

JUNIOR STATE of AMERICA CLUB

South Brunswick High School
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♦ Pending Board Approval ♦

December 18, 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to give you information about JSA's second conference for the school year, **Winter Congress 2015**. The trip is scheduled for Thursday (after school) thru Sunday, **February 19-22**, and the conference will take place at the DoubleTree Hotel in Washington, DC.

COST:

This year, the total cost of the conference is **\$400**. Please make your check payable to: **JSA—SBHS**: be sure to put your child's name on the memo line of your check. This cost covers hotel accommodation, transportation, educational activities, and club expenses. **All forms are due to advisors on or before January 16, 2015.**

DISCOUNTED RATE:

We are offering a **discounted rate of \$360** to those who reserve a seat by making a \$100 non-refundable deposit by **December 23, 2014**. Please fill out the attached form and submit your **\$100 non-refundable deposit** to secure a seat at the reduced rate. Deposit and form are to be **dropped of to advisors in room 207 or 308**. Again, please make your check payable to: **JSA—SBHS** and be sure to put your child's name on the memo line.

LIMITED SEATS:

Please keep in mind that space is limited. The first 50 student to sign up are guaranteed a seat. Anyone submitting paperwork after this will be placed on a waiting list for a possible second bus. Paperwork **MUST** be submitted to an advisor to ensure the correct slot number for seats. Please do not give forms or money to officers or friends. Failure to follow these directions may result in the loss of correct seating slot.

DEPART & RETURN TIMES:

We are scheduled to depart from SBHS on Thursday, February 19th at approximately 3:00 pm and we will return to SBHS on Sunday, February 22th at approximately 7:00 pm.

MANDATORY PARENT NIGHT:

In an effort to provide more detailed information about the trip to parents/guardians we are scheduling a Parent Night on Thursday, February 12th at 7pm in the Freshman Cafeteria. This meeting is **mandatory** for students and parent/guardian of students attending the trip.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you on February 12th.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Keisha Spencer and Mrs. Jessie Kabel, JSA Advisors

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Discounted Rate: Deposit Form

I _____ (parent/guardian's name) understand that my child _____ (student's name) is making a **non-refundable deposit** to reserve his/her discounted seat for Winter Congress 2015.

My child will submit all additional forms by January 16, 2015 including the remaining payment of \$260, otherwise he/she will not be able to attend Winter Congress and will not be refunded the \$100 deposit.

Parent or Guardian's signature _____

Parent Cell Phone _____

Parent Email _____

Student signature _____

Student Cell Phone _____

Student Email _____

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SBHS Non-JSA Member Teacher Recommendation Form

All South Brunswick High School students attending Winter Congress who are **NOT** members of the Junior Statesmen of America club **MUST** get the signature of a government-related club advisor or social studies teacher.

NOTE TO TEACHERS: By signing below, you are recommending that this student attends JSA's Winter Congress overnight trip to Washington, DC and are acknowledging that this student is one whose integrity and overall character hold a high standard of excellence.

Student Name (PRINT): _____

Teacher/Advisor Name (PRINT): _____

Teacher/Advisor Signature: _____

Subject Taught/Club Advised: _____

Teacher Comments: _____

The Junior State
1411 K St. NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005
PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM

CALL (800) 317-9338 TO OBTAIN A CONVENTION BROCHURE or VISIT WWW.JSA.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Parents: Please read this information carefully and review it with your child before signing.

Your child should have a very exciting educational experience at the upcoming Junior State event. He or she will have an opportunity to debate current issues. We hope you have read the convention brochure, which lists the topics to be discussed. In advance of the event, your child should do some special reading to prepare for these debates and other educational activities.

Once your son/daughter has registered for this event, we are not able to make any refunds. This policy is necessary because we have to make payments and guarantees many weeks in advance of the event. We encourage registered delegates who find themselves unable to attend to find another student from their school to go in their place and have the new delegate reimburse them for the registration fee. By signing this permission from you are acknowledging that you are fully responsible for the registration fee for this convention, even if the student cancels in advance.

Please review the convention rules with your son or daughter. By sending your child to the convention, you agree to pick him or her up at your own expense if these rules are violated. Rule violators are sent home and are reported to their schools for appropriate disciplinary action. If you have any questions about the rules, travel arrangements, or the educational program, please call The Junior State office at 800/317-9338.

CONVENTION RULES

1. All rules for school field trips prevail. Use of illegal drugs or alcohol is not permitted. Students also will be punished if they are in a room where drugs or alcohol are present. The use of tobacco products is not allowed. To ensure these rules are obeyed, the Teacher/advisor and The Junior Statesmen Foundation must approve the attendance of each delegate. We reserve the right to deny any student the privilege of attending the event.
2. At 8 p.m., students will meet with their Teachers/advisors for roll call and may not leave the hotel thereafter. At curfew, Teachers/advisors will check delegates at their rooms. Delegates must remain quietly in their own rooms after curfew. Pizza deliveries and room service deliveries are not permitted after curfew. Delegates also are required to meet with the Teachers/advisors at other designated times.
3. Delegates must attend all conference activities.
4. At no time may young men and women be in each others' rooms.
5. Delegates may not leave the convention hotel without the permission of their Teachers/advisors. During meal times, with their Teachers/advisors permission, delegates may leave the hotel to eat in designated areas. Under no circumstances are delegates to leave the hotel after 8:00 p.m.
6. Delegates must wear their name tags above the waist in a visible location at all times.
7. All students assigned to a room are responsible for any charges made to the room. All students assigned to a room are also responsible for the condition of the room. No outside phone calls can be made from student hotel rooms. Room service and other items may not be charged to a students room. No delegate may change rooms without the permission of a Junior Statesmen staff member at the event. The hotel staff will house four students in each room with two large double beds.
8. No student may drive a car to the convention or ride in a student driven car during the convention.
9. Visitors are not allowed in the convention hotel. Delegates are not allowed to associate with any visitor who is not an official guest of the Junior Statesmen program.
10. Students must always conduct themselves according to the highest standards of behavior. They must be considerate of and respect the rights of other delegates, staff, teachers/advisors, and other hotel guests. Students may not open, throw anything out of, or shout out of windows. Students must stay off balconies, roofs, and out of all restricted areas. All public laws must be complied with. Reasonable and due care shall be exercised by all students to ensure safety, good order, and to preserve the good reputations of the their respective schools and the Junior State of America.
11. Students should not bring expensive items to the convention. Valuable items must be stored in the hotel safe or with the bellmen. The Junior State/The Junior Statesmen Foundation are not responsible for items stored in a luggage storage area.
12. Delegates that voluntarily withdraw from the convention, cancel before attending, or that are sent home for conduct problems, will not receive refunds.
13. Delegates and their parents agree that The Junior State may use any photographs taken during the convention for promotional purposes.

I agree to abide by all of the Junior State convention rules under the terms described on this permission form. I understand that in the event of a serious violation of the rules, my parents and my school will be notified, and I may be sent home at my own expense without a refund.

 X _____
Student Signature Date

I agree to the terms described on this permission slip and give my child permission to attend the upcoming Junior State convention under those terms. The Junior Statesmen Foundation has my permission to obtain emergency medical treatment for my child at my expense.

 X _____
Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

Mid-Atlantic Congress 2015 @ Doubletree Crystal City, February 20-22, 2015

HIGH SCHOOL _____ YEAR OF GRADUATION _____

STUDENT NAME _____ SEX: ___ MALE ___ FEMALE (check one)

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME TELEPHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

IN CASE OF
EMERGENCY _____

