

NAVIGATE YOUR FUTURE

SLS CONFERENCE 2023

March 18-19, 2023

Pre-conference March 17, 2023

Shanty Creek Resort (Bellaire, MI)

Agenda-Subject to Change

PRE-CONFERENCE AGENDA

Friday, March 17, 2023

- 7:00pm Pre-Conference Registration
- 8:00pm Team Building Activities and Ice Cream Social
- 10:00pm Mandatory Advisor/Parent/Chaperone Orientation
- 10:15pm Room Curfew

Please note breakfast will be on your own Saturday morning.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Saturday March 18, 2023

- 9:30am-11:30am Conference and Hotel Registration
Schools set up exhibits; decorate hotel doors
- 11:00am-11:20am Mandatory Advisor/Parent/Chaperone Orientation
- 11:30am-12:00pm Friend Networking and Lunch
- 12:00pm-1:00pm Opening Ceremonies & Concert Performance by Connor Lyman, Garber High School
Featuring hit song "Young Inside"
- 1:10pm-2:00pm Workshop Session #1 **Choice of Five Topics**
- 2:05pm-3:00pm Workshop Session #2 **Choice of Five Topics**
- 3:05pm-4:00pm General Session #1- Sexting, Sextortion and the Law, Alisha Meneely
MI Child Protection Registry
- 4:00pm-4:45pm School Team Meetings #1 *Meet with Advisor(s)
- 4:45pm Break/Dress for Special Advisor Dinner
- 5:30pm Advisor Photo (*Conference Tradition*) *Advisors meet in Bellaire Foyer for Group Photo*
- 5:30pm Students Meet to Prepare for Advisor Dinner & Awards
- 5:45pm-7:30pm Advisor Recognition Dinner, Theme: "Count on Me!"
Award Ceremony and Entertainment: Mother and Son Duet by Nicole King and Connor Lyman
- 7:30pm-8:15pm The Joel Tacey Magic & Juggling Show
- 8:20pm-9:00pm School Team Meetings #2 *Meet with Advisors
- 9:00pm-9:30pm Break/Dance Preparation/Decorating
- 9:30pm-11:00pm The Big Dance – "Luau" (*Movie option available for those that prefer a quieter experience*)
- 11:00pm Room Curfew (**11pm-7am**)
- 11:30pm Lights Out!

Sunday March 19, 2023

- 7:45am-8:15am Interdenominational Service (optional)
- 8:15am-8:55am Breakfast –*Wear Conference Shirts (Conference Tradition)*
- 9:00am-9:20am All Conference Photo
- 9:30am-10:20am Workshop Session #3 **Choice of Five Topics**
- 10:25am-11:15am Workshop Session #4 **Choice of Five Topics**
- 11:25am- 12:00pm School Team Meeting #3-Action Planning & Preparing for Team Presentations
- 12:00pm-12:45pm Lunch
- 12:50pm-1:35pm General Session #2-School Team Presentations
- 1:35pm-2:15pm General Session #3-*Miss Michigan 2022, Melissa Beyrand*
- 2:15pm Closing Ceremonies and Awards
- 2:40pm Schools Depart! Drive Safely!

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Important Conference Information

