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Hold the date for USA spring meeting



Mark your calendar – the next USA general membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28 at the Trenton Marriott, the same day as the NJEA Retirement Luncheon/Spring Staff Meeting. There will be an all-member USA meeting after the staff meeting prior to lunch. At that meeting, runoff elections for A/R positions will be conducted if necessary.

NJEA Family Outing scheduled for June 24

The NJEA Family Outing is back! Enjoy an afternoon of fun, food, games, and entertainment with your family as well as your NJEA family at Rosedale Park in Hopewell Township, off Federal City Road near the junction of Blackwell Road. The USA Recreation Committee is working with the Executive Office on the details.

Celebrate 40 years of collective bargaining

The USA Training and Recreation Committees is planning a USA event at NJEA's celebration of the 40th anniversary of collective bargaining. The event will take place during the weekend of Sept. 13, 2008 at the Trenton Marriott.

USA members will be invited to attend the NJEA celebration on Saturday night and stay over for a USA breakfast and training. Look for details this summer.



USA answers your questions

At a recent visit by your USA officers to NJEA headquarters, USA members were invited to ask questions or share suggestions. Here are a few of them.

Q. Some of us have child care issues and cannot attend overnight or weekend USA training events. Can USA offer any informal training opportunities after work?

A. Yes! The USA Training and Recreation committees will plan after-work functions that include a light dinner, short training, and a chance to network with your colleagues. Look for the first event this fall.

Q. Regarding lodging at the NJEA convention, can staff stay somewhere other than the Sheraton?

A. Yes. The NJEA Convention Office negotiates a rate with the Sheraton and several other Atlantic City hotels. Staff can opt to stay at a hotel that is not the official NJEA family hotel. However, you must make your own reservation by calling 800-524-1706 and pay for the hotel out of pocket. You will be reimbursed up to the rate of the NJEA official family hotel. If you choose to stay at hotel with a room rate that is higher, then you would be responsible for the difference. Remember to request a folio from the hotel and submit it with a convention expense voucher.

Keep in mind that associate staff attending convention will receive cash advances. Professional staff members attending convention can receive an advance as well by submitting a request.

Q. Can USA look into gym discounts?

A. USA members are entitled to gym discounts through the NJEA Member Benefits Program at njea.org or Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield at horizon-bcbnsj.com.

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