

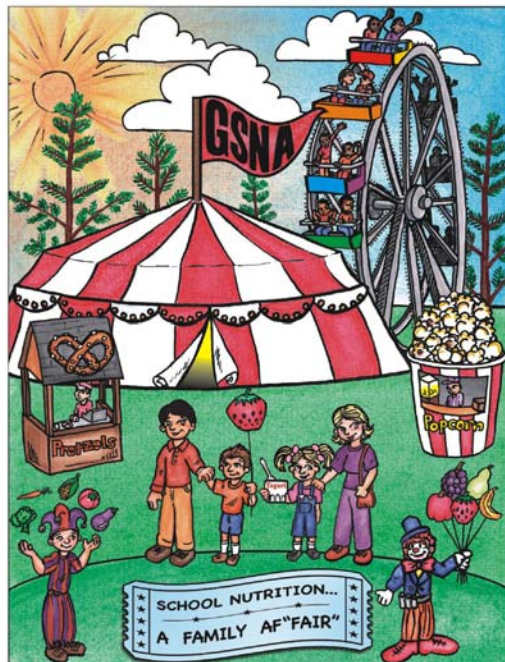


**Georgia School
Nutrition Association**

*Building Healthy Children,
Ready to Learn*

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GSNA Headquarters' News July 2009

A monthly newsletter from Georgia School Nutrition Association Headquarters
2372 Main St., Tucker, GA 30084 www.gsfsa.com

Mission: The mission of Georgia School Nutrition Association is to advance the availability, quality and acceptance of school nutrition programs as an integral part of education.



MESSAGE FROM GSNA 2009-2010 PRESIDENT TERESA STEVENSON

Hello GSNA "family" members:

I hope this newsletter finds you still enjoying your summer break and getting ready to celebrate the 4th of July with your family and friends.

As you are getting the grill all fired up for those delicious ribs and getting ready for the wonderful fireworks display in your community, let's all remember as we gather the family around for this celebration, the meal is always about more than just the food. No matter how good the food is, and I am sure it is always good, it's the closeness of family that matters the most. The meal isn't only about what you eat; it's also about who you are with. The 4th of July family picnic, family reunion or just the gathering of friends is a ritual that celebrates history and tradition and is a chance for us to connect, to strengthen bonds and most of all, give us a chance to give thanks for the love of friends and precious family members, young and old.

Enjoy good, happy energy at family gatherings and have lots of laughing, joking and lively conversations. We are all on-the-go juggling different schedules, but this time together should give us the opportunity to catch up, listen, share good news and help each other sort through any difficulties and to teach our children what it means to connect as a family. We need to strengthen our family ties with these lively conversations.

So after the meal has been served and the dishes are done, gather up everyone and get your game on. Take togetherness to an active new level and have fun while you are doing it. Bike, go for a walk or get that family softball game started. When the focus is on what you are doing or seeing, conversation and laughter comes naturally. It is an energizing, no-pressure way to share time together and the rewards are many. Not only does it burn calories, but it also models healthy behavior.

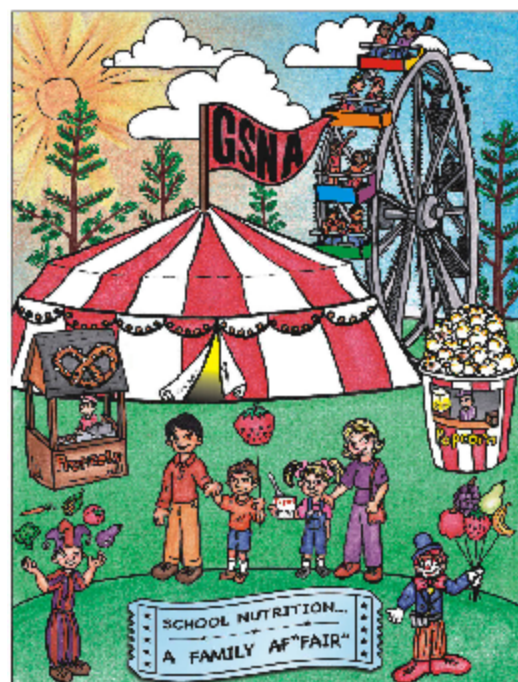
Studies show that eating together and finding time to carry on family conversations, can have a major impact on a family's well being. Not only does it help children have better academic performance, but they develop better language skills and conversation etiquette, such as listening without interrupting. But perhaps the most persuasive reason is the positive effect it has on teenagers. Teens who dine with their families five times or more each week are less likely to get involved with drugs or alcohol.

