limit to 3 entries per school)

Entertainment: Each school may compete in the entertainment auditions (limit to 3 acts per school) by pre-registering in the enclosed form. **Auditions will be held on Friday around noon. Entertainment must be representative of a Spanish-speaking country.** Finalists will perform at the banquet for an award.

Scrapbook: Each school may enter one scrapbook depicting the 2009-2010 activities of the Spanish students in their school. The scrapbook will be judged as followed: neatness, organization, content, creativity, use of the language, and overall effectiveness. In order for your scrapbook to be judged, it must be turned in at the registration area upon arrival on Thursday. **Work submitted should be solely by the students.**

Poster Competition: Each school may enter one original poster depicting the conference theme:

“Unidos bajo el mismo cielo con el mismo idioma”

The poster will be judged on neatness, quality of graphics, design concept, appropriateness, and originality. Posters must be made of poster board and must be turned in at the registration area upon arrival on Thursday to be judged. They will be on display throughout the Conference.

Awards: The awards for non-academic competitions are: Primer Premio, Segundo Premio, and Tercer Premio. These awards will not be considered in the total point accumulation for the Outstanding School Award for the Conference.

CONFERENCE T-SHIRTS

We will pre-sell T-shirts. They will have our logo and may be purchased by using the enclosed order form on page 10. **The number of T-shirts sold at the conference will be very limited.** Please bear in mind that this is our only fund raising activity to provide for our workers. Buy early and avoid the waiting at the conference. **We hope you encourage your students to purchase and wear the T-shirts of the Conferencia.**

PROGRAM ADS

In order to cover the cost of the program that will be handed out at the Conference, we are selling ads to be put in the program. Students, parents, teachers, or your school team can buy these ads. Buying these will not only support the conference, but it is also an ideal way for Spanish National Honor Society Chapters and Spanish Clubs to send special greetings and encouragement to the team and to wish them good luck, as well as to highlight your school. Ads can contain copies, pictures, artwork, or any combination of the above.

Check out our lower prices and new page sizes:

Full page: \$80.00 1/2 page: \$45.00 1/4 page: \$25.00

If you are interested in purchasing an ad, please fill out the enclosed order form on page 11. Ads must be camera ready. **You can email the copy to Meruchy at thefssc@gmail.com as soon as you have them ready.**

SCHOOL NUMBERS:

Upon receipt of your complete registration and fees, each school will receive a number based on the date of reception by the host school. The lower the number, the earlier check-in and student competition times. The sooner you return your registration forms and fee, the lower your number. Each school will receive a receipt confirming a spot in the conference. **If you have not received your confirmation by March 1st, 2010**, please contact **Darlene Lebo** by e-mail at **LEBOD@pcsb.org** or by phone at **(727) 893-2916**.

Mail all forms to this address:

**Darlene Lebo/FSSC 2010
Lakewood HS
1400 54th Avenue South
Saint Petersburg, FL 33705
(727) 893-2916**

Make all conference checks payable to: FSSC

****Make hotel check payable to: Wyndham Orlando Resorts and take it with you or send it directly to the hotel with a copy of your form and rooming list.**

Wyndham Orlando Resorts
8001 International Dr.
Orlando, FL 32819
ATTN: Florida State Spanish Conference Reservations

If you have any urgent questions, please call the FSSC Office (352) 331-4931. Please leave a number where you can be reached in the late afternoon or early evening as well as the name of your school and your name. Please remember: *"Estamos para servirles y lograr que la Conferencia del 2010 sea todo un éxito"*.

Sincerely,
Darlene Lebo & Linda Santiago

Fssc Sponsor Checklist

Send original forms and keep a copy of ALL forms for your personal records.

