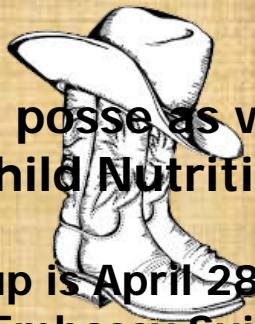


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**Your Attendance
2017 WVSNA Annual
Conference**

**“KICKING IT UP FOR CHILD
NUTRITION”**



We need a strong posse as we buckle down and lasso in on Child Nutrition regulations.

Roundup is April 28-30, 2017
Embassy Suites
Charleston, WV

**Saddle up in your jeans, boots,
western duds and make plans to
ride on in!**

**2017 WVSNA Annual Conference
April 28-30, 2017
Charleston, WV Embassy Suites
"Kicking It Up For Child Nutrition"**

Make plans now to attend the West Virginia School Nutrition Association Annual Conference. The 2017 Conference will be held April 28, 29, and 30th, 2017 at Embassy Suites in Charleston, West Virginia.

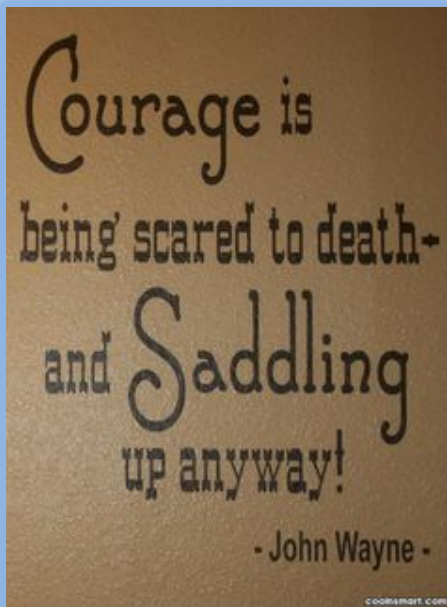
The Annual Conference is sure to be a stomping good time as we rodeo the itinerary of child nutrition regulations. The itinerary will be jam-packed with nationally lauded speakers and motivational leaders along with informative breakout sessions. There will be plenty of time to network and see what is happening throughout the state.

WVSNA is very proud to announce the return of Carol H. Gilbert, a national speaker at SNA Conferences, who will once again be providing a pre-conference session. WVSNA is also pleased to announce that WVU Extension Specialist, Kristin McCartney, will also be presenting a pre-conference session. More specific details regarding the pre-conference are included.

Our highly anticipated first general session will kick-off with a nationally known keynote speaker who will be featured Friday evening. She will be sure to knock your boots off! The exhibit show on Saturday will be cutting edge and forward thinking as it will show case new products to help meet meal patterns and the ever-changing taste buds of students.

SIGN UP EARLY

Registration is now open. Sign-up by April 3, 2017 and receive a **significant** discount. See Registration for complete details.



Special Events/Presentations for 2017

MGM Superstar- Kicking It Up For Child Nutrition – One Five Star Meal At A Time

Opening General Session – Friday, April 28

MGM & Associates, Maureen G. Mulvaney, is a multi-faceted Professional Speaker and Author who has spoken from Finland to Malaysia and in every corner of the USA. Her audiences encompassed a broad spectrum of participants for all walks of life. MGM has spoken at national SNA conferences and at many state SNA conferences.



MGM speaks Internationally on Success topics and is counted among the top 10% of speakers' worldwide who have attained the prestigious designation, C.S.P., Certified Speaking Professional.

This will be a presentation you do not want to miss! **Also, wear some form of red to this presentation- shirt, shoes, bandana! You'll find out why during at the presentation!**

Pre-Conference

WVSNA is proud to announce that a pre-conference will be held on Friday, April 28, 2017. The Pre-conference will be two separate sessions with one in the morning and one following lunch. "Addressing Change and Conquering Conflict" presented by Carol H. Gilbert Consulting will take place on Friday morning. Kristin McCartney, WVU Extension Specialist, will be presenting Friday afternoon on "Smarter Lunchrooms". Both sessions will be perfect for anyone working in child nutrition.

The pre-conference will begin at 8:30 am on Friday, April 28 and conclude at 3:30 PM.

In conjunction with the WVDE, Office of Child Nutrition, the American Dairy Association Mideast, and WVSNA a pre-conference is also taking place specifically for Child Nutrition Directors. The Office of Child Nutrition will be providing all specific details with a separate registration. This Director session will be taking place at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel just a few blocks from the Embassy. Please note that a block of rooms has **not** been reserved at the Sheraton and anyone needing lodging should use WVSNA block of rooms at the Embassy Suites.

