

State Championships
April 3-4, 2018
Phoenix Convention Center



Tuesday, April 3, 2018		
5:30AM- 3:00PM	Registration Open	PCC South Lobby
8:00AM-3:00PM	Skill Contests	PCC
11:30AM-1:00PM	Championships Lunch, <i>Invitation Only</i>	PCC South Ballroom
4:30PM-5:45PM	Opening Keynote Session	PCC South Ballroom
6:40PM	Diamondbacks Baseball Game, <i>Prior Purchase Required</i>	Chase Field
Wednesday, April 4, 2018		
6:00AM-10:00AM	Registration Open	PCC South Lobby/North Hall
8:00AM- 2:00PM	Leadership & 2-day Contests	PCC South Lobby/North Hall
10:00AM- 3:00PM	Creed in Action (leadership activity room)	PCC South Building
12:00PM- 2:00PM	State Officer Elections	PCC South Building
4:30PM-6:00PM	Awards Session	PCC South Ballroom
6:15PM-6:45PM	National Conference Meeting, <i>Required for ALL gold medalist in a national qualifying contest</i>	PCC South Building

Agenda

All contest locations will be in the State Championships program. Skill contests will begin at 8AM. Leadership contest check-in will begin at 8AM. Appointment times will not be posted, students will be expected to wait in a holding area until they are called. Please check the program for updated locations of contests.

Location

Phoenix Convention Center 33 S. 3rd St. Phoenix, AZ 85004. A pull-out drop-off is located on the West side of the building on 3rd St. This is to be used for DROP-OFF only. Parked vehicles will be towed at owner's expense. Transportation will be provided to Metro Tech High School for Automotive Refinishing Technology and to UA Plumbers and Pipefitters for Welding, Welding Fabrication, and Plumbing. Buses will pick up at the Phoenix Convention Center.

Parking

Parking is on your own. The Jefferson Street Garage will accept the parking passes provided. The 4th Street entrance can accommodate oversized vehicles.

We also suggest utilizing the METRO Light Rail by dropping participants off at the PCC and sending your vehicle to park in a **free** Park-and-Ride lot. The closest lots are 38th Street/Washington Street or Central Avenue/Camelback Road. The fee to ride the Light Rail is \$4.00 for an all-day pass. The passenger stop for the PCC is 3rd Street/Washington (Westbound) or 3rd Street /Jefferson (Eastbound). Parking will be limited due to an event happening at Chase Field and Talking Stick Resort Arena.

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Conference Attire



Students are to dress according to their specific contest. Contest attire can be found here:

http://www.azskillsusa.org/az_contests.php

Suggested attire for professional dress includes:

- Dress slacks with a button down shirt or polo. A dress skirt and blouse is acceptable for females.

- Official CTSO attire as outlined by SkillsUSA

The following are not permitted for Awards Session: t-shirts, shorts, mini-skirts, thin-strap tank tops, jeans, torn clothing, baggy pants, "skinny" pants, cargo pants, and flip flops.

Substitutions

Substitutions will need to be made at the conference registration booth. All substitutes need to have been a submitted SkillsUSA member no later than March 1, 2018. Substitutes that are not members or were members submitted after March 1, 2018, will not be permitted to substitute.

Agenda & Lunch

All students will attend their specific contest. Lunch will NOT be provided for conference attendees. Each contest will be given a lunch break, per the contest committee. Once students have completed their contest, they are asked to clean up their work station and they will be dismissed from the contest. It is expected that all attendees attend the opening session on April 3rd at 4:30PM and the awards session on April 4 at 4:30PM. All gold medalists in a national qualifying contest will attend a MANDATORY meeting following the awards session to go over instructions for NLSC 2018!

Champions Lunch

This is a recognition lunch exclusive to SkillsUSA Arizona Advisors. This is by invitation only and will be held on April 3rd from 11:30AM-1PM in the South Hall Ballroom. Please RSVP here:

<https://azskillsusa.wufoo.com/forms/skillsusa-arizona-champions-lunch/>

State Officer Elections

State officer candidates and delegates will check in at the registration desk in the South Hall. All voting delegates MUST wear the official 'Delegate' ribbon on their name badge to be eligible to vote. Chapter delegate counts will be provided at the registration desk. All delegate calculations are based on the 2016-2017 membership school year. State Officer candidates will report to the election room at 11:45AM for set-up on April 4th. The election session will begin

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promptly at 12:00PM. Votes will be tabulated and elected candidates will be announced during the awards session.



State Championships Activities:

- **Diamondbacks Baseball Game**, *Chase Field @ 6:40PM- April 3, 2018*
Purchase baseball tickets for you and your students for a Diamondbacks game against the Los Angeles Dodgers on **April 3, 2018!** Please be sure to follow instructions when purchasing tickets. Group ticket purchases are available. Tickets can be purchased through this link for special pricing: <https://www.mlb.com/dbacks/tickets/specials/skills-usa>
- **Creed in Action**, *leadership activity room- April 4, 2018*
Join us for activities to put the SkillsUSA creed into action! Leadership activities that are framed around the SkillsUSA creed will be available for students to participate in along with other leadership activities. This room will be available from 10:00AM-3:00PM for students who have completed their contest for the day.
- **Arizona Science Center**, *April 3-4, 2018*
Students can attend the Arizona Science Center for only **\$6.00** with their conference name badge. The Arizona Science Center is located at: 600 E. Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85004.

