

**LAFAYETTE 2017...SNAL SHOWDOWN IN
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*The Southwest
Conference Committee
invites you to attend the
64th Annual SNAL Conference in
Lafayette, Louisiana.
June 13 – June 15, 2017.*



**TRADE YOUR APRON FOR A COWBOY HAT
AND COME PASS A GOOD TIME YA'LL!**



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**64th Annual SNA of Louisiana Conference
Lafayette, Louisiana on June 13-15, 2017**

Grab your boots and hold on tight! The SNAL Showdown is happening in Cajun Town this summer! SNAL Conference 2017 has been designed with the current needs of its membership in mind. Conference Headquarters will be located at the beautiful and luxurious Doubletree by Hilton adjacent to the banks of the Vermilion River. Exhibits and breakout sessions will be held at the spacious Lafayette Convention Center on Thursday. A new event on Thursday will include the Health & Wellness Corral for your viewing. Come experience the southern hospitality Lafayette has to offer. Numerous attractions are available near the hotel including restaurants, shopping attractions, and the lovely historical Vermilionville.

The conference layout has changed so if you want a change of pace with numerous educational opportunities you will want to fill out your registration today! Tuesday, June 13th, will feature Continuing Education and fun sessions at the headquarter hotel. Lafayette Lanes located on Johnson Street will host the annual bowling party on Tuesday afternoon. Come by and pass a good time. Day and evening tours are offered Tuesday so be sure to check your spring SNAL journal for details. Chapter Presidents will not want to miss out on the session designed just for them on Tuesday. House of Delegates will also be in session Tuesday afternoon.

PreConference Breakout sessions will continue on Wednesday morning. Presidents and award winners will be honored at an awards session beginning at 10:30 am. The awards ceremony is open to all conference attendees. New Executive Board member training session will follow the awards ceremony. The 1st General Session in the Grand Ballroom will kick off the festivities featuring a motivational speaker at 3:30 pm. Afterwards our Evening of Entertainment will be in the Ballroom featuring the southern sounds of the famous Geno Delafosse & French Rockin' Boogie Band. Several additional entertainment opportunities such as Line Dancing classes and Gospel Music session have been scheduled for your entertainment. So Grab your boots and mosey on down to the Ballroom to enter into a festival of good food, good music, and good friends.

Thursday morning brings us to the beautiful Convention Center for a new twist of events. In addition to breakout sessions and vendor exhibits, a Health and Wellness fair will be available for our attendees to browse. Thursday evening will be the finale with the installation of officers and entertainment. A Cajun comedian is scheduled for your entertainment after the installation and dinner service. What a great way to end conference by enjoying a great meal and laughter with friends. We will rope you in with our Western attire for the finale event so blue jeans and boots are encouraged!

So what are you waiting for? Make plans now to attend! Conference registration form is enclosed for your convenience. Invest in yourself and the children you serve. Grab your boots and mosey on over into a city of friendly folks, lively festivals and world renowned music and cuisine. Don't be on the WANTED poster and be the last School Nutrition "couyon" not attending this innovative Conference! Make plans to attend the 2017 SNA of Louisiana Conference and Laisser les bon temps rouler! You will not regret it!

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WHICH WAY DO I GO?: From I-10, exit I-49 south to Lafayette, continue approximately 5 miles. Turn right on Pinhook. Travel for 2 ½ miles. Doubletree by Hilton Hotel is on the left just before the Vermilion Bridge. Detailed directions can be found in the Spring Journal.

HOTEL INFORMATION: Doubletree by Hilton is located at 1521 W. Pinhook Road. Call 1-800-445-8667 and identify yourself as a member of SNA of LA to make group or individual reservations. Reservations must be made by Monday, May 22nd to receive special room rates. Nightly room rates range from \$119 to \$129 which are subject to applicable taxes. Tax exempt forms must be presented when checking in. Reservations must be guaranteed with one night deposit or major credit card. Check in time is 4:00 pm and check out is noon. Large groups should notify hotel of approximate arrival time. Parking is free! Guest checking out prior to the confirmed departure date will result in a \$50 early departure administrative fee. Detailed hotel information can be found in the Spring Journal.

