

## PA FBLA--Bruce Boncal

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Dear FBLA Advisers

Congratulations if your chapter has qualified students to attend this summer's NLC in Baltimore, Maryland. That's an outstanding achievement, and we look forward to your students representing Pennsylvania and your school district this June. Based on the volume of competitors who start this process at regionals and continue through the SLC, it is not easy to be a Pennsylvania NLC competitor.

Here's an update on information regarding the NLC:

### **Item #01 – If Your Students Cannot Attend the NLC . . . .**

If you have students who have qualified to attend the NLC that cannot attend, please notify Bruce Boncal ASAP so that I can offer the position to the next qualified individual or team. The deadline for event entries and travel packages is April 30; schools/students/parents need time to seek permission/funding. It helps NOT to be notified at the last minute that a competitor is not attending. If your student is dependent on an answer from their parents, keep asking for an answer as experience tells me that the students will forget to tell you that they cannot attend.

One rule change for this year which does help in some instances: team events that used to be 2 or 3 individuals, such as Global Business, Entrepreneurship, Network Design, etc., may now be an individual or team of 2 or 3. Substitutes cannot be added to the team, but the team remains eligible as long as there is one original participant remaining.

### **Item #02 – Important NLC Information and Travel Documents**

Keep checking the main page of the website and the downloadables section of the website for NLC information. There are two important documents posted:

1. Steps to Participating at the NLC: [http://www.pafbla.org/downloads/17-18\\_NLC\\_Files/17-18%20SLC%20--%20Steps%20to%20Participating%20at%20the%20NLC.pdf](http://www.pafbla.org/downloads/17-18_NLC_Files/17-18%20SLC%20--%20Steps%20to%20Participating%20at%20the%20NLC.pdf)
  - a. This document contains links to all travel document forms.
2. NLC Travel Package with Pricing Information: [http://www.pafbla.org/downloads/17-18\\_NLC\\_Files/2018\\_NLC\\_Travel\\_Package.pdf](http://www.pafbla.org/downloads/17-18_NLC_Files/2018_NLC_Travel_Package.pdf)

More will be added to the "downloadables" document over the course of the next several days.

Remember, you have two package options: Gold package (6 nights) and Blue package (4 nights with optional add-ons). ***Wait for an invoice from PA FBLA before processing your payments. Those invoices will be processed in less than 24 hours.***

### **Item #03 – \$200 Competitor Reimbursement**

Each competitor is entitled to a \$200 reimbursement from PA FBLA after the NLC is complete. However, the competitor must attend the required sessions as outlined in the "Steps" document.

Several advisers have asked the following question regarding the \$200 reimbursement and whether they are eligible for the full \$200 reimbursement if they choose the "Blue" package.

Here's a suggestion for you to consider to be eligible for the full \$200 if you are looking to keep costs down and save some money:

1. Check in on June 27. You will then be in town for the Pennsylvania meeting at 9:00 pm that night.
2. Stay the nights of June 27, 28, 29, and 30. Check out the morning of July 1, which is the day of the Awards Program (6:00-9:30 pm that night). Depart Baltimore immediately after the Awards Program since a good portion of Pennsylvania is within a 2 to 2 ½ hour travel distance of Baltimore. Checkout will most likely be 11:00 am that morning.
  - a. This will enable a chapter to be present for the Pennsylvania state meeting and the Awards Program, which are essential parts of the \$200 reimbursement. If you miss one of those sessions, the maximum reimbursement is \$100.
  - b. You will need to store your luggage with the bellman until you depart. Here's an idea: If your chapter has multiple rooms, keep one room for the extra day to store your chapter's luggage until you leave after the Awards Program.
  - c. Another option is to stay one extra night, or the 5<sup>th</sup> night, and depart the morning of July 2.

#### **Item #04 – Seeking NLC Roommates**

Pennsylvania FBLA will not seek out roommates for NLC travelers. That must be coordinated and arranged by the chapters and their advisers. If you are looking for someone to share rooms, I will put out a list on Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday afternoon, Thursday afternoon, and finally Friday afternoon for chapters to make contact with each other.

I know the following are seeking roommates. Finding enough roommates for a quad may be difficult, to be honest.

#### **Mahanoy Area, Kathy Loy (adviser) – [kaloy@mabears.net](mailto:kaloy@mabears.net)**

1. Seeking a female adviser roommate for a double room.
2. Seeing a male student roommate for a double room (maybe triple or quad).

#### **Forest Hills, Bonnie Makin (adviser) – [bmakin@fhrangers.org](mailto:bmakin@fhrangers.org) or [munchmakin@gmail.com](mailto:munchmakin@gmail.com)**

1. Seeking a female student roommate for a double room.

#### **Item #05 – Optional Ground Transportation**

Ground transportation for Gold Package will be arranged after it is determined how many participants are interested and where they are located. Ground transportation will be billed separately and is not included in the package price. These are the projected five transportation corridors that we believe we will be using. The routes may be altered somewhat depending on interest and number of individuals wishing to use the ground transportation.

Chapters are not under any obligation to use this ground transportation as some schools may want to use their own school vehicles (if your district happens to have them). Assume parking is approximately \$30 per day in Baltimore.

##### Route 1

Erie -- New Castle -- New Stanton -- Bedford -- Baltimore

##### Route 2

Mansfield -- Williamsport -- Lewisburg -- Sunbury -- Harrisburg -- Gettysburg -- Littlestown area -- Baltimore

##### Route 3

Scranton -- Wilkes-Barre -- Hazleton I80/I81 corridor -- Harrisburg/Hershey -- I-83 corridor -- Baltimore

##### Route 4

Poconos/Stroudsburg -- Allentown -- Easton -- Baltimore

##### Route 5

Philadelphia suburbs (actual stops to be determined) -- Baltimore

Route 6

Making your own travel reservations; not using PA FBLA ground transportation

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