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**Emerging Leaders'
Summit Packet
2023**

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TO: Florida DECA Chapter Advisors

FROM: Jamie Benedict, Executive Director

Subject: 2023 Florida Emerging Leaders' Summit Information Packet

On behalf of the Chartered Association Officer Team and your Florida DECA Staff, I would like to encourage you to begin your DECA year by attending the Florida ELS at The Westshore Grand in Tampa with Busch Gardens Tampa.

We will start the conference on Friday, October 27. We will conduct leadership, team building, competition, and officer workshops throughout the weekend, mixing in lots of fun and engaging activities, and a trip to Busch Gardens on Saturday afternoon. The dress code for this conference will include a school or chapter t-shirt and the ELS Conference t-shirt. A detailed agenda and expectations will be sent out once all of the plans are finalized.

The cost for this conference is amazingly low and presented as a package. For a room of 4, the entire weekend is \$250 per person.

*Fewer members to a room, prices are higher: triples \$275 per person, doubles \$335 per person, and singles are \$485.

Registration is due September 15.

Plan to join us in Tampa this October!



We are staying at The Westshore Grand, Tampa. Your registration, hotel, Busch Gardens tickets, transportation and a meal are all included in the prices. This is the quote per person.

WE WILL HAVE A CAP OF 350 STUDENTS FOR THIS CONFERENCE! REGISTRATION WILL BE FILLED IN THE ORDER IT IS RECEIVED.

Single	\$485
Double	\$335
Triple	\$275
Quad	\$250

To register for the conference, please go to travelvent.com. Click on the DECA link. The forms for registration are there. All fees are paid to Travel Ventures. There is a registration recap sheet in this packet for t-shirt sizes. This is to be emailed directly to jbenedict@fldeca.org. You will send no money to Florida DECA, all I want is the registration information. Registration is due September 15.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Participants who have a Busch Gardens Annual Pass are welcome to use it for this conference. If an annual pass is used there will be a cost reduction of \$50. Example: cost for a student in a quad is \$250 less \$50 equals \$200 for that ONE student.

Please advise your attending members of the responsibilities that must be accepted with the privileges of being an official representative of your chapter and school. It is important that these rules and regulations be discussed within your chapter. These rules are to help make our conference free from questionable practices and bad publicity.



TENTATIVE AGENDA
EMERGING LEADERS' SUMMIT
OCTOBER 27-29, 2023

FRIDAY

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| 6:00 PM | Advisor Meeting |
| 7:00 PM | Team 65 Officer Team |
| 7:30 PM | Welcome Training |
| 11:30 PM | Curfew |

SATURDAY

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| 8:00 AM | Training |
| 10:30 AM | Busch Gardens |
| 7:30 PM | Team 65 Workshops |
| 11:30 PM | Curfew |

SUNDAY

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| 7:30 AM | Conference Debriefing (Advisors Only) |
| 8:00 AM | Training |
| 10:00 AM | Closing Session |



Safety & Security

Your safety is our number one priority while at Florida DECA events. Please follow the guidelines provided to alleviate security risks for you and other members of the conference. Maintaining individual safety, a safe room, and monitoring your surroundings in the hotel are critical to creating a safe environment for all members. Below are the policies/guidelines for Florida DECA events to keep you safe while at the State Career Development Conference.



Room Security

- Students may only enter the room to which they are assigned.
- Make sure that you keep track of all room keys assigned to the room. Always check that the door is closed and locked when you leave the room.
- Do not use the deadbolt or security lock to prop open the door while you are in the room, in the hallway, or returning shortly.
- Never leave valuables unsecured in your room.
- Report any suspicious activity that you see on your floor or in the hotel.



Hotel Safety

- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Monitor your belongings at all times.
- Be aware of what information you are sharing in public forum.

Non-Discrimination Policy

Florida DECA, Inc. is committed to creating and maintaining a healthy and respectful environment for all of our members. Our philosophy is to ensure all members, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, or socio-economic status, are treated equitably and respectfully. Any behavior in the form of discrimination, harassment, or bullying will not be tolerated. It is the responsibility of all members to uphold these standards at Florida DECA events.

FL DECA Emerging Leaders' Summit
Westshore Grand
October 27-29, 2023

Hotel:
Westshore Grand
4860 W. Kennedy Blvd
Tampa, FL 33609
813-286-4400

Deadline: September 15, 2023

Email recap: jbenedict@fldeca.org

Make sure you have first registered with Travel Ventures. Go to travelvent.com and click on DECA. The forms are there for you.

School: _____

Advisor: _____

E-mail: _____

Cell Number: _____

Indicate the number attending (must match Travel Ventures numbers).

Adults _____

Students _____

Indicate shirt sizes, include adults.

_____ Small

_____ Medium

_____ Large

_____ X-Large

_____ 2X

_____ 3X

TOTAL T-shirts _____

EMERGING LEADERS CONFERENCE

WESTSHORE GRAND HOTEL

October 27-29, 2023

HOTEL:

DEADLINE: September 15, 2023

Westshore Grand
4860 W. Kennedy Blvd
Tampa, FL 33609
813-286-4400

Travel Ventures
3A Miracle Strip Loop
Panama City Beach, FL 32407
800-277-3770 cathy@travelvent.com

Enjoy an exciting and fun-filled weekend at beautiful Westshore Grand in Tampa while getting a head start on preparations for upcoming competition. This weekend includes two nights' lodging, bus transportation, admission and meal at Busch Gardens, as well as team building events.

All rates are quoted per person, not per room. Please list the total number of teachers and students in the spaces beside the room type. For example, if you have 4 students sharing one room, list 4 x 250 for a total of \$1000. If you have 16 students in 4 rooms, list 16 x 250 for a total of \$4000. Please list the names of all students and teachers attending on the attached list. If sharing with another school, please indicate the name of the school beside the student's name for billing purposes. No quint rooms available.

Number of Persons	Rate per person	Total for rooms
_____ Single	\$485	_____
_____ Double	\$335	_____
_____ Triple	\$275	_____
_____ Quad	\$250	_____

Total number of participants: _____ Total amount due _____

School Name: _____ Advisor _____

School Address: _____

School Phone including extension: _____ Cell _____

E-Mail address: _____

Make checks payable to Travel Ventures of Bay County, Inc. No Credit Cards as these are package rates and can't be split. If payment can only be done by P-Card, then it will incur a 4% surcharge as it will be run through our private bank that charges a fee.