1. Conference 2023 is **two days, Saturday March 18 and Sunday March 19. Conference will end at 2:40p, Sunday March 19, 2023.** For those attending pre-conference activities that will take place Friday March 17 at 8:00pm.
2. Registration for conference will be at 9:30 am on Saturday March 18 in the **Hotel Lobby**. For those attending pre-conference activities on March 17, registration will be at 7:00 pm in the **Hotel Lobby**.
3. Attention Advisors!!! There is a **mandatory** Advisor Orientation at 11:00 am on Saturday, all advisors and/or parent chaperones **must attend**.
4. Weather permitting; we may be going outside to do an all-conference photo **on Sunday**.
5. Attention Advisors: SLS will provide an Interdenominational Service on Sunday morning at 7:45am for those interested.
6. **Swimming is prohibited.**
7. Bring a nice outfit for Saturday's "Count on Me! Recognition Dinner. **Students/Chapters are asked to bring/make a gift to present to their advisor(s) on the theme Count on Me!**
8. The dance will be Saturday night and is a "LUA" theme. **School with the best dance theme attire or who brings the best dance decoration gets a chance to take home Happy the SLS Mascot!**
9. Bring packaged cookies or other packaged snacks to share at the dance (please avoid nuts).
10. SLS Conference has two traditions: Door Decorations (bring items to decorate your hotel door-**This year Door Decoration theme is "NAVIGATE YOUR FUTURE"** and we love to see cars decorated with messages.
11. Bring your school/chapter or group banner to display and a chapter exhibit to display and show off your groups work!
12. Conference Day 1: Wear your school/chapter shirt and Conference Day 2: Wear the conference t-shirt for the all-conference photo!
13. **Note: Because conference ends at 2:40pm on Sunday SLS has requested that all SLS conference participant rooms have a later check out. However, there is no guarantee. Please plan accordingly.**
14. If your group would like to register for Snow Tubing for 3:00pm Sunday March 19 (following conference) cost is \$18 per person and must pre-register with SLS by March 10. *Please note Shanty Creek has the right to cancel tubing reservations based on weather.*
15. You should have received or will receive an email or fax about the status of your registration (ex. If you are missing anything or are all set). Any questions call Dawn Flood at SLS 248-706-0757 before March 16. After March 16 call my cell 248-462-9995.

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Getting to Shanty Creek

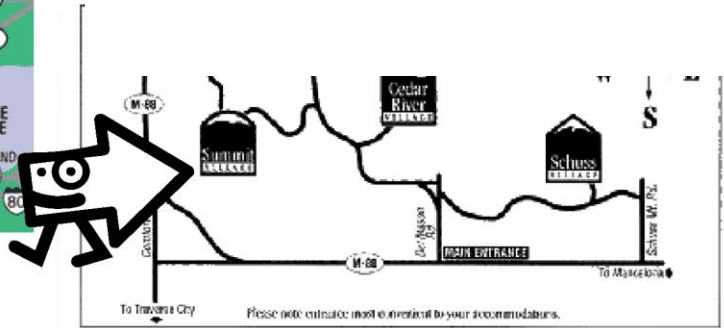


One Shanty Creek Rd., Bellaire, MI 49615

1-800-678-4111

www.shantycreek.com

**Conference is in the Lakeview Hotel
/Summit Village
(Main Lodge or Summit Entrance)**



Follow Interstate 75 North from Detroit to Grayling; M-72 West toward Kalkaska. In Kalkaska turn North on US 131 to Mancelona. From Mancelona, take M-88 West to the Shanty Main Entrance.

Proceed North on US 27 to Grayling, M-72 West to Kalkaska, Turn North on US 131 Mancelona. In Mancelona, take M-88 West to the Shanty Creek Main Entrance.

Take US 131 North from Grand Rapids to Mancelona. In Mancelona, turn west on M-88 the Shanty Creek Main Entrance.

Directions for shortcut that saves about 20-30 minutes.

I75 North to Exit 270. (I think the sign also says "Waters" which is barely a town.) Turn left off exit. Take road until it ends, turn right. 1st road on left (Passenheim, and it comes up right away – about a block) take till ends. Turn left. You are on M-88. Take through Mancelona and follow signs to "Shanty Creek SUMMIT CENTER". Wait to go into Shanty Creek until you see the "SUMMIT CENTER" signs. There are several properties at Shanty Creek, and several entrances

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TO BRING AND TO DO LIST

*Give each student a copy!