So even when our family member's schedules begin to get more complicated and we find ourselves running in many different directions, make it a priority to enjoy meals and conversation time together.

Enjoy your 4th of July and your family!!

Teresa Stevenson

Teresa Stevenson, GSNA President 2009-2010



DATES & DEADLINES

AUGUST

- 1 GSNA “Two for One” membership drive begins
- 29 Deadline for Media Award Nominations

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Fall Scholarship and Grant-in-Aid applications due
- 11 GSNA Executive Committee, Foundation and Board Meetings, Macon
- 12 GSNA Committee Days, Macon
- 24 GSNA Kick-Off Luncheon, Macon Centreplex
- 30 GSNA CROP Show - The Classic Center, Athens

OCTOBER

- 1 GSNA Affiliation applications due
- 1 Deadline for submitting names to GSNA Nominating Committee for GSNA ballot
- 12-16 National School Lunch Week: “All Star School Lunch”
- 20-21 GSNA Manager’s Retreat, Lake Blackshear, Cordele
- 31 GSNA “Two for One” membership campaign ends

DECEMBER

- 4 GSN Foundation contributions must be postmarked to headquarters
- 4 Legislative Contributions must be postmarked to headquarters

GSNA IS LOOKING FOR LEADERS!

GSNA is looking for new leaders. If you know a school nutrition professional that would be a great leader, let GSNA know.

Please submit their names to the GSNA Nominating Committee.

All elected officers must be SNA certified or credentialed.

Please use the attached form to submit your “School Nutrition Leaders” name.

The deadline to submit names is October 1, 2009.

Membership Totals June 2009

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|-------------|------|
| District 1 | 448 |
| District 2 | 599 |
| District 3 | 585 |
| District 4 | 1221 |
| District 5 | 66 |
| District 6 | 1202 |
| District 7 | 1004 |
| District 8 | 728 |
| District 9 | 672 |
| District 10 | 477 |

Total - 7,002

Membership Totals May 2009

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|-------------|------|
| District 1 | 451 |
| District 2 | 597 |
| District 3 | 592 |
| District 4 | 1229 |
| District 5 | 68 |
| District 6 | 1221 |
| District 7 | 1024 |
| District 8 | 732 |
| District 9 | 670 |
| District 10 | 474 |

Total - 7,058

**GSN FOUNDATION
MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

Jo Marie Lombard

Janice Conley
John L. Fulbright - Akima Facilities Management, LLC
Leonard and Judith Cole
Marietta City School Nutrition Association
Martha Ann Tanner

Mary Ella Best

Cook County SFSA

**JOIN THE GSNA FAMILY!
“2 for 1” MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN**

The GSNA “Family” is growing! Please join us this year as we increase the size of the GSNA Family.

This year’s campaign applies to a new member joining with a current member or two new members joining together. The campaign runs August 1 – October 31, 2009.

“Two for One” is a Georgia campaign and applies to the Georgia portion of the membership dues only. For more information see the flyer included in this newsletter.

RECRUIT FOR LOOT

To participate in this campaign, simply recruit a new member, include your name on their membership application where it asks the question, “Who introduced you to SNA?”

Your name will be automatically entered into the “Recruit for Loot” drawing sponsored by GSNA. You will receive one entry for each new member you recruit.

The Recruit for Loot Campaign will run from August 1, 2009 – March 15, 2010.

**GSNA CROP SHOW - NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR!
September 30, 2009 - The Classic Center**

Please join GSNA for the 2009 CROP show in Athens. Gather useful information on Commodity Processing and visit approved and potential processors. The vendors will exhibit their processed products made from USDA commodity foods. These products are offered to Georgia school systems under the State Processing Program. You will be able to taste test items and receive information on product availability, nutrient content, servings per case, and guaranteed minimum.

The CROP show will take place on the morning GDOE School Nutrition Programs’s Directors Conference begins in Athens. This will save you travel time out of the office.

Please review the registration information attached to this newsletter.

SNA NEWS

SNA Membership Growth Award

Congratulations Georgia members! SNA has announced the year-end membership numbers and Georgia has won the Membership Growth Award in the 1001+ member division -- with 846 more members. Georgia membership in May 2008 was 5604 and had increased to 6450 by May 2009.