Conference Registration Packet:

- _____ 1. Student, sponsor and teacher chaperone Registration Fee (\$50 pp). Non-teacher chaperone registration Fee (\$60 pp). *Check payable to: **FSSC 2010***
- _____ 2. FSSC Registration form
- _____ 3. Student's Eligibility forms
- _____ 4. Damage liability form
- _____ 5. Hotel reservation and rooming list (copy of)
- _____ 6. Impromptu Speeches
- _____ 7. Declamation
- _____ 8. Dramatic presentation
- _____ 9. Costumes
- _____ 10. Entertainment
- _____ 11. Senior Scholarship
- _____ 12. Questionnaire for participants and alternates

Please remember to include:

- _____ T-shirt order form page 10 (check payable to: **FSSC 2010**)
- _____ Ads for the program page 11 (check payable to: **FSSC 2010**)

Mail complete registration packet and money to:

Darlene Lebo/FSSC 2010

Lakewood HS
1400 54th Avenue South
Saint Petersburg, FL 33705
(727) 893-2916

Hotel Registration Forms:

- _____ 1. Hotel reservation form (page 8)
- _____ 2. Rooming list (page 9)
- _____ 3. Deposit check (payable to: Wyndham Orlando Resorts)

Mail hotel forms and deposit to:

Wyndham Orlando Resorts
8001 International Dr.
Orlando, FL 32819
ATTN: Florida State Spanish Conference Reservations

All of the registration forms and monies must be postmarked by February 15th, 2010

Fssc Official Hotel Registration Form

Please print

NAME OF SCHOOL (OFFICIAL & COMPLETE): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ COUNTY: _____

NAME OF TEACHERS STAYING AT THE HOTEL:

1- NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

2- NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

(PLEASE ENCLOSE ALL INFORMATION ON ANY OTHER TEACHERS OR CHAPERONES ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE)

LENGTH OF STAY: FROM: _____ TO: _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF NIGHTS: _____

NUMBER OF ROOMS REQUESTED: _____

(PLEASE REMEMBER THAT NO ROLLAWAY BEDS WILL BE ALLOWED)

NUMBER OF STUDENTS STAYING IN HOTEL: _____

(PLEASE INCLUDE ROOMING LIST)

AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT ENCLOSED: _____

(ENCLOSE ONE NIGHT DEPOSIT PER ROOM)

RESERVATION CONFIRMATION NUMBER: _____

NOTE: A confirmation number will be sent to you after this form and the hotel has received all required information and deposits. Please do NOT call the hotel since no reservations will be taken over the phone. Send this form, rooming lists, and deposit to:

Wyndham Orlando Resorts
8001 International Dr.

Orlando, FL 32819
ATTN: FSSC Reservations

Keep a copy for your own records. Thank you for your cooperation. We will be looking forward to serving you one more time at the Wyndham Orlando Resorts International Drive.

Fssc Hotel Rooming List

Please print

School name: _____ Sponsor: _____

School address: _____ Home address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____ City: _____ Zip _____

School Phone: () _____ Home Phone: () _____

Please complete this form with the name and phone numbers of all students, sponsors, and chaperons who will be staying at the hotel for the Conference. The first person listed will be considered "room captain" and the hotel will list the room under that name.

Room: _____		Room: _____	
Occupant	Emergency #	Occupant	Emergency #
_____		_____	
_____		_____	
_____		_____	

Room: _____		Room: _____	
Occupant	Emergency #	Occupant	Emergency #
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Room: _____		Room: _____	
Occupant	Emergency #	Occupant	Emergency #
_____		_____	
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Mail one copy to the hotel and another to FSSC with all other forms.

Fssc 2010 T-Shirt

Order Form

NOTE: T-shirts that are ordered now must be picked up upon registration at the conference. ****If you wish to have the t-shirts sent to your school before the conference, add the \$15 shipping & handling cost to your total. ****

PLEASE SPECIFY THE NUMBER OF T-SHIRTS NEEDED ACCORDING TO SIZES

SIZES:

EXTRA LARGE _____

LARGE _____

MEDIUM _____

SMALL _____ (pre-order ONLY, **NO** on-site availability)

TOTAL # of T-shirts _____ X \$15.00

**Shipping & handling _____ \$15.00 (only for mail order)

TOTAL COST _____ CHECK # _____

T-shirts available at the conference are of limited supply, we hope you buy early.

Please make check payable to: FSSC 2010

MAIL THIS FORM & CHECK TO:

**Darlene Lebo/ FSSC 2010
Lakewood HS
1400 54th Avenue South
Saint Petersburg, FL 33705**

Phone: (727) 893-2916

Fssc Program Ad

Order Form

This form must be received by February 28th along with full payment for all items ordered.