Bake-Off

The ever-popular annual bake-off will be held again this year. Find and prepare your favorite dish and bring to the conference for your chance to win the “Lunch Lady” trophy. The bake off will have the following categories this year: Cookies, Candy, Cakes, Breads, Whole Grain & Miscellaneous. All attendees are eligible to participate and may enter more than one category. All items for the bake off must be turned in at the registration table by 8:00 AM on Saturday, April 29. Judging will take place on Saturday morning. We do ask that you bring 50 copies of your recipe to share with others.



Break Out Sessions

On Saturday afternoon, there will be a variety of exceptionally informative breakout sessions. Attendees will be able to select sessions of their interest. Specific sessions will be announced later.

Basket Auction

Once again, there will be a basket auction. Each county should bring a basket filled with goodies that can be raffled off. This may be the time to fill your baskets with items you need for a “stomping good time”. So, get creative and bring your baskets when you check in on April 28, 2017.

Banquet / Social / Photo Opportunity

Once again, the banquet will be held on Saturday evening. In conjunction with the manager’s reception we will enjoy social hour prior to the banquet. Everyone will be able to mingle prior to the banquet. This year we will have a photo booth where individuals and groups can have their photos taken with props, etc. We will also enjoy some photo booth fun after the banquet while we enjoy the tunes and karaoke from the Kinkade Sisters, who are back by popular demand!

Awards Recognition



WVSNA, in conjunction with SNA, celebrates members who work every day to ensure well-nourished students across the country are prepared for success. These individuals will be recognized at the banquet on Saturday evening. Nominate an employee, manager, and/or director you know to be recognized for all their great contributions!

There are SNA awards to recognize every member type. Please click on each category to learn more about the award.

- [Employee of the Year Award](#)
- [Manager of the Year Award](#), in honor of Louise Sublette
- [Director of the Year Award](#)

Individuals may be nominated by peers, staff, colleagues, or supervisors for these awards. All nominees must be SNA members who hold a SNA Certificate in School Nutrition or the SNS credential throughout the entire awards nomination and judging process.

Nominations are due online or to the State President by March 1, 2017. Nominate a colleague today at <https://schoolnutrition.org/Membership/AwardsScholarships/>.

All state, regional and national SNA award winners are recognized at the State Awards Ceremony at SNA's Annual National Conference (ANC) each year. Award winners will receive the following:

- State winners will receive a certificate and ribbon.
- Regional winners will receive a pin, certificate, and \$50.
- National winners will receive a plaque and an all-expenses paid trip to ANC, worth up to \$1,000.

[WVSNA Kathy Loretta Award](#)

West Virginia also has its own special award, the Kathy Loretta Award. This award is named in honor of long-time SNA member, Kathy Loretta and recognizes a WVSNA member for their abilities to contribute to a child's wellbeing and chances for a productive healthy future by going the extra mile. For complete details and application go to <http://www.westvirginiasna.org/index.php?page=21>

[Emporium](#)

There will be an emporium where you can purchase T-Shirts and other merchandise with the conference theme along with the WVSNA logo. Make plans now to take some time to visit the emporium during the conference. We are hoping to bring in some new and exciting items so be sure to stop by!

[Attire](#)

Take advantage of the country western theme and feel free to dress in those jeans, flannels bandanas and western duds! The banquet attire will continue to emphasize the country western theme with a little "kicking it up" a notch to allow you to get a little fancy with your outfits. You know the Roy Rogers or Gene Autry look for men and those denim dresses, skirts, etc., for women. Also, remember that on Friday evening, **MGM is asking everyone wear some form of red to the opening general session.**

Arrival

For those who are attending the pre-conference, the registration desk will open at 7:30 am on Friday, April 28. Please plan to arrive in time to check in and be ready to begin by 8:30. Breakfast is included with your overnight stay at the Embassy Suites. There will be lunch provided with your paid pre-conference registration.

For those attending the regular conference, the registration desk will open at 1:00 on Friday, April 28 in the conference lobby. Feel free to arrive anytime to relax in the atrium or visit the mall across the street. The first session will begin at 6:30 PM.

Continuing Education Credits

The WVSNA conference planning committee will be working with the WVDE – Office of Child Nutrition for County Child Nutrition Directors to earn continuing education credits for renewal of certification through the West Virginia State Department of Education for attending both the pre-conference and the regular conference.

SNA members will be able to earn continuing education credits toward credentialing, certification, and professional standards.

The specific number of continuing education credits will be provided later.

WVSNA Website & Facebook Page

Just a reminder that the West Virginia School Nutrition Association has a website at www.westvirginiassna.org. Please check this site for information and updates about the conference.

