

# SkillsUSA 2026 State Competition

## Informational Packet and Permission form



This packet serves to detail the 2026 Skills USA State competition trip. In it you will find competition information as well as travel preparations.

### Where:

The conference will take place in Jacksonville, Florida at the

#### **HYATT REGENCY JACKSONVILLE RIVERFRONT**

[1 904 588 1234](tel:19045881234)

225 E. Coastline Drive

Jacksonville, Florida 32203

or the

#### **Marriott Jacksonville Downtown**

[1 904-296-2222](tel:19042962222)

245 Walter St.

Jacksonville, Florida 32203

Hotel placement will depend on registration but most likely will be the Hyatt Regency as in previous years.

## When:

Competition takes place **March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**

Day 1 (3/30/26): SkillsUSA orientation

- Travel day.
- Evening arrival at the hotel.
- Opening ceremonies and welcome to SkillsUSA.

- **Onsite Registration for Schools**
- 2PM – 6PM
- Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront
- Schools will pick up registration materials, including name badges, meal tickets, conference t-shirts, and more. One advisor per school should attend.
- **Opening Ceremony**
- 7PM – 9PM
- Florida Theatre
- Join us for a high energy session to kick off the conference with state-level awards and recognitions, keynote speaker, and announcements

Day 2 (3/31/26): Public presentation – Open to everyone

- Early morning setup for projects.
- Opportunities to view other competitions.

- **Contests**
- 8AM – 4PM
- Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront and Prime Osborn Convention Center
- Doors open at 7AM
- Transportation to offsite locations provided
- **CareerExpo**
- 9AM – 2PM
- Prime Osborn Convention Center
- 50+ business, industry and educational partners will showcase products, services, and career opportunities
- **Meet the Employer**
- 5PM – 8PM
- Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront
- 50+ local, regional and national employers, ready to check out your resume and get you hired! Come dressed for success and ready to interview!

Day 3 (4/1/26): Competition Day (closed to public)

- Early morning meeting at competition hall
- Only competition students allowed
- Lunch provided
- 1 member of team required to be present at all times.

- **Contests**
- 8AM – 4PM
- Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront and Prime Osborn Convention Center
- Doors open at 7AM
- Transportation to offsite locations provided
- **CareerExpo**
- 9AM – 2PM
- Prime Osborn Convention Center
- 50+ business, industry and educational partners will showcase products, services, and career opportunities
- **Champions' Night**
- 6PM – 10PM
- Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront
- Dinner, music, activities to celebrate SkillsUSA competitors, and a special reception for our advisors with dessert, coffee, and door prizes

#### Day 4 (4/2/26): Awards ceremony

- Early morning meeting in venue
- Nationals meeting for qualifiers

#### Closing and Awards Ceremony

8:30AM – 12:00PM

Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront

Doors open at 7:30 AM. Session will be streamed via Facebook Live and other social media channels.

Ticket or name badge is required for entry. Purchase Closing Ceremony Tickets online beginning March 1.

#### NLSC Orientation Meeting

Following Awards and Closing Ceremony

Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront

Students advancing to the National Leadership and Skills Conference are required to attend an orientation meeting immediately following the Awards Ceremony.

## What:

What is necessary to compete.

### Dress:

- Bring general clothing for extra curricular activities.
- Presentation dress includes: slacks. Black closed-toe shoes, white polo shirt \*\*the only jacket allowed is a red skills usa approved jacket\*\*

### Equipment:

- Items necessary for competition (laptop/desktop, poster, design document, monitor/tv, keyboard & mouse, resume, usb )

## **SkillsUSA Florida State Conference Permission Letter**

**To:** Parents and Guardians of SkillsUSA Students

**From:** Justen Early - Weeki Wachee High School

**Date:** 1/13/2026

**Subject:** Permission for SkillsUSA State Leadership & Skills Conference (SLSC)

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your student has been invited to represent **Weeki Wachee High School** at the 2026 SkillsUSA Florida State Leadership and Skills Conference! This is the premier career and technical education event in Florida, where students showcase their expertise in Game Design and Simulation while competing against top peers from across the state.

### **Trip Details**

- **Dates:** Monday, March 30 – Thursday, April 2, 2026
- **Location:** Jacksonville, FL
- **Primary Venues:** Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront & Prime Osborn Convention Center
- **Objective:** To participate in the Game Design and Simulation competition, attend the CareerExpo, and engage in professional leadership development.

### **Tentative Itinerary**

- **March 30:** Travel to Jacksonville; Opening Ceremony at the Florida Theatre (7:00 PM).
- **March 31:** Competitions begin; CareerExpo and "Meet the Employer" Career Fair.
- **April 1:** Competition finals; Champions' Night Celebration (Dinner and activities).
- **April 2:** Closing and Awards Ceremony; Departure for Weeki Wachee (approx. 1:00 PM).

### **Cost & Requirements**

- **Accommodations:** Students will stay at the official conference
- **Attire:** Students are required to wear official SkillsUSA competition attire as outlined in the Technical Standards.

- **Code of Conduct:** All students must have a signed Code of Conduct on file to participate.
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**Permission Slip**

I, the undersigned, give permission for my student, \_\_\_\_\_, to travel to Jacksonville, FL, with Weeki Wachee High School for the SkillsUSA State Conference from March 30 to April 2, 2026.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_