When ordering, please include the following:

1. Order form
2. School check for total amount.
3. For Ads: Include any camera-ready copy, artwork, and picture with message to be included.

ADS:

SIZE:	COST:	TOTAL COST:
Full page	x \$80.00	_____
1/2 page	x \$45.00	_____
1/4 page	x \$25.00	_____

Total # of Ads _____ **Total check amount \$** _____ **Check #** _____

NOTE: Please keep the material for each ad separate and note on the back the size of the ad.

Make checks payable to: FSSC 2010

Mail order form and check to:

**Darlene Lebo/ FSSC 2010
Lakewood HS
1400 54th Avenue South
Saint Petersburg, FL 33705**

Phone: (727) 893-2916

CHECK OUT OUR LOWER PRICES

Fssc Registration Form

Please print

School name: _____ Sponsor: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ School Phone: () _____

Try-outs:

Participated: _____

To perform at banquet: _____

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Re: Student Questionnaire

Make as many photocopies of the student questionnaire to provide one per participant and alternate. PROOFREAD and SIGN ALL STUDENT FORMS!

- 1- Please check **PARTICIPANT OR ALTERNATE** at the top of each student questionnaire form.
- 2- Please remember to **proofread** and **sign** each questionnaire form for both participant and alternate.
- 3- For security reasons, **ALL** students should carry a photo id (school or driver's license).

Mail all forms and check to:

Darlene Lebo/ FSSC 2010
Lakewood HS
1400 54th Avenue South
Saint Petersburg, FL 33705

Phone: (727) 893-2916

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Student Categories

Teacher/Sponsor read the student questionnaires carefully and double-check the responses given by the students before signing any of the forms.

1. Remember that AP is not a level. **AP Language** is **level 5**, and **AP Literature** is **level 6**. Adjustments will be made where this applies according to what the student declares as the class he/she is presently taking.

2. The categories are divided and separated as follows:

A: Spanish only in class and/or

- 1- up to one month of exposure (tourist only) in a Spanish speaking country.
- 2- questions # 16, 17, 18 answered as never/never/never; seldom/never/never; seldom/never/seldom respectively.

B: Spanish only in class and/or

- 1- up to three months exposure in a Spanish speaking country.
- 2- two weeks or more schooling in a Spanish speaking country after Spanish 3.
- 3- questions # 16, 17, 18 answered as seldom/seldom/never; seldom/seldom/seldom respectively.

C: Extensive outside experience...

- 1- born in the USA with exposure at home by either parent.
- 2- extensive travel in a Spanish speaking country (more than three months).
- 3- some education in a Spanish speaking country (less than four years prior to 5th grade).
- 4- NO education in a Spanish speaking country BUT questions #16, 17, 18 answered as often/often/seldom; often/often/often; always/always/often; always/always/always respectively.

D: Reared and educated in a Spanish speaking country...

- 1- born in the USA with extensive exposure at home by parents or family, as well as in society.
- 2- native and/or has completed five years education in a Spanish speaking school/country.

To be as fair as possible, ALL questionnaires will be read carefully. Adjustments will be made where applicable according to what the student wrote on his or her questionnaire.

You will be notified immediately if adjustments were made.

Fssc Student Questionnaire

FAATSP
6101 N Habana Ave
Tampa, Florida 33614
813 872-6744

February 15, 2010:

- 1- **ALL** forms and registration fee (per person attending) is due. Registration will not be processed until we receive **all** forms and fees.
- 2- Deadline for hotel registration. Registration will not be processed until the hotel receives **both** forms and deposit fee.

February 28, 2010:

- 1- Program camera ready ad and money is due.

March 7, 2010:

- 1- Last day to make changes in any competition to appear in the program. Remember, all substitutions **must** be made from existing list.

March 21, 2010:

- 1- Banquet Dinner Selection Form is due.
- 2- Last day to add Regional Dress, Entertainment, Senior Scholarship entries. Entries **must** be pre-registered. Forms must be post-marked or FAX-marked by this date.