Packing List/To Bring:

- Messages displayed on your car or bus (if you want to!)
- Hotel Door Decorations to advertise your chapter (if you want to!) **Door Theme: NAVIGATE YOUR FUTURE**
- SLS or School/Group Banner
- Group Exhibit
- Drinks and Snacks for your group
- Package cookies, or package snack to share at the dance (please no nuts)
- Bring an extra Group/School shirt to be added to the next SLS T-shirt Banner!
- Nice outfit for Advisor Dinner
*Semi-Formal and/Business. **Students bring a gift to present to their advisor(s) on the theme COUNT ON ME!**
- Dance Decoration or Attire for the LUA dance.
- Workshop supplies (if you are presenting a workshop)
- Group or School t-shirt to wear on Saturday (bring an extra to add to our t-shirt banner collection)
- ENERGY! PASSION! ENTHUSIAM!
- Something to give your group a distinct identity. We love the group and school spirit!

Don't Forget to Do:

- **STUDENTS!** Please create an item or gift to present to your advisor during the Advisor Recognition Dinner. *How will recognize your Advisor(s) for everything they have done to help you. Ideas: Thank you cards, photo book, memories that represent "COUNT ON ME!"*
- Pre-register to SLS for Snow Tubbing by March 10, \$18 per person.
- **Advisors!** Make sure all forms are sent in and payments are made to SLS (registration fee) and Shanty Creek Resort (hotel fee) **ALL CHECKS GET MAILED TO SLS and SLS will pass onto Shanty Creek**
- **Advisors!** Make sure all students and adults receive and review Conference Rules and Important Conference Information.
- Check out the SLS website www.slstoday.org for the latest conference information
- Call SLS if you have any questions 248-706-0757 or email Dawn dmf@slstoday.org

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Pre-Conference Activities Presented by the SLS Student Advisory Board: (March 17, 2023)

Extreme Duck Tape Workshop, Ice Cream Social, and SHARK Tank (SLS Style)

School teams will participate in team building game activities that will increase their groups bonding and attachment.

The Extreme Duct Tape Workshop-Friday Night

Create wearable & shareable duct tape crafts choosing from dozens of vibrant colors & unique prints! Custom templates, scissors, and all instructions are provided by a friendly host so attendees can make & take crafty duct tape creations including bracelets, bookmarks, wallets, purses, pouches, and more. I tape, you tape, we all love duct tape! Presented by Joel Tacey, Michigan's Funnyman.

Conference Keynote Speaker and Presenters: (March 18-19, 2023)

Sexting, Sextortion and the Law -Saturday

Alisha Meneely is the Government Relations and Community Outreach Director for the Michigan Child Protection Registry. Alisha's priority is to advocate for the Registry across the state of Michigan and help families stay safe while online. She is also part of the Leadership Team for the West Michigan Human Trafficking Coalition. She is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in Political Science Pre-law. Throughout her past career she has advocated for social public policy issues such as domestic violence, human trafficking, education reform, affordable child care and other issues important to women and children.

Miss Michigan 2022, Melissa Beyrand is on a mission to convince students, particularly girls, to consider careers in science, tech, engineering, arts and mathematics, or STEAM.

It's not only about improving the long-term career prospects of young Michiganders but it would also help a state that is creating jobs but faces a growing mismatch of talent needs.

Beyrand, 22, of Milford, has a rather unique platform from which to talk up STEAM professions: She was named Miss Michigan on June 18 and she's traveling across the region visiting schools, Girl Scout troops, community organizations and others as part of her official duties.

Workshop Sessions: March 18-19, 2023

The Good, Bad, and Ugly of Social Media! This workshop will be an open discussion on the good, the bad and the ugly when it comes to social media and how to get teens to even care about this issue. Teens are more likely to say that social media has a mostly positive – rather than negative – effect on their lives. A majority will say social media makes them feel more connected with friends, more accepted, like they have a support network, and like they have a creative outlet. But is it all unicorns and rainbows? How can teens help create a safer social media environment for generations to come? Us adults need your help, advice and ideas! Presented by Alisha Meneely, Government Relations and Community Outreach Director for the Michigan Child Protection Registry.

Can You Afford That Starbucks?

