

AREA 9

Degree Check, IAO's, SDE's, & CONVENTION

@ SFA May 12-13, 2024

May 12, 2024 - SDEs, Degree Check, Talent prep, AO meeting and incoming AO's

- 11:00 a.m. **Area Officer Meeting**
- 1:00 p.m. **Incoming Area officer exam/writing** prompt/interviews/applications due. (We will use the same Area Officer Application found on the Texas FFA Website, <https://www.texasffa.org/page.aspx?ID=101>)
- 2:00 p.m. Speaking Judges Meeting/Manuscripts for Speaking Contest Due
- 3:00 p.m. Speaking Contestants Sequestered
- 4:00 p.m. Speaking Events Begin (Teacher receiving is responsible for judging State Contest)
- Talent Team pre-set up TBA (lyrics must be emailed to talent chairman the Friday before convention)

May 13, 24 - A9 Convention

- 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Delegate Sign-in

❖ See Area 9 Constitution and Policy for more details and Judging Card

State FFA Officer selection is May 9, 2024 at SFA (test, apps, interview, etc.)
Area 9 degree check and speaking events are May 12, 2024 @

Area 9

Speaking Events & Talent Contest @ Area Convention

Entry Fee is \$15.00 register on judging card

Speaking Events:

The following Speaking Events will be held at _____.

- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Senior Prepared Public Speaking- Ag Policy
- Senior Prepared Public Speaking- Agribusiness
- Senior Prepared Public Speaking- Agriscience
- Senior Prepared Public Speaking- Animal Science
- Senior Prepared Public Speaking- Natural Resources
- Senior Prepared Public Speaking- Plant Science
- Jr. Prepared Public Speaking
- Soil Stewardship Prepared Public Speaking

Pre-Convention Day

2:00 Contest manuscripts due

3:00 Speaking Contestants sequestered

4:00 Speaking Contest Begin

Awards will be presented at the Area Convention

Talent:

Pre-Convention Day: TBA by Area Talent Chairman

- Talent Team Meeting / Sound Check / Lyrics are due to Chairman by the Friday b4
- Talent will perform during the Area Convention the following day usually after lunch

District Officers:

Top Four officers from each District will meet at 8:00 am _____ the morning of convention. Please go over their part in flag ceremony prior to arriving at convention.

Area IX Convention Planning

Host Location -SFA

Area Coordinator

1. Sets up date and works with host
2. Contact Event/ Facility Coordinator to book facility, custodial staff and sound technician for auditorium.
3. Secure American Flag & Texas Flag on stage
4. Secure sound system and mikes. Make sure they work and now how to operate
5. Know how to operate lights on stage and auditorium
6. Secure:

Auditorium

Rooms

- a. Judge's room for interviews.
 - b. 2 holding rooms near auditorium for both days. (AST's will be assigned to monitor holding rooms)
 - c. 1 computer lab for officer testing
7. AST Hospitality Room (assign for help with this)
 8. Sign in table is set up at front entrance with chairs
 - 9. Secure sealed envelope with question for officer candidates on stage ahead of time**
 10. Secure and set up testing procedure for officer candidates. District- Area Candidates will test and interview during the "Dress Rehearsal"

Area President Advisor: Works with officers on: (assign to Advisors/Chapters/Officers)

Area IX President Area IX FFA President **brings gavel and Area Banner**

Area Officers Theme

Area Officers/ASTs Decorations

Area President Script

_____ Programs

Highlights Video

Area President AST Order retiring plaques---Take pictures for retiring plaques

_____ Works with officers on retiring officer video clips and music

_____ Downtime music (*checked for lyrics and inappropriate material*)

AST Talent Comm. Host “Dress Rehearsal” for talent teams and officer candidate speeches to determine show order. This is the time when students/parents can practice onstage and discuss any audio needs with the sound technician.

Area Officers/ASTs Decorate stage the afternoon b4 convention

Area Treasurer Ballots: bring enough for delegates, talent (one vote) District and Area (one vote, possible runoff vote)

Jessica Graham Voting delegate area /Parent area in front is roped off with streamers/rope. Bring 5 posts (some way to identify districts and parent seating if possible).

Area Secretary: WRITE A THANK YOU NOTE TO SFA on MONDAY, send it

Normal Duties for Area Convention

Area officer team/advisors may adjust these committees as needed

Voting Committee:

ONLY THESE PEOPLE are allowed in the room to tabulate ballots:

District Presidents, Area Coordinator, Asst Area Coordinator and ATAT representatives

- **IF you have a child (your personal child) in the running, please allow the next person in line VP or Sec to step in to take your place.**

Registration Table

Area Treasurer: (brings roster data/voting delegate list for sign in)

District Officer Presidents & Treasurers: work table

- Delegate sign-in begins at 8:15 a.m., with the actual convention beginning at 9 a.m.

The district **President & Treasurer** needs to be set up at the delegate sign in tables by 8:15 a.m.

- District **President** and Vice **President** are in charge of turning in ballots also during voting.

Roll Call

Aaron Marshall:

Work with District Presidents on roll call. District President officers meet at 8:30 at the delegate sign in table to go to stage to practice.

- ✓ **District FFA Presidents:** Give delegate count in OC 1st session & works with taking up ballots on floor.
- ✓ **District FFA VPs:** Give delegate count in OC 2nd session & works with taking up ballots on floor.

Flag Ceremony

_____ meet with secretary and treasurers on flag ceremony at 8:15 am

FLAGS big deal work with officers on this: Have music if possible for flag ceremony to play softly. Bring copies of flag ceremony and go over enunciation of words and how to carry the flags.

Flag ceremony is posted on area website.

- ❖ **District Secretary:** 3 recite part in flag ceremony during OC, 1 gives the invocation (these positions rotate from year to year as advisors wish)
MGB-FFA Flag, RB-US Flag, PW-TX Flag, SH VP-gives invocation
- ❖ **District Treasurer:** MB, RB, PW's Carry Flags in flag ceremony (SH will be chairman of cc (these positions rotate from year to year as advisors wish)
 1. FFA Flag goes in first down the center and turns to the left to go on stage **cross over stage and place flag to the left of the speaker (to the right of audience)**
 2. Texas Flags goes next and **turns left also to cross the stage to be placed right of speaker next to FFA flag (to the audiences right)**
 3. American flag comes in and turns left to cross stage to hold a position of superior prominence, **on stage right (left of the speaker as speaker faces the audience)**. Stay standing **hoisted until words/music end.** public auditorium on or off a podium, the flag of

the United States of America should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the **speaker's right as he faces the audience**. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the speaker (to the right of the audience).

Courtesy Corp

Liz Green

- meet with remaining DO's at **8:30 am** in corner of Ballroom for instructions.
- All remaining district officers will be courtesy corps members.
- (brings arm bands) Sits at registration table to line out CC members

Talent Team:

Rhett Wilson

- ❖ Talent teams may sit in auditorium for convention but will be called out before talent contest, they may listen to other teams from hallway beside stage, but must stay together and quiet –no music or strumming that would distract others)
- ❖ Bring rules on talent and go over with teams.
- ❖ Song lyrics must be emailed with forms for music the Friday before convention; Make sure they know about dress and wording used.
- ❖ TEACHERS please VERIFY LANGUAGE on LYRICS and attire ahead of time.

Waiting Rooms & Escorts:

Elizabeth Parrish &

Behind Stage: In charge of officer candidates behind stage. Bring large numbers for candidates.

Ali Lide &

Testing Room on computers:

_____ : must be at the rehearsal interview day

Please help out by talking to them about this: Please.