WVSNA's latest endeavor has been to promote West Virginia Child Nutrition activities on Facebook. If you are on Facebook, please like our page. Conference information and updates will periodically be posted.

Registration & Room Reservations

Pre-Conference & Conference Registration

There will be two separate registration fees - one for the Pre-Conference and one for the full regular Conference. There are also discounted prices for early bird registration along with discounted registration for WVSNA members. For registration fees please refer to the Conference Registration Form, which follows.

Embassy Suites Lodging Reservations

There is a block of rooms reserved with a conference rate beginning Thursday, April 27th through Saturday night April 29th.

The rate for single or double occupancy will be \$129.00 plus taxes. For triple occupancy, \$139.00 and quadruple occupancy \$149.00. The quoted rates are prior to all applicable taxes.

Unlike several of the previous conferences, the only meals included with lodging is breakfast.

Friday's dinner and Saturday's lunch is on your own. The banquet for Saturday evening is part of your registration fee.

All room reservations will include complimentary breakfast and the Manager's Reception each evening. Breakfast will be provided weekdays 6:00 AM – 9:00 AM and weekends 7:00 AM – 10:30 AM. The breakfast includes made-to-order omelet station along with your favorite breakfast items. The manager's reception will take place from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM each evening. This includes complimentary cocktails, non-alcoholic beverages and light snacks.

All reservations will include complimentary parking and complimentary WI-FI.

Check-In time is 4:00 PM and Check-Out time is 12:00 PM.

You are responsible for making your own reservations directly with Embassy Suites. Room Suites reservations can be made by calling Embassy Suites at 304-347-800 or 1-800-EMBASSY or go online at www.embassysuitescharlestonwv.com. You must use "SNA" three letter codename (Group Code) when making reservations to receive the discounted rates. Online you will enter the SNA 3 letter code in the group/convention code space. Reservations should be made no later than March 27, 2017. The following link can also be used to make reservations. It is a dedicated site for our group- No code needed.

<http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/C/CRWEMES-SNA-20170426/index.jhtml>

After that date, the block of rooms will be released to the public.

House of Delegates

The House of Delegates will meet on Friday, April 28th at 4:00PM. The House of Delegates is the legislative and governing body of WVSNA. **All attendees are invited to attend.** During this meeting an update on WVSNA activities will be provided by President Chris Derico. Additionally, proposed by-law changes will be reviewed and voted on for adoption. Each county affiliate chapter is entitled to two voting delegates and each non-affiliate county is entitled to one voting delegate. Remember all voting delegates must be an active member of WVSNA. Each county must submit their voting delegates names to Chris Derico no later than Friday, April 14, 2017 via email at cderico@k12.wv.us.

If you need any additional details regarding the conference or registration, please give Debbie Derico a call at 304-843-4448 or 304-639-7702.

COME JOIN US FOR THE SHOWDOWN!

YOUR REWARD

GREAT NETWORKING

ENGAGING SESSIONS

GOOD CHOW &

MEETING OTHER CHILD NUTRITION
PROFESSIONALS!

West Virginia School Nutrition Association
 2017 Annual Conference
 Embassy Suites – Charleston, WV April 28, 29, 30, 2017
 Registration Form



Please complete all applicable sections. One form per person – make additional copies as necessary.
 Please include an email address so you can receive up-to-date information prior to conference.

Name: _____ County: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Member Profile

Place an X beside each classification that you qualify.

- Member
- Non-Member
- Retired
- First Timer****
- Certified
- Credentialed
- 25 Year Member
- 25 Year Plus Member
- Chapter President
- Cook I, II, III
- Head Cook / Manager
- Director / Supervisor

REGISTRATION TYPE & FEES

Place an X beside all choices that are applicable; calculate Grand Total; submit with payment as directed.

Pre-Conference*

- \$50.00 Pre-Conference – WVSNA Member
- \$70.00 Pre-Conference – WVSNA Non-Member

Pre-Conference registration includes conference materials, lunch on Friday.

Regular Conference**

- \$65.00 – WVSNA Member (Early Bird-Received by April 3)
- \$85.00 – Non-Member (Early Bird-Received by April 3)
- \$100.00 – Member or Non-Member – After April 3
- \$30.00 – Retired Member

**Regular Conference registration includes all conference materials Friday through Sunday, and the banquet on Saturday evening.

_____ Grand Total Due - If invoice is needed to process payment please send request to Julie at jldwilli@k12.wv.us

Please note that refunds will be issued on a case by case basis. We must be notified of the cancellation before April 7, 2017.

Make checks payable to:

WVSNA

Send Registration and payment to:

Lewis County Schools
Attention: Julie Williams
239 Court Avenue
Weston, WV 26452