Thanks to everyone for such a great recruiting year and for helping to
“Build Membership in GSNA”.

SNA Certification Update - July 2009

As of August 1, 2009, the fees for SNA Certification will change.

The new fees for Annual Renewal are:

| | Level 1 Renewal | Level 2 Renewal | Level 3 Renewal |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Member | \$6 | \$7 | \$9 |
| Non-member | \$51 | \$61 | \$161 |

The new fees for Initial Certification are:

| | Level 1 Initial | Level 2 Initial | Level 3 Initial |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Member | \$12 | \$15 | \$25 |
| Non-member | \$57 | \$68 | \$175 |

SNA Headquarters is scheduled to move their office on August 28, 2009.

The new Headquarters address will be:
120 Waterfront Street, Suite#300, National Harbor, MD 20745

Membership renewals will still be sent to the SNA lockbox at:
PO Box 791004, Baltimore, MD 21279-1004

**Georgia School Nutrition Association
Announces the**

10th Annual State Commodity Food Processing

“Commodity Reprocessing on Parade” (CROP) Show 2009

**In Conjunction with
Georgia Department of Education School Nutrition Directors’
Conference**

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**The Classic Center Foundry Building
Empire, Willow & Oconee River Room**

Mark your calendars NOW for our annual CROP Show to be held at the Classic Center in Athens, Georgia. GSNA and the GDOE school nutrition staff invites all school nutrition personnel to view the latest in Commodity Processing at the show. The show will be held immediately prior to the School Nutrition Directors’ Conference. Feel free to bring others on your staff who you think will benefit from this opportunity.

You will be welcomed by approved and potential processors who will share their knowledge of end products made from USDA commodity foods and offered to Georgia school systems under the State Processing Program. You will be able to taste test items and explore information on product availability, nutrient content, servings per case and guaranteed minimum.

No registration fee required, but we do need to know who will be attending the show, so please return the attached form by September 25, 2009.

Tentative Agenda

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 8:00 am - 9:00 am | Registration |
| 9:00 am - 11:30 am | CROP Show Exhibits |

**CROP 2009 EXHIBITS
SCHOOL NUTRITION PERSONNEL
REGISTRATION FORM
September 30, 2009
The Classic Center Foundry Building
Athens, Georgia**

Please return by September 25, 2009 if you plan to attend the 2009 CROP Exhibits to:

Georgia School Nutrition Association
2372 Main Street
Tucker, GA 30084 or
Fax to: 770-934-8917

Registration for attending the exhibits will start at 8:00 a.m. The CROP Show will be from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Name _____

System _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Yes, I plan to attend the CROP Exhibits.

GSNA Two for One Membership Campaign

This year's campaign applies to a new member joining with a current member or two new members joining together.

August 1 – October 31, 2009

“Two for One” is a Georgia campaign and applies to the Georgia portion of the membership dues only.

To be eligible for this great membership promotion, please follow these guidelines:

1. **The two employees participating in the “Two for One” membership must join GSNA and SNA.** It can either be two new members joining together or a renewing and a new member joining together.
2. When participating in the “Two for One” promotion:
 - ◆ Both applications **MUST** be completely filled out and submitted together and marked “GA Two for One”.
 - ◆ The correct fee **must** be included with the applications; if the correct fee is not included the applications will be returned. This is very important! (See dues chart below.) The fees below are per member, not for both members.

◆ Dues chart by position



| New or Renewing Member's Job Title | GA dues as shown on application | GA Amount to submit when doing Two for One | SNA Dues as shown on application | Total amount due when doing Two for One | Total amount due when not doing Two for One |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Assistant | \$13.50 | \$7.50 | \$26.00 | \$33.50 | \$39.50 |
| Managers/Asst. Managers/Bookkeeper | \$16.50 | \$9.00 | \$28.00 | \$37.00 | \$44.50 |
| Directors/Coordinators/Supervisors | \$21.50 | \$11.50 | \$95.00 | \$106.50 | \$116.50 |

The 1/2 price discount only applies to the Georgia portion of the dues, not SNA dues nor the SNA \$1.50 processing fee included in the GA dues.

Members renewing/joining under the School District Owned Membership option do not qualify for Two for One.

Please remember that “Two for One” ends October 31, 2009.