Does money and budgets overwhelm you? Then this workshop is for you. You will learn key concepts from Dave Ramsey's Financial Foundations Course for Teens. This workshop will help you learn how to make smart decisions with your money and avoid debt.

Presented by Nicole King, Former SLS Advisor.

How to Make Yourself Stand Out and Lessons Learned

Do you want to stand out from the crowd, to make yourself known? Then this workshop is for you! When you are looking for jobs, colleges, trade schools, or scholarships one of the most important things is to STAND OUT. Learn the tips and tricks to make your applications stand above the rest and advice from first year college freshman on what they wish they would have known. Presented by Jillian Davis and Christina Foley, Wayne State University.

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You Matter, We Matter!

Do you sometimes struggle with your own self-esteem or self-confidence? Then this workshop is for you. Join us to learn strategies to help us flip the switch and give our self-esteem a boost. Together we will confirm that WE MATTER! Presented by Marvin Mills, J'Lynn Schoonmaker Marion Junior/Senior High School.

Get Your Group in Gear!

Does your group struggle with motivation? Do you have a challenging time getting people to attend your meetings and activities? If you answered YES, then you must attend this workshop to learn about the three most important things to motivate your group. It is all about F.A.V. Presented by the SLS Student Advisory Board (SAB) Mariam Kebe, Senior, Clarenceville High School and Shanae Obi, Senior, Taylor High School.

There is no "I" in Team

Do you find yourself always doing everything with no help? In order, to be successful and to accomplish goals, you need help. You cannot do it alone. This workshop will help you learn the importance of working with others and that the more brains you have the more creative the outcome. This workshop is all about laughter and fun while working together. Presented by the SLS Student Advisory Board (SAB) Mariam Kebe, Senior, Clarenceville High School and Shanae Obi, Senior, Taylor High School.

Calm and Collected

Do you often find yourself stressed out? Anxiety high? This workshop will help you learn how to navigate stress through mindful movement, deep breathing, and affirmations. There will be optional blindfolds to use for mindful movement, and time to make affirmation cards to take home. Presented by Morgan Kauffman, SLS Program and Communications Intern.

I am #1! (Taking Care of Myself)

This workshop will introduce the importance of self-care in regard to confidence, hygiene, healthy choices, and preventing stress.

Presented by Lacey Mann, Katelyn Trstenjak, and Carina Jones, Atherton High School.

ABCD: Any Body Can Dance

Looking for a way to get out of your comfort zone and learn new things? Bollywood dancing is just the perfect thing you need! Come learn a different style of dancing and learn about different cultures while having fun. After everyone has learned their choreographies, you will be split into two or more different groups to have a friendly competition. Everyone gets to show their hard work and skills at the DANCE. Presented by Sneha Dey, Junior, Warren Mott High School.

You Are Not Alone

In this workshop, you will learn what mental health is, coping strategies, and how to help those who may be struggling. This workshop is the 2021 #SLSTOGETHERWECAN winner for "Hot Spot" Topic: Mental Health.

Presented by Mary Mashou, Junior, Warren Mott High School.

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ADVISOR/PARENT/GUEST RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Faculty Advisors are needed to be in attendance and actively involved with their students and other advisors during the conference. They are also expected to participate in conference activities, i.e. workshops, speakers, etc.
2. Advisors/Parent Chaperones are to remain at conference/hotel location from arrival on Saturday (Friday if attending Pre-Conference) until the conference ends Sunday afternoon. Advisors are to be present for any pre-conference or post-conference activities/events.
3. Advisors will be considered on duty 24 hours a day and will be contacted if needed.
4. Vehicles are to be locked on the conference facility grounds during the entirety of the conference and the advisors are to hold the keys of their students who may have driven. Participants are always expected to remain in the conference facility.
5. **Advisors, Parents, Guest or Speakers are not permitted to use alcoholic beverages, smoke/vape or use any legal or illegal drugs during the conference.**
6. Dress is casual for conference except for Saturday's Advisor Dinner. Semi-Formal and/or Formal Attire is suggested.
7. As a Faculty Advisor you will be responsible for youth attending from your school. In addition to being available to them during the conference, we have scheduled school meetings that you will facilitate with your group. You will receive School Team Meeting Agendas in your Advisor Folder that you receive at registration.
8. At night you will need to make room checks to assure that your students are accounted for before you retire for the night. SLS's Conference Assistants (CA's) will also be making bed checks. Students are expected to stay in their rooms following "lights out" (no trips outside or to other student rooms).
9. Faculty Advisors are expected to intervene when any participant is breaking conference rules. See Disciplinary Action.
10. You will be expected to participate in any disciplinary decision-making and action involving your students.
11. Faculty Advisors are expected to cooperate with Conference Assistants and staff at the Conference.
12. All the above responsibilities for Faculty Advisors also apply to any Co-Advisor Parents accompanying the group. Please make this clear to any Co-Advisor or Parent Chaperone(s) attending.

