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Good Evening Oklahoma DECA!

Registration packets are officially complete and I cannot wait to welcome our 216 members, advisors, and guests to Anaheim this week! The convention center area has been "DECA-rated" just for ICDC and there are DECA diamonds everywhere. The weather is beautiful and the forecast looks sunny and in the seventies during our time here - don't forget a light jacket, once the sun goes down it is a little chilly.

Arrival at the Westin Anaheim Resort (1030 W Katella Ave):

- Busses/larger transport vans will need to use the back entry as the front entry is difficult for busses to get in and out of.
- Rideshares can drop off at the front doors in the main drive.
- If you are needing to park a vehicle there is an option of valet, use the main entrance.

Checking in at the Westin Anaheim:

- Advisors should be the only people going to the front desk to check in. Reservations are grouped by school to make things easy.
- If your rooms are not ready when you check in the Westin will direct you to the meeting space available for you to store your things.
- Most of Oklahoma DECA if not all of your will be on the third floor. I am also on the third floor.
    - North Carolina, our hotel buddy association this year is on floors 2 and 4.
    - Some of the DECA Inc staff members are staying at the Westin, so **please make sure students are acting in a way that corresponds to the environment at the hotel.** This means, quiet hallways, respectful conversations, no running in the lobby/hallways, and if going swimming do not walk to/from the pool in your bathing suit without any sort of cover up, preferably clothing and not just a towel...please wear shoes, the floors are slick and we don't need to be walking around the hotel without shoes.

Food while at ICDC:

- It appears that there will be a variety of offerings available each day at the convention center, along with food trucks at times.

There are a few options for food at the Westin, including a grab and go area that they are setting up specifically for DECA.
- The rooms have refrigerators.

Registration Pick Up:

- **Let me know when you arrive at the Westin or when you are ready to meet me to pick up your things - you can text or call me for the fastest response.** I will be at the hotel or at the convention center most of Friday and Saturday and will be able to meet you within 10-15 minutes. I will NOT be immediately available from 5:30PM to 8:30PM on Friday evening as I have a chartered association event to attend.
    - If you do not already have my cell phone number please send me an email and I will send it directly to you. Respectfully, please do not give my phone number to students or parents.
- **Room for Registration Pickup: Delicia B on the first floor in the meeting space area. There will be signs.**
- **Bring help to pick up your things - you will have several bags and items to pick up.**
- Each chapter will be picking up:
    - ICDC Programs for each attendee
    - DECA safety cards for each attendee
    - ICDC name badges for each attendee
    - DECA lanyards for each attendee
    - Experience the Difference trading pin for each attendee
    - Clear DECA backpack style bag for each attendee
    - DECA wristbands for each attendee
    - Free lemonade cards (courtesy of DECA sponsor Raising Canes) for each attendee
    - An Oklahoma DECA ICDC 2024 t-shirt for each attendee
    - An Oklahoma DECA hat for each attendee
    - 2 2023-2024 blue whale trading pins for each attendee
    - 2 2019-2020 blue car trading pins for each attendee
    - A light up item for each attendee
    - A chapter advisor guide for each advisor
    - Partner marketing materials (1 per chapter)
    - A letter from the Westin for each advisor (includes menu of offerings at the grab and go)
- **Attraction and Event Tickets will NOT be in your registration materials at the Westin. You MUST pick those up at the convention center. If you have not paid for your tickets, be prepared to pay for them to receive them.**

Opening Session Reminders:

- Your chapters are assigned to the 7:00 pm session. Attendees must show the official conference name badge, which will include a color bar corresponding to your session time.
- ALL Oklahoma chapters are expected to be in attendance at Opening Session, for the ENTIRE session.
- **It is crucial to exit the Anaheim Convention Center as soon as the Grand Opening Session has concluded. There should be no loitering in Hall D or in the Hall D foyer. The convention center team must ready the room for the second session, and the foyer must be clear so session two attendees can enter Hall D. There will be food trucks and a DJ on the Grand Plaza in front of the convention center.**

State Meeting Reminders:

- The state meeting will be held in the Anabella Ballroom on the first floor of the Westin.
- The state meeting will start promptly at 4:30PM and end at 5:30PM.
- All chapters and attendees are expected to attend the state meeting, dressed professionally for Opening Session.
- Each chapter should designate ONE person to represent their chapter. State officers should not be selected for this opportunity.
- We will go over any updates, reminders, a safety briefing, and more information at this meeting.
- In a change from past years we will be recognizing members in a celebratory style and the meeting will be more than informational.
- A special gift from Oklahoma DECA will be given to each attendee at the state meeting.
- We will also have trading pins to sell at the state meeting.

An email similar to this will be sent out each night of ICDC with any reminders and updates that are relevant for the next day. You will be able to read these first thing in the mornings.

Wishing all of you safe travels and enjoyable flights. Please let me know if you need anything or have any questions.

Thank you!

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