SMILE!: Group photos will be offered again this year. Group photos will not be taken during general sessions so make sure you sign your group up as soon as you arrive.

WHAT DID I WIN? WHAT CAN I BUY?: Due to the overwhelming success of monetary door prizes, any parish wishing to make a door prize contribution can contact Dru LeVrier, Allen Parish at 1-337-639-2816 and Drusilla.LeVier@allen.k12.la.us or Terrie Smith, Beauregard Parish, at 1-337-462-8858 and tsmith@beau.k12.la.us. Silent auction inquiries and donations can be made at the same number.

BUS SERVICES: Bus shuttle will be available between the Hilton and Convention Center on Thursday, June 9th beginning at 8:00 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. at no charge to the membership. **The bus shuttle will leave and depart from the conference hotel, Doubletree by Hilton, only, NO other hotel locations will be included.** On Tuesday, June 13th beginning at 3:30 pm and resuming at 5:15 p.m., for the bowling transportation shuttle to Lafayette Lanes, attendees board the bus with a bowling ticket which will be given once the attendee registers for the bowling party. Tuesday night the mall shuttle bus will be leaving the hotel for the Mall of Acadiana at 6:30 p.m. and returning 9:00 p.m and a mall bus ticket is needed. Tuesday night Casino Bus boarding will require the ticket received through registration for the casino tour. Refer to

the Journal for tour details. Detailed tour information and prices can be found in the Spring Journal.

REGISTRATION PACKET GUIDELINES: Registration packets will be filed in alphabetical order by the parish then name of the registrant. Registration will be open at the hotel on Tuesday, 8:00-3:00; Wednesday, 8:00-3:00; and Convention Center on Thursday at the 8:00-11:00 am. ****To request special prepackaging of registration for a particular group/parish, request on registration form by May 2, 2017**.** Make sure that each member in your prepackaged group knows in advance who the designated pick up person will be. Duplicate packets will not be issued. For specific registration questions, please contact Angela Broussard, Registration chair via email at abroussard@fns-dol.org. **Conference Registration Form is included for your convenience. Have your registration form and check postmarked by May 2, 2017 to qualify for the reduced conference rate.**

AWARDS CEREMONY: Come by and celebrate our “best of the best”! Our members work hard and we are proud to recognize our outstanding members. The ceremony is open to all conference attendees on Wednesday.

TABLE TOP CONTEST: Due to the continued overwhelming success of the table top contest, we have brought it back! Show your creativity and secure your seat for the Installation Dinner and Comedian. Conference theme is “SNAL Showdown in Cajun Town!” and conference colors are Red, Cream, and Brown. Table Top contest registration form will be in the Spring SNAL Journal along with contest details. Contest form will need to be returned to Karen Soileau, Evangeline Parish at karen.soileau.epsb.com. See Spring Journal for form, details, and contact information. Please note: no guns should be used in the display.

BOWLING: The annual bowling tournament will be held Tuesday, June 7th at the Lafayette Bowling Lanes located at 2825 Johnson St. Registered attendees will receive a ticket for bus fare, drink, and pizza slice. Don't forget about the costume contest! Let's see how creative you can be! Cash bar and food for purchase will also be available. See Spring Journal for details.

T-SHIRT SALES: Conference Tshirts are for sale again this year. The Tshirts will be featured in the Journal. Place your order on the registration form. Tshirt prices range between \$18 and \$22.

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EXHIBIT VIEWING: Exhibit viewing is scheduled for Thursday, June 15th. **No additional bags or rolling containers will be permitted in the Convention Center or on the exhibit floor.** Complimentary bags will be provided at the door by Richard Young of Young Equipment. Please be considerate of other members and abide by the exhibit guidelines outlined in the Spring SNAL Journal. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

WESTERN NIGHT!: Installation dinner Thursday night will be western theme event. Grab your boots, hat, or blue jean attire and help show your support for your Association. Check Spring SNAL Journal for dress code.

EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT: An array of delights await you for Wednesday's Night of Entertainment. So put on your most comfortable shoes and head back to the ranch for a festival of good food, good music, and good friends. World known Geno Delafosse and the French Rockin' Boogie Band will be playing up a storm in the ballroom area. Upstairs near the Ballroom area will be line dancing, gospel singers, and a photo booth! Other treats have been scheduled but you must attend to find out what else will be there. So rest up and be ready to have a good time!

AVAILABLE TOURS & FUN SESSIONS AT A MINIMAL COST!: In addition to the Mall of Acadiana, Lafayette has several historical sites and casino attractions. To see what other attractions Lafayette has to offer simply log on to www.lafayettetravel.com or take advantage of our SNAL tours. On Tuesday, a day tour Cajun history including Vermilionville and historical St. John Cathedral will be offered. Tour attendees will enjoy a delightful Cajun meal at the restaurant on the Vermilionville site. The tour departs the hotel in the morning but returns prior to departure for the annual bowling tournament so by attending the tour you will not miss out on any additional conference activities. After the bowling tournament, two evening tours will be offered to the mall and casino. Fun Sessions will be offered again this year. Wreath class will have a personalization this year so a separate registration form can be found in the Spring Journal. Registration for Painting classes can be found on the registration form. Due to limited seating, please indicate your attendance to either function on the appropriate registration form. Refer to Spring SNAL Journal for details.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE - JUNE 13-15, 2017

TUESDAY

8:00 am-3:00 pm	Registration	Hilton-Portico Foyer
8:00 am-5:00 pm	Pre-Conference Workshop	Hilton- Oaklawn & Elmwood
8:00 am-5:00 pm	Fun Sessions	Hilton – TBA
8:30 am-2:00 pm	Day Tour	Hilton –Front Entrance
9:00 am-11:00 am	Executive Board Meeting	Hilton-Salon D
11:30 am-12:30 pm	Chapter Presidents	Hilton TBA
1:30 pm-3:30 pm	House of Delegates	Hilton-Salon D
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Bowling	Lafayette Lanes
6:30 pm – til	EveningTours	Hilton-Front Entrance

WEDNESDAY

7:00 am	Wellness – Line Dancing	Hilton-TBA
8:00 am-3:00 pm	Registration	Hilton-Portico Foyer
8:30 am-10:30 am	Breakout Sessions	Hilton – TBA
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Voting	Hilton-TBA
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Silent Auction	Hilton – Ashland
10:30am-Noon	SNAL Awards Ceremony	Hilton Ballroom
Noon – 1:30 pm	New Ex Board Training	Hilton – TBA
Noon-3:00 pm	Breakout Sessions	Hilton – Salon C & F
Noon-4:00 pm	Vendor Set Up& Registration	Convention Center
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	1 st General Session	Hilton Ballroom
5:30 pm-7:30 pm	Vendor Appreciation (Ticket Entry)	Hilton – Club 337
7:30 pm-10:30 pm	Nite of Entertainment	Hilton Ballroom

THURSDAY

8:00 am – 11:00am	Registration	Convention Center
8:00 am - 9:30 am	Silent Auction	Hilton – Ashland
8:00 am – 10:00am	Voting	Convention Center
9:00 am – 11:00am	Premiere Showing	Convention Center
9:00 am – 11:00am	Breakout Sessions	Convention Center
11:00 am	Exhibit Hall Ribbon Cutting	Convention Center
11:00 am – 3:00pm	Exhibits, Wellness Fair, Demo	Convention Center
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Pick up Silent Auction Items	Hilton – Ashland
6:00 pm – 9:00pm	2 nd General Session	Hilton Ballroom

The SNAL Showdown begins on June 13, 2017! It is an event you will enjoy and remember. You will not regret registering to the 64th Annual Lafayette SNAL Conference. The Southwest group is standing by to show you a Cajun Showdown filled with good food, good music, and good friends! Laisser les bon temps rouler!

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