Region 2
STAR Events   2026

Participant Online Orientation

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General Information

- Date: Thursday January 22, 2026, with Thursday, January 29, 2026, as the snow date.
- Start Time: Registration will be 8:30-9:00 AM and the events will start at 9:30 AM
- Advisers meeting from 9:00 am to 9:15 am
- Evaluators meeting from 9:00 am to 9:15 am
- Participant meeting from 9:00 am to 9:20 am
- Location: The First Baptist Church in Chillicothe
  - Competitors must stay in Fellowship hall till its time for you to compete.

Storage Information

- Each chapter is responsible for the transportation and storage of STAR Events materials.
- Put project components and important files on a USB flash drive and/or upload them to a cloud-based storage solution, such as Google Drive, Dropbox, or iCloud. This will save you stress if, for some reason, your project materials are damaged or lost.

General Timeline

- 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, approximately
- Presentation times and room assignments will be provided.
- Participants are required to check in with the Event Coordinator 30 minutes prior to their scheduled presentation time in the assigned holding room/area.
  - There will be a table set-up at the entrance to the fellowship hall for you to check-in

Dress Code

- All STAR Events participants must follow the Missouri FCCLA official conference dress code, except Baking & Pastry and Culinary Arts.
  - FCCLA red blazer is encouraged
  - Red, black or white polo or professional white shirt (long or short sleeves)
  - Black or khaki bottoms (slacks, skirt, sheath dress)
  - Shoes (black preferred)
- NO costumes are permitted for any event.
- Baking & Pastry and Culinary Arts participants should wear the appropriate uniform.

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State Leadership Conference

- Criteria for qualifying for advancement
    - Baking & Pastry and Culinary Arts - Top three scores (80+) in each level
    - Job Interview, Leadership, Say Yes to FCS Education, Sustainability Challenge, Teach or Train - Top three cores (80+) in each level
    - All other STAR Events - Top two scores (80+) in each level
- The state office will automatically register qualifying teams for their STAR Event in the State Leadership Conference registration portal. Chapter advisers will finish and submit registration.
- State Leadership Conference information
    - March 15-17 2026 at Margaritaville Lake Resort, Osage Beach
    - Registration opens: February 2, 2026
    - **Regular registration deadline: February 13, 2026 - MANDATORY FOR ALL COMPETITIVE EVENTS**
    - Late registration deadline: February 20, 2026

Know Your Guidelines

- Review the STAR Events Guidelines manual to make sure you fully understand and are following the guidelines for your event.
  - Each event has a specific event description and categories, procedures and time requirements, presentation elements, eligibility and general information, event specifications, and point summary form and rubric.
- Take the time NOW to make sure your project meets all of the national requirements.
  - Criteria may be different from the previous year. READ your event criteria for the 2024-25 school year.

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Competition Day

- Check the schedule often in case your presentation time changes. The Event Coordinator at each holding room will have the most up-to-date schedules.
- Participants are required to check in with the Event Coordinator 30 minutes prior to their scheduled presentation time in (the assigned holding room/area). Failure to check in may result in missing presentation time, lost points, and/or disqualification.
- Once checked in, participants may not leave the holding room.
- Set-up must be done by participants only. If you need accommodations, notify the regional coordinator by January 15.

Competition Day

- Make sure your materials are neat and organized.
- Provide the portfolio, file folder, Online Orientation Verification and Skills Selection Charts (as applicable) to your Room Consultant during your set-up time.
- At the conclusion of your set-up time, the Room Consultant will escort you to a waiting area while the evaluators review your project and then bring you back to the station for your presentation. After you have finished your presentation, evaluators have the opportunity to ask questions and review materials to complete their scoring.
- Warning and Stop cards will be used to notify the participant of five minutes remaining, one minute remaining and when time is out.
- Spectators are not allowed during STAR Events presentations.

Additional Reminders

- If using an electronic device in place of notecards, be sure it is set to Airplane Mode.
- Electrical outlets and internet access are NOT provided. This means that presentations in Google Slides, for example, may not be accessible.
- No wall space or additional supplies are provided.
- Do not hand items to your evaluators during your presentation.
- If you move a table for your presentation, make sure it is put back in place before leaving.
- Do not leave your file folders with the evaluators. File folders left will not be returned.
- Students are not to wonder the church or go the basement at any time. Stay in the Fellowship Hall till its time for you to compete.

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Additional Reminders

- Please stay off the church wifi.
  - It creates problems for evaluators if students connect to the church wifi to stream, movies play games, etc.

Online Orientation Verification

- Go to the Missouri FCCLA website > Compete > STAR Events to find the Regional STAR Events Online Orientation Verification form.
- Print and fill out the form and have your adviser sign and date it.
- Bring the completed form with you on competition day and submit it to your Room Consultant at set-up time.

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