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TO: CTI Coordinators
FROM: Kathryn Shirey, State Board Chair;
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SUBJECT: CTI State Leadership Conference 2023

We are looking forward to your participation in the CTI State Leadership Conference. Your registration for the upcoming conference has been received and processed. Please pay close attention to all information in this letter. Listed below are several pertinent items with which you should familiarize yourself prior to arrival. **Please review in advance pertaining to your students.**

SPECIAL COORDINATOR NOTES:

- **At Registration-only ADULTS are allowed inside the EMC building to pick up registration packets, shirts, etc.**
- **Student Bathrooms are located in the Auditorium and Sutton Hall upon arrival. Please plan accordingly to have them use those bathrooms and NOT the EMC bathrooms which are for adults during registration.**
- **Your students will be the photographers on site taking pictures during the conference and posting to social media.**
- **PHOTO BOOTH- CTI will have a photo booth set up for pictures**
- **ROCK EAGLE GIFT SHOP- A small amount of spending money is appropriate for Rock Eagle for your students for the few goodies available to them during Friday Free Time**
- **VOTING DELEGATE: Please select one of your students as the designated voting delegate as they will be recognized at the Tuesday opening session.**

Things you should know about Rock Eagle:

- Free Wireless is available throughout most of the camp
- Cell Phone service is spotty at best. Verizon users seem to have the most luck.
- Flashlights are a good idea
- Cabins do not lock so do not allow your students to bring valuables that will stay in cabins-small amount of cash is acceptable so they can shop and eat at the Canteen (they offer Coke and Cherry ICEEs, candy, drinks, goodies)
- **There will be an automatic \$25 fee charged to your school if Fire Door/window is opened in the cabin.**
- Linens, pillow, soap, towels are provided for you but I always bring a sleeping bag or blanket just in case.
- You will need to provide your own Shampoo and toothpaste (and other toiletries items needed)

Wednesday Dinner: It will be from 5:30 – 7:15 pm on Wednesday April 19 in the Dining Hall at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. You will miss dinner if you do not arrive during those hours.

Conference Registration – Georgia EMC Senior Pavilion-Rock Eagle

Conference registration will be from 6:00 – 8:00 pm on Wednesday, April 19th, at the Georgia EMC Senior Pavilion. If your school arrives after 8 pm, please proceed directly to the opening session in the auditorium.

Housing Check In:

There will be a housing table at registration where you will receive your Rock Eagle lodging information. Dr. Lori Purcell Bledsoe with Georgia 4-H will be conducting this portion of our conference.

PARKING: After you unload the buses please move them to the outer ring of Cloverleaf Circle in the middle of camp, or to the road on the side of the lake. Please do not park buses in narrow portions of the camp in front of cabins. Vans and cars parking outside of cabins should have no problem. Please be aware of how you park so that others may get around you on the road for safety!

FOOD:

- All meals will be provided in the Rock Eagle Dining Hall
- The Gift Shop will be available during Thursday Free Time Hours for Students to enjoy. (ICEEs, Candy, Drinks, Goodies, etc).
- Vending is available 24 hours
- Pizza at dance will be ordered at Registration on Wednesday. It is \$16 per pizza ordered for pepperoni, cheese or beef.
- Fire Ring at dance available but you are responsible for items to make your own smores

Conference First Aid

We will have a First Aid Team on duty at all times during the conference. First Aid will be located in the **Coca Cola Health Cottage** at Rock Eagle. Please refer to Facility Map in registration packet. The First Aid Team can be reached at all times by a CTI board or security committee member.

Conference Committees

Please make sure that you arrive on time to fulfill all responsibilities of the committee. Verify all meeting times and obligations in advance with your committee chair. For the conference to be successful, it will take the dedication and support of all coordinators.

Competitive Events

- **All competitive events will be held on Thursday, April 20 with a few having a second round of finalist due to high event participation.**
- **For those competing in second rounds, it is crucial you check with CTI Headquarters during lunch on Wednesday to know if you qualified for second round competition.**
- Competitive events will begin on Thursday at 9:30 am unless your contest required a notebook. All Competitive Event Portfolios and Contest Manuals if Applicable must be turned in at registration. Please check the conference agenda for detailed information for all events.

Exhibit Set-Up

All exhibits for the EMC Senior Pavilion and Sutton Exhibit Hall may be set-up on **Wednesday from 5:00 – 10:00 pm. All other exhibits must be set-up on Thursday morning from 7:00 – 8:00 am.** Please be aware that contestants and/or coordinators are responsible for all set-up and supply of technical equipment, such as computers, power strips, extension cords, etc. Coordinators are also responsible for the removal of all projects and notebooks/portfolios beginning at 3:30 pm on Thursday. Refrigeration is available for Culinary Arts (Professional Food) Projects.

Group Pictures

Group pictures will be available to each school at the Georgia EMC Senior Pavilion between 6:00 – 8:00 pm on Wednesday April, 19.

