

Hi everyone!

It's that time of the year again when school is winding down, but the energy towards the upcoming journalism convention is just beginning! We hope you have all had a successful year in journalism and now it is time to show off all your hard work.

The 2009 Wyoming High School Journalism Convention is going to be hosted at the Parkway Plaza hotel in Casper, WY, Sunday-Monday, Sept. 28-29. The WHSSPA Board has decided that it is far-past time to mix things up a little bit so the conference will actually begin Sunday afternoon, as opposed to Monday morning, with a formal awards banquet being the highlight of the evening on Sunday. Workshops will continue until early afternoon Monday when the conference will end with souvenirs and prizes. You won't want to miss out on the fun either day!

Now that you are pumped up and excited to attend, let's get down to business. In order for the awards banquet to take place, we need your school to submit your publications and broadcasts to be judged. In the remainder of this packet, you will find all the details you will need in order to complete this request. However, please note, **all submissions for newspaper publications, individual articles, literary magazines and video broadcast pieces must be mailed by JUNE 8, 2009 and yearbooks must be mailed by SEPTEMBER 8, 2009.**

Additionally, in this packet, you will find a membership fees form. Please remember that these fees are mandatory and they are NOT included with the price of judging fees. Also, notice on this form, you may choose to register to become a member of JEA (Journalism Education Association), which we highly encourage. In the packet, you will also find a fall convention survey. Please take a minute to fill this out so we can get an idea of how many schools plan to attend and we can make the convention the best it can be. Finally, you will recognize the information about Rookie Adviser of the Year, Adviser of the Year, and Administrative Friend of Journalism. Don't forget to nominate those deserving teachers and administrators; they could win \$100!

See you all soon! In the mean time, if you have questions, feel free to call me at (307) 758-4412 or visit with your local area representative!

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