Online Testing

Online testing will be required for ALL skill contests, unless listed below. Testing will begin on March 12, 2018 and has now been extended until March 30, 2018. This extension has been made due to spring break for several school districts. You may test on any day M-F, 6AM-6PM. All information will be sent to advisors and proctors. The following exams will be taken on-site:

- Welding
- Photography
- Photography Basic

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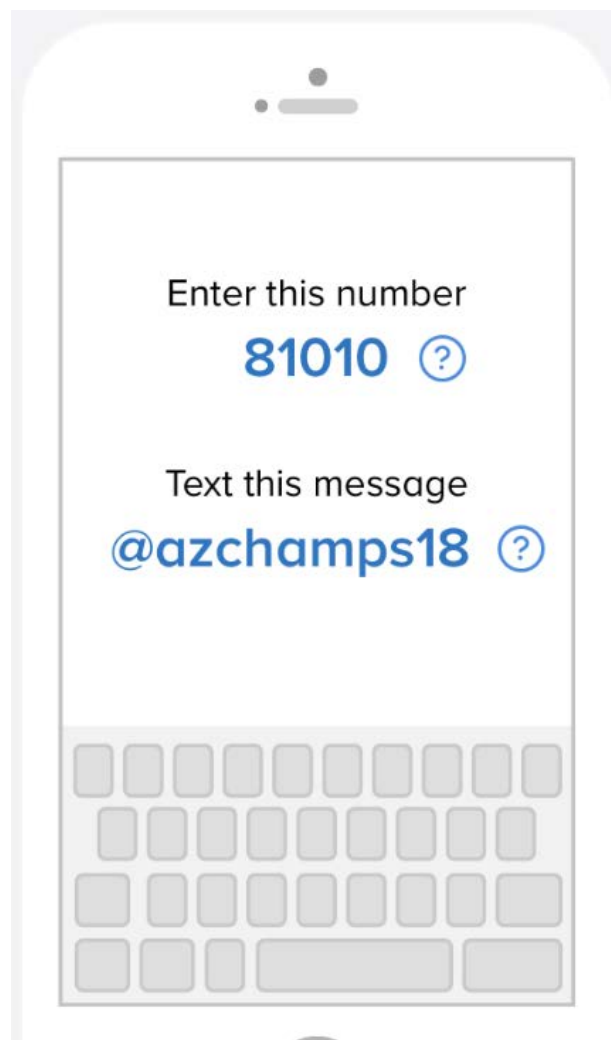
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- Cosmetology
- 3-D Visualization & Animation
- Cyber Security Technology
- Electrical Construction Wiring
- Power Equipment Technology
- Teamworks



Remind 101

Stay up to date with announcements and reminders during State Championships!
Advisors and students are welcome to sign up!



Hotel Etiquette

(Please share this information with students)

Hotel:

1. **Curfew will be strictly enforced at 10:00PM.** All advisors are responsible for their student(s).
2. Registered conference attendees will not open hotel windows or throw objects out of the windows (an offense subject to police action)
3. Advisors and students should be considerate of other guests in the hotel (We are not the only guests).
4. Advisors and students are expected to obey hotel security procedures and safety regulations including: fire alarms, cleared stairwells, security doors, and posted notices.
5. Code of Conduct and rules established by the hotel must be followed always. Disciplinary action will be enforced.
6. Damage & additional hotel fees will be charged to the individual/ advisor.
7. Hotel pool will be closed for ALL SkillsUSA Conference attendees.
8. Elevator Etiquette
 - Remember that there are other guests here – be courteous always (on and off the elevator)
 - When waiting to get on the elevator:
 - Wait until all guests have exited the elevator before stepping on
 - When riding the elevator:
 - Do NOT push buttons for more than the floor you need
 - Use polite language, thank you and excuse me when exiting
 - Do not push
 - Be aware of your surroundings when exiting

9. When food is ordered and delivered to hotel, advisors and students must retrieve their delivery in the lobby of the hotel. **This must be done BEFORE curfew.**

Safety and Security Tips for State Championships

Crosswalks – New and improved crosswalks have hit Phoenix leaving some pedestrians confused while making their journey. While out and about, make sure you look, and listen to all crosswalk signs rather than following a crowd. Updated signs will indicate the correct time to cross by saying “walk, walk, walk”. The signs will also count down the number of seconds one has left to cross before the light changes.

Groups of Two or More – While sightseeing, always remain in groups of two or more. Although Downtown Phoenix holds many amazing venues and sites, staying in groups may prevent theft. Staying aware of surroundings, traveling in well-lit areas, and mapping your destination beforehand will also help you stay safe in your travels.

Watch your Belongings – All visitors should keep their belongings with them always. Items left unattended for any amount of time may disappear with no certainty they will be recovered. SkillsUSA Arizona is not responsible for any lost or stolen items during the conference.

Stay Hydrated – While visiting Phoenix, please remember to plenty drink water throughout the day to stay hydrated. Although the hustle and bustle of State Championships may have you focusing on a million different things, staying hydrated should be your priority. Refillable water bottles can be topped off at all designated water stations within the Phoenix Convention Center.

Downtown Phoenix Ambassadors – If you are looking for recommendations on where to grab lunch, or are needing assistance with directions to your next stop, simply flag down an ambassador! Downtown Phoenix Ambassadors wear bright orange polos 365 days a year to provide service to all visitors. If you

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have any questions regarding the area, their 20 years of service can help you find your way around the community.



Traveling on the Metro Light Rail – The Metro Light Rail is an affordable means of transportation for visitors when travelling the Downtown area. Fair rates for 1-Day passes are \$4.00, and all riders under the age of 18 will have a reduced rate of \$2.00 for the day. You can purchase Light Rail tickets at the self-service kiosk at any station, or online at www.valleymetro.org.