Networking and Leadership Social

This is for non-competitors on Thursday, April 20 and will be **held in the Hastings Building and ERG Pavilion.** This will begin for Non-Competitors at 8:30am and please dress in closed toe shoes, t-shirt and long pants (Jeans/athletic)

State Officer Election

State Officer Candidates will campaign on Wednesday, April 19 prior to the Opening General Session in the lobby of the Auditorium. The candidates will also be presented to the audience during the opening session. On Thursday, April 20th, one student representative from each school will cast a vote for each

position. A sample ballot will be in your registration packet for you to review with your students. The voting poll will be open from 5:00pm-7:00pm in the EMC Senior Room on Thursday, April 20. Winners will be introduced at the end of the Awards Ceremony on Friday Morning.

It is the advisor/coordinator’s responsibility to see that he/she is dressed appropriate for all conference activities as well as his/her attendees are appropriately dressed at all times.

Security

Rock Eagle will have Security on duty in addition to our security committee, but the basic control and security of all students rests with their coordinator. **The coordinator must supervise his/her students at all times.** The 3 Strike Policy will be implemented – please remember local administrators will be in attendance. It is important to make a good impression.

Free Time Afternoon Activity

On Thursday, April 20th from 1:00 – 5:00 pm schools will have an opportunity to be on their own. On Site at Rock Eagle during this time you will have available to you for free the items listed below on campus.

<i>Time</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Meeting Location</i>
1:00-5:00	Pool Open	Pool 2
3:00-3:45 4:00-4:45	Raptor Program (60 Students Each Time)	Hastings
1:00-5:00	Nature Museum Open	Nature Museum
1:00-5:00	Volleyball, Basketball, Putt Putt	Courts
1:00-5:00	Field Day Games	Cloverleaf Circle
1:00-3:00 3:00-5:00	Rock Eagle Hike (50 People Each Time)	Gas Room #1 Meeting Place
1:00-5:00	Canoes	Meet at the dock beside Barkuloo Rich.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mary Donahue.

**CHECK ACCUWEATHER PREDICTED FORECAST FOR APRIL 19-22, 2023:
Please be prepared for rain! (as always, weather changes every minute so check before you
leave for more accurate details)**

ROCK EAGLE FREE TIME FLYER

Madison, Georgia - Morgan County is known for its beautiful rural scenery and antebellum homes. Madison's Antebellum homes and Victorian homes, as well as its tastefully restored downtown, offer a wide range of shops, tastes, sights and services that delight visitors from this country and abroad, as they travel along Georgia's Antebellum Trail, the Georgia Antiques Trail and the Historic Heartland travel region. <http://www.madisonga.org> (16 miles north on Hwy 441)

Museums:

Heritage Hall - students - \$2, adults - \$5 Located in the heart of downtown Madison, Georgia, Heritage Hall opens its doors to welcome guests daily. The home is maintained by the Morgan County Historical Society and has been restored for its architectural and historical significance. Period furnishings provide an elegant and functional setting for public and private events. www.friendsofheritagehall.org Daily from 11 – 4

Madison – Morgan Cultural Center - students - \$2, adults - \$3 The Madison-Morgan Cultural Center is located in Madison's 1895 Romanesque Revival style public graded school building. Students can immerse themselves in the sights, smells, space and sounds of an American schoolroom at the turn of the century. www.mmcc-arts.org Daily from 10-5

Morgan County African-American Museum – students - \$3, adults - \$5 The museum was created in the hope of raising the self esteem of the African-American youth by teaching him and/or her the contributions made by the African-Americans to the United States and the world. Regional African-American history is shown through documents, architecture and exhibits. www.mcaam.org Daily from 10 – 4

The Steffen Thomas Museum of Art - students - \$3, adults - \$5 The Steffen Thomas Museum of Art (STMA) is dedicated to providing art education programs and projects for children and families in rural Northeast and Middle Georgia communities. Using Georgia artist Steffen Thomas's work as examples of creative expression the museum provides opportunities for children to develop their own talents, a deeper understanding of themselves, of their connections to all living things and of their responsibility for preserving the environment. www.steffenthomas.org Daily from 11 – 4

Double C Carriage Tours - “We give a narrative carriage ride through the historical part of Madison plus give information on the town. We see approximately 20 to 25 homes including several churches. Some of the homes seen are Heritage Hall, which has a resident ghost, Magnolia House, where an underground tunnel was found that was used by slaves. Also, The Burnette House is seen, a Bed and Breakfast where Clint Eastwood stayed while filming a movie. In addition, the long tour winds thru a cemetery where confederate soldiers are buried. These are just a few of the historical treasures found on this fascinating tour of Madison, Georgia. Come, enjoy the ride!” *Please call 706-742-7972 for pricing and available hours of Carriage tours of Madison.

Milledgeville, Georgia - Meet Milledgeville---Georgia's Antebellum Capital.