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SLS CONFERENCE RULES & EXPECTATIONS 2023

Please share with students and all adults attending.

SLS is committed to providing a safe, healthy and memorable experience. Masks are encouraged. Anyone who is not feeling well is to notify school advisor/chaperone and SLS medical staff. Mask mandate is subject to change based on increased numbers. There will be hand sanitizer stations throughout the hotel and conference rooms. These protocols follow current Michigan Health Department and school district guidelines.

These rules are designed to ensure that all participants enjoy a maximum learning experience in an environment conducive to an exchange and sharing of ideas and concepts. Conference participants who violate these regulations will be subject to **disciplinary action, which may include being sent home and/or a report made to the participant's parents or guardians, or administrator.** All participants are expected to abide by these conference regulations regardless of age. **ALL RULES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

ATTENDANCE: Student and adult participation and attendance at workshops, general sessions and all conference activities are **mandatory.**

APPROPRIATE ATTIRE: SLS coincides with school dress codes. **Conference is at a hotel resort and conference center. Conference may include outside activities (weather permitting) Please bring appropriate winter clothing such as, coats, hats, gloves, boots, etc.**

BEHAVIOR: All participants are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly manner. Including no girls in boy's hotel rooms and vice versa unless advisor is present. Behavior that falls below generally accepted standards result in removal.

CURFEW: When conference activities are finished for the day all students must report to their hotel room. At no time may students leave their room or hotel once curfew is in place.

CELL PHONES: All participants are expected to have all cell phones, pagers, etc. off or on silent. If phone is required for medical reasons, ringer must be turned to silent. There will be no phone use during any presentations. Respect and courtesy of presenters and conference activities are expected. There will be appropriate times for social media posts, etc.

PROPERTY DAMAGE: Intentional damage or theft of hotel or personal property is strictly prohibited. Disciplinary action will include financial remuneration for such damage or theft and removal from event.

SAFETY: Nametags must be worn throughout conference. Masks are encouraged. All conference participants must stay within designated hotel and activity areas. Advisors must be informed of student locations throughout conference. Absolutely **NO WEAPONS** of any kind are allowed on the premises by students or adults. Any student found with a weapon will be removed from the conference immediately and will be reported to the police.

SMOKING: This is a **no smoking** conference and underage smoking, including vaping, will not be permitted. Smoking of cigarettes, pipes, cigars, vaper pens, e-cigs, etc. by adults, is **not** permitted inside any facilities or rooms.

USE OF ALCOHOL OR OTHER DRUGS: Any participant found to be under the influence of or in possession of alcoholic beverages or other drugs, will be immediately removed from the conference. This includes any adult, speaker or conference guest. Use of any substance for medical purposes must be approved by their advisor or conference staff.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

An offending student's advisor will be involved in disciplinary decisions; however, the discipline committee and conference coordinator will take final action. Disciplinary actions depending on the severity may include and are not limited to: Verbal reprimands; Time Outs; and/or Dismissal from the event. Depending on the severity of the event parents and/or school principals will be notified.

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