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Advisors Column

Welcome to Spring in MN! The snow really will melt any day now!
As the weather gets warmer and you begin to dream about summer vacation, please consider attending the MASC Summer Leadership Camp at Gustavus Adolphus from July 21 to July 25. Camp director Kory Kath, Owatonna Advisor and NASC board member, and his staff will fill your days with fun activities, great leadership lessons, and tons of ideas that you will be able to bring back to your schools and use right away. Registration information will be sent to advisors in early April and it will also be distributed at the MASC State Convention.

-Sue Iverson
MASC State Advisor

MASC State Convention 2008

By now you are probably acquainted with the theme for the 2008 convention, “Get a Clue... Teamwork is the KEY!” Now we’ll give you a few “clues” as to what else you can expect for this years convention.

After arriving and registering on Saturday you will be able to mingle with fellow students and look at candidate booths for next year’s state executive board. After getting to know the candidates we will have our first general sessions where Marshall Senior High will officially welcome you into our community. At this session you will also be able to hear the speeches of the candidates running for office. After a stretch break we have the

opportunity to listen to Ed Gerety's message! Saturday night you will get to have supper and spend some time with your host families from the Marshall area. Then a night of activity and fun will be provided at the high school. This will feature a favorite local band, Shadow Puppet. There will also be an open gym and the "Billiard Room" will also be open. The "Billiard Room" will have couches, pool tables, and board games for you to enjoy.

Sunday you should come ready to have fun and learn, after all you will get a good night's rest! ;) Workshops will take up most of the morning. One of the workshop options is a nondenominational service and the others are going to be presented by students from the convention. Then we will have the opportunity to hear Scott Greenberg! We also will have an hour of our service project, "GO GREEN!" Hot topics will also take place during the afternoon. Hot topic details will be given during the convention. That night there will be a banquet and awards ceremony at Southwest Minnesota State University, then again a night of dancing back at the high school. Carter Jensen, the Capital president, will be the D.J. for this night of dancing. Final voting for the state executive board will be Sunday night.

Monday is a day to wrap things up. "Dad's Belgium Waffles" will be provided for breakfast and then there will be one last general session. The new state executive board will be announced and the 2008 Convention will have to come to a close.

I hope this gives you a little more insight into what the convention will entail. From this weekend I hope you will take away friends, memories, ideas, and one phrase... "Get a Clue... Teamwork is the KEY!" (O.K. so if you never remember that phrase, I won't get mad, I just think it is clever.) ☺ Have a wonderful day!

ATTENTION HOST FAMILY GIFT IDEA!!!

It is considered polite to give your host family a small gift as a token of your appreciation. An idea is to give them a florescent light bulb. This fits in with the "GO GREEN!" service project and spreads the awareness!

Thanks!

**-Chris Sanders and Kim Homen
MASC State Convention Co-Coordinator**

GO GREEN

Though it was only upper 30's, I had my windows rolled down in my car last week. ☺ Everything looks brown right now but I can promise you things are only going to start heating up and becoming more green! Speaking of heating up and becoming more green, here are some H-O-double T "Go GREEN" facts about our earth:

It's Too Darn Hot

If the thermostats in every house in America were lowered **1 degree Fahrenheit** during the winter, the nation would save **230 million barrels of crude oil**- enough to fill an oil tanker 400 times. (That's the amount of oil being imported into the United States from Iraq each year).

Use a Rake, for Goodness' Sake!

One hour of using a gas-operated leaf blower produces the same amount of green house gases as **a car driving 4,400 miles**- that's a round trip from Salt Lake City to New York City.

Give a Hoot, Don't Commute

If metro Atlantans who normally drove to work would telecommute just **one day a year** instead, they would save more than **\$50 million in gas**- enough to buy an EnergyStar compact fluorescent bulb for the desk lamps of every college student in the US.

Straight Flush

If homebuilders installed **one dual-flush toilet** instead of a standard low-flow toilet in every new house built in 2008, they would save **1.65 billion gallons of water** a year.

Extra, Extra!

If every newspaper reader in the US recycled just **one typical Sunday paper**, he or she could help create **212 million pounds of cellulose insulation**- enough to insulate 118,767 Habitat for Humanity houses. That's nearly twice as many houses as all the Habitat homes built in America so far.

Wrapacious

One out of every 3 pounds of the waste that Americans generate is just for packaging, which each year adds up to **77 million tons**- enough to fill the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans 37 times.

In the Can

One soft drink can recycled by each elementary school students in America would save **24.8 million cans**. That would be enough aluminum to create 21 Boeing 737 airplanes.

Honor Roll

Replacing just one **500 sheet roll of virgin toilet paper** a year with one 500- sheet roll of 100% recycled paper in every American household would leave **424,000 trees** standing – 16 times as many trees as in New York City's Central Park.

**-Lauren Cochlin
MASC Vice-President**

LEAD Conference

On February 8-10th, eight Orono students attended the New Orleans LEAD Conference in Louisiana. One of the main tasks the students focused on was Hurricane Katrina relief. They traveled to St. Bernard's Parish to refurbish a playground and a baseball field. This field and the surrounding homes were under 28 feet of water during the hurricanes. None of the homes had been fixed but the community was excited to use their field after two years of absence. Overall, it was a great experience and the students had a ton of fun.

**-Doug Erikson
Orono Senate Advisor**

See you all at the MASC State Convention!