

# Frequently Asked Questions



## For Visitors of the 2017 Career Expo and SkillsUSA Georgia State Championships

### When

March 23-24, 2017

Thursday, March 23, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday, March 24, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### Safety

The 2017 Career Expo and SkillsUSA State Championships is an active construction job site. Before entering the event, visitors will receive a safety briefing. Hard hats and safety glasses, provided at check-in, must be worn at all times. Note, if attending both days, visitors must bring hard hat and safety glasses on the second day, as only one set will be issued.

The SkillsUSA State Championships are located in the center of the exhibit hall. All contests are held on Friday except for TeamWorks and Welding Fabrication, which begin on Thursday.

### Organized By:



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### Fast Facts

**13:** The number of years that the Worlds of Construction and SkillsUSA State Championships have been combined for one super event!

**200+:** The number of middle schools, high schools, technical colleges and universities participating.

**300+:** The number of different companies represented.

**7,000+:** The total number of registered attendees.

**200,000:** The number of square feet of exhibits and contests. That's approximately six (6) football fields!

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### **Q: What is appropriate clothing and footwear for the Expo?**

A: All visitors should wear job site appropriate clothing and footwear while at the event. *Anyone who is dressed inappropriately may be denied access to the exhibit area. Instructors will be held responsible for their student's attire.*

<b>Dos</b>	<b>Don'ts</b>
Closed-toe shoes	Flip-flops, jelly shoes, sandals of any type
Long pants that fit well	Short-shorts (like Daisy Dukes) or cutoffs, pants that sag
Close-fitting tops	Loose clothing of any kind
Keep long hair pulled back and secured	Dangly jewelry

### **Q: What are parking and check-in procedures?**

A: Bus drivers should follow directions for school busses at [cefga.org](http://cefga.org). All busses must park in Parking Lot E. Please note: No bus traffic will be permitted in front of the GICC. To help with traffic flow, please follow directions for school busses. Students will unload from their bus in Parking Lot E and follow signs to the main entrance of the Expo at Exhibit Hall D entrance. Once inside the building, students, chaperones and instructors should follow signs to "School, Student and Teacher" Check-in. Once there, everyone will be given a hard hat and safety glasses. The hard hat and safety glasses are yours to keep and ***must be worn at all times.***

Teachers should monitor students to ensure that hard hats and safety glasses are worn at all times. Parents, students or other guests coming to see the SkillsUSA Contest must check in at the main registration area, just inside the GICC, Exhibit Hall D entrance.

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### **Q: What are the food options at the event?**

A: Those who paid a \$15 entry fee will receive a ticket that is good for one lunch from either Chick-fil-a or O.B.'s BBQ (sandwich, chips, drink). Convention center regulations prohibit outside food or drink. Please leave all outside food and drink not purchased from vendors on your bus or in your car. Additional food will be available for purchase on the Exhibit Hall floor beginning at 11 a.m. Most food vendors will accept CASH ONLY. Credit cards are only accepted at the convention center concession stands.

### **Q: Is there an ATM available?**

A: An ATM is located at the convention center.

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### **Q: Do we need tickets for the event?**

A: No. If you registered online and received an email confirmation of your registration, you do not need tickets. Upon arrival to Parking Lot E at the GICC, you will be greeted and provided an envelope with meal tickets for you and your attendees. You will then proceed to the lobby of Exhibit Hall D, where you and your attendees will receive a hard hat, safety glasses and a safety orientation.

### **Q: We have a different number of attendees planning to attend than when we first registered. What do we do?**

A: If you want to bring additional attendees above the number originally registered, this is not a problem. The onsite charge is \$5 per attendee (note, this DOES NOT include the lunch ticket that all pre-registered attendees receive. That's the reason the price is less). Unfortunately, if you are bringing fewer attendees, we are NOT able to issue refunds.

### **Q: How much time should I allow for the event?**

A: It is suggested that you allow a minimum of three (3) hours to tour the Worlds of Construction.

### **Q: Where is The Georgia International Convention Center? What is the venue like?**

A: College Park is located on the south side of metro Atlanta, near Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. It is accessible from I-85.

The venue is a very large indoor exhibition space and outdoor grassy field. The venue is equivalent in size to six football fields, so wear comfortable shoes and be prepared to walk. Plenty of restrooms, pay phones, vending machines and an ATM are available.

First aid personnel (EMTs) will be on standby to attend to medical emergencies.

### **Q: May we bring cameras?**

A: Yes, cameras are permitted and encouraged. We suggest that you bring a camera for a group photograph and for action photos for your school's newspaper, local newspaper and bulletin boards. Some schools bring a school newspaper reporter and photographer to cover the event.

### **Q: Is there a meeting spot?**

A: The foyer / lobby of the exhibit hall is an ideal place to meet with landmarks like a bank of colorful benches and several large pieces of artwork. Alternatively, you can plan to meet at a certain exhibit.

### **Q: Is smoking permitted at the convention center?**

A: There is no smoking inside the building. Georgia law prohibits smoking within 20 feet of a doorway. Please be courteous of others when smoking.

### **Q: I have a question that is not addressed here.**

A: Please contact Tina Robison at 404-333-2487.