



Special points of interest:

- > State Conference June 2-5, 2015 at Embassy Suites- Norman
- > Annual National Conference July 12-15, 2015 in Salt Lake City, UT



A Note from Your SNA President

Hello ALL!!!!

Last month I mentioned the severe weather and it has continued. Many affected by the weather including the large amounts of rain which we have seen here in Green Country but not long ago we were in a drought so I am not going to complain. I am thankful for the rain.

Those of us that were able to attend National Leadership in San Diego experienced the complete opposite. There they are in such an extreme drought that it is illegal for the restaurants to put water on customer's tables unless it is requested because they are in such a great need of rain. We are truly blessed. Nowhere and nothing is perfect but we are definitely blessed.

I mentioned that we just returned a couple weeks ago from National Leadership and it was a grand time. We attended a lot of wonderful sessions and met a lot of amazing people and had the opportunity to see old friends. SNA of OK sent two Future Leaders, Barbara Peavlor and O.J. Harper. I think they had a great time and Oklahoma was very well represented in the Future Leaders program by these outstanding individuals.

State Conference is June 2 – 4 in Norman at the Embassy Suites. Craig Weidel is our guest speaker for the general sessions and he will also have education sessions. Along with Craig are many wonderful education session presenters in-

cluding our fantastic State Department Child Nutrition staff. Topics will range from Knife Skills to Meal Patterns and Fitness Ideas to Production Sheets. Make sure you don't miss this! It will be a wonderful time and you will have a lot of great information available to you. Pre and Post conference sessions are also available to help you and your staff with your professional standards requirements.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Norman in June. Til then, take care and be safe!

See you soon!

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NSFMI Information from Lisa Griffin

I was one of several from Oklahoma that had the wonderful privilege of going to the National Food Service Management Institute in Mississippi to the Team Up for School Nutrition Success Southwest Region workshop. There were over 100 people from the Southwest region that attended the training, with the goal of identifying areas of concern we are experiencing and tactics to address

these concerns. The participants identified three areas of concern: increasing participation, menu planning, and food safety. Each participant was guided through three stages to develop plans to take home to address their specific areas of concern. The three stages were (1) Current Picture-What is going on? (2) Preferred Picture-What do you see for the future of your program?, and (3) The Way Forward-How do I get what I need or want? SMART goals were developed, possible solutions were discussed, and strategies were developed to meet the goals. As usual, one of the best parts of this workshop was the networking and sharing that occurred, and the increased motivation to change after seeing how others do it.

One of the things that stood out the most from this conference was the amount of great resources that are available to train our employees. With the new Professional Stand-

ards going into effect in July 2015, these resources are a blessing and answer to “what am I going to do to meet all of the educational/training requirements?”. If you would like to benefit from the information we received at the workshop, you can go to the website <http://www.nfsmi.org/ResourceOverview.aspx?ID=527> to see the power-point presentations, free upcoming webinars, and especially look at the NFSMI (National Food Service Management Institute) resources for Child Nutrition. There are a multitude of resources including on-line classes, printed materials and curriculum, power-point presentations and even on-site training by a NFSMI trainer (at least 25 people or more needing training) on many topics, especially the four major areas that the Professional Standards will require-Administration, Nutrition, Operations, and Communications/Marketing. Please take the time to investigate this website. It will really help you!

“To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.”

Winston Churchill



Oklahoma School for the Deaf crew celebrating Earth Day 2015!

ATTENTION SNA OF OK!

Have you thought about serving on our Executive Board?

Would you like to serve on a committee?

We are looking for people who would like to serve in the future so if you are interested, please contact Sherry Pearson

at sherry.pearson@sandites.org or 918-246-1430.

We would love for you to be involved.

New SNS Study Guide and Preparation Resources Available



Thinking about becoming a School Nutrition Specialist (SNS) or know someone who wants to earn this professional credential? Now is the time to get started as SNA is offering a new [SNS Exam Preparation Resources Bundle](#) for the SNA members only price of \$109 + \$6 S&H. The

bundle includes the following: School Nutrition Specialist Credentialing Exam Study Guide – 2015 Edition School Food and Nutrition Service Management for the 21st Century – 6th Edition, authored by Dot Pannell-Martin & Julie A

Boettger. Each resource is also available separately in the [SNA Bookstore](#) for a member's only price of \$59 + \$6 S&H (each). For additional information about the SNS credential and preparing for the exam, please visit www.schoolnutrition.org/sns or email certsns@schoolnutrition.org.

Myth Busting School Meals

If you're a district director and planning on attending ANC 2015, listen up: the District Directors' Section Meeting will address messaging for those 'hot topics' with the media and parents, helping you to ad-

dress the common misconceptions regarding school meals. Tired of bloggers, parents, and media personalities spreading myths about your profession? Be sure to attend this session and equip yourself

to proactively communicate the truth about school meals today! Registration for this session is included in your ANC conference registration (district directors only).

“Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we catch excellence.”
Vince Lombardi

Calling All SNA Chapter Leaders: Attend Chapter Leadership Day!

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Need ideas to reinvigorate your chapter? Want to network with other chapter leaders from across the country? [Chapter Leadership Day \(CLD\)](#) is a unique event just for you! If you're a local or state SNA chapter leader, don't miss this annual interactive, informative and fun event. CLD will

take place on Saturday, July 11, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at SNA's [Annual National Conference](#) in Salt Lake City, UT. It will feature topics such as developing a strong leadership team, planning effective and engaging meetings, building

membership, and more. Registration is required. The cost is \$25, which in-



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SNA of OK Mission Statement

The SNA of Oklahoma is an association of food service professionals dedicated to educations its members and students we serve about the importance of good nutrition. We represent and support all facets of providing quality child nutrition programs.



Discover Solutions for Your Program at ANC!

100+ education sessions at ANC Salt Lake City, July 12-15, will address everything from procurement to professional standards. You can't afford to miss the school nutrition event of the year, where attendees will be learning, networking, and

discovering new products. As an added bonus, **NFL superstar and TV personality Howie Long** will keynote the opening general session! Register today at www.schoolnutrition.org/ANC. Early bird rates expired May 8!