Our proud history began in 1803, when the state of Georgia searched for a site for its new capital. Because this area offered a central location and ample springs, it was the perfect spot. The planned capital city took shape and was given the name Milledgeville in honor of John Milledge, governor of Georgia (1802-1806) and donor of the land for the University of Georgia. For more than 60 years, we remained the capital during a period of state history that witnessed appearances by many notable figures. Many area homes and structures survived the periodic fires and willful destruction of the War Between the States. <http://www.visitmilledgeville.org/visitors> (29 miles south on Hwy 441)

Museums:

Old Governor's Mansion – students - \$2, adults - \$10 Completed in 1839, the Old Governor's Mansion is one of the finest examples of High Greek Revival architecture in the nation. Daily from 10 – 4

Lockerly Arboretum - Free Lockerly Arboretum Foundation has served the Milledgeville and Middle Georgia community for over forty years as a public garden and educational resource. Founded in 1965 by Mr. E.J. Grassmann of Elizabeth, N.J., the foundation seeks to provide outstanding ecological, horticultural and historical education in order to promote preservation and stewardship of the environment, by fostering an understanding of and an appreciation for the natural world. Lockerly Hall (1852), a beautiful antebellum home, sits among the gardens and nature trails. Mon-Fri 8:30 to 4:30 Sat 9 – 1

Georgia's Old Capital Museum - students - \$2.25, adults - \$5.50 Located on the ground floor of the state's Antebellum Capitol, this regional museum interprets, preserves, and communicates the historical and cultural heritage of the Milledgeville - Baldwin County and broader Middle Georgia areas. Tues – Fri 10 – 4

Georgia College & State University's Natural History Museum – Free The Georgia College Natural History Museum is an academic and research treasure for students, faculty, and the public in the southeastern United States. Since 1988, researchers from around the United States have visited Georgia College to conduct research in our collections of fossil and modern vertebrates, fossil and modern plants, fossil invertebrates, and insects. The museum and planetarium are located on the first floor of Herty Hall on the GCSU Campus. Herty Hall is located on the 100 block of Montgomery Street in Milledgeville, Ga. Entrance is located on Montgomery Street. Mon – Fri 8 – 4

Andalusia - Flannery O'Connors Farm and Home - Andalusia is open for self-guided "walk-in" tours on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All other visits are by advance appointment only by calling 478-454-4029 .

Trolley Tours - Milledgeville's Trolley Tour is the best way to take in the town. A drive through the landmark historic district includes rotating visits to the Old State Capitol, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Lockerly Hall, and the Stetson-Sanford House. The trolley tour is available Monday - Friday at 10:00 AM and on Saturday at 2:00 PM. The cost is \$10.00 per person for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 6 - 16.

Carmike Theater - <http://carmike.com>

Eatonton, Georgia - Welcome to Putnam County, home of Uncle Remus, Alice Walker and Rock Eagle to name a few. Eatonton and Putnam County have successfully joined the old with the new, and those looking to step back in time without going too far from modern conveniences won't be disappointed. <http://www.eatonton.com/Visit/history.html> (8 miles south on Hwy 441)

Museums:

The Uncle Remus Museum - **Admission \$1** Located in Turner Park, three blocks south of the courthouse on Highway 441 in downtown Eatonton. Turner Park was part of the original homestead of Joseph Sidney Turner, the "Little Boy" in the tales of Uncle Remus. The museum consists of a log cabin made from three slave cabins originating in Putnam County. The cabins are similar to the one occupied by Uncle Remus, the character made famous in the folklore tales of Joel Chandler Harris. Mon – Sat 11 – 5

Old School History Museum - **Free** Visitors will step back in time as they enter the Old School History Museum, located in The Plaza Arts Center adjacent to the Chamber of Commerce. Housed in four classrooms of the original 1916 Eatonton School, the museum is able to feature four different, yet historically relevant exhibits for tourists to enjoy. Mon – Fri 9 – 5 Sat 10 – 4

Attractions:

The Alice Walker Driving Tour - Alice Malsenior Walker was born on February 9, 1944 in Eatonton, Georgia. Walker, best known for her novel *The Color Purple*, has written several short stories, essays, novels and poetry collections over the years. Eatonton celebrates the author with the Alice Walker Driving Tour that takes you past several important places in Walker's life; the church she attended, her parents' graves and the house she was raised in. The Alice Walker Driving Tour brochure is available at the Chamber office and also gives a timeline of important events in Walker's life.

Rock Eagle and Rock Hawk Effigies - The Rock Eagle and Rock Hawk Effigies are located off the Historical Piedmont Scenic Byway in Putnam County. The rock monuments are made up of milky quartz rocks and are in the shapes of birds. They are located on two of the highest points in Putnam County and they are believed to be the only structures of their kind east of the Mississippi River.

Historic Downtown Eatonton - Eatonton has a beautiful, well preserved historical district in downtown Eatonton. The residential section of the historic district of the city features over 100 antebellum and Victorian era structures, as well as many historic commercial buildings. The historic district also boasts several high style examples of Greek revival, Queen Anne, Folk Victorian and Gothic Revival homes.

Spotlight Theater - . (12 miles from Rock Eagle down Harmony Road)
<http://www.spotlighttheatres>