

Jr. Beta 2016 Louisiana State Convention General Information

Dates: Wednesday, February 24 – Friday, February 26

Location: Cajundome, Lafayette

Lodging: Ramada Lafayette Conference Center, Lafayette, LA (337) 233-6815

Transport: Charter bus

Chaperones: Mrs. LeBlanc, Mrs. Growl, Mrs. Weeks and Mrs. Blanchard

Travel Times: We will leave from JBM at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday and return on Friday at approximately 4:00 p.m.

What to Wear: Wednesday – school uniform, Thursday- JBM Beta shirt, school-appropriate jeans, and closed-toe shoes; Friday- District Day Beta shirt, school-appropriate jeans and closed-toe shoes (**if you do not have the District Day shirt please add \$10 to your first payment**)

Due Date/Cost: The total cost of the trip will be **\$100.00**, and will be *due in two installments: \$50 deposit is due on December 17th and the final \$50 balance will be due on January 12th*. Your \$100 fee includes the cost of two hotel nights, convention registration, and a JBM Beta t-shirt (not the District Day shirt). The attached permission slip, medication form and your \$50 deposit must be turned in by **Thursday, December 17th**. **No late forms or payments will be accepted. Make checks payable to JB Martin.** Forms and money should be placed in an envelope with the student's name on the front. Please note that students will also be responsible for bringing money to pay for 4 meals while they are at convention, 2 lunches and 2 dinners.

Who is eligible to go to Convention? PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

- Jr. Beta members in good standing (not on probation).

OR

- Members who are currently on probation for the first 9-weeks MAY be able to attend *if their grades are all A's and B's AND they turn in 3 service hours by the convention cutoff date of Monday, December 14th*. On that day a grade report will be run and service hour records will be checked. Any student already on probation who does not meet these **two** criteria will not be eligible to attend convention. Because of paperwork and logistical deadlines we are unable to wait until January's report cards to check grades to see who is off of probation. **December 14th will be the cutoff date for grades and service hours for determining eligibility for attending convention for those currently on probation. Grades will be checked again on report card day to ensure students still meet the criteria. No exceptions – please don't ask.**

Please note: In the event that a student on probation for the first 9-weeks has grades that were A's and B's on December 14th but then drop to one or more C's when report cards come out they will not be able to attend convention and only the hotel money can be returned (the registration and tshirt fees are **nonrefundable**.)

Jr. Beta Convention Expectations and Responsibilities

Beta members' responsibilities:

- Check with teachers about make-up work before leaving school. Students are responsible for all class assignments missed.
- Proper behavior and cooperation are expected at all times.
- Hotel rooms must be left in good order before leaving Friday morning.
- We encourage you to bring food to snack on in the bus and in the hotel.
- Bring personal money for food. (2 lunches and 2 dinners)
- No other purchases are required, but souvenirs, shirts, etc. will be available at the Cajundome.
- On the bus: Remain seated and relatively quiet. You may have music devices (with headphones only). Also, music must be appropriate. You may bring an appropriate DVD that may be viewed on the bus.
- Students are allowed to bring cell phones, but they will have to be powered off during the convention sessions. Any pictures taken during the trip must be used responsibly. You are a representative of J. B. Martin Middle School and anything you post during our trip should be school appropriate. Inappropriate use of technology will result in confiscation. We will follow JB Martin's technology policy.
- Remember you are packing for two nights.

At the Cajundome:

- JBM Beta Club sits together in our assigned seats. If you must leave the seating area, you must inform a sponsor. Always stay with a partner when away from the group.
- Music devices are not allowed in the Cajundome.
- Shorts are not allowed in the Cajundome.
- No gum, no hats.
- Rude behavior (not listening, using electronic devices, booing, talking during performances, etc.) will not be tolerated.

At the hotel:

- Stay in the room area assigned to JBM. If you must go to another area, you must have an adult with you.
- No boys in girls rooms and vice-versa.
- Curfew begins at 11:00 pm. No one is allowed to leave their room between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. You must be relatively quiet in the rooms (especially after curfew).

Reminders:

- All luggage may be searched before we load the bus. If any inappropriate items are found, you will not be allowed to come on the trip.
- ***The discipline policies of J.B. Martin will be in effect throughout the trip.***

Jr. Beta Club State Convention Itinerary

February 24-26, 2016

Wednesday:

- Depart J. B. Martin Middle at 2:00 PM
- Arrive at Cajun Dome around 5:30 (we will stop to eat dinner in Lafayette)
- Speech competition and Group Talent Preliminaries are at 6:30
- Check into hotel (Ramada Lafayette Conference Center) after competitions
- Curfew is at 11:00 PM

Thursday:

- Students will come down for breakfast at the hotel by 8:30 AM
- Leave hotel for Cajundome at 9:00
- Drop off Arts, Crafts, Banner and Scrapbook before 10:00
- First *General Session* begins at 10:15
- Language Arts and Poetry competitions are at 10:30
- Students will eat lunch at the Cajundome at 12:30 PM
- Math and Spelling competitions are at 1:45
- Second *General Session* begins at 2:30
- Group Talent Finalists compete during the 2:30 session
- Science and Social Studies competitions are at 3:30
- Pick up Arts, Crafts, Banner and Scrapbook between 5:00 and 6:30
- Leave Cajundome for Acadiana Mall to eat dinner and shop (6:00 - 9:00)
- Go back to hotel (9:00)
- Curfew is at 11:00 PM

Friday:

- Students will come down to eat breakfast at the hotel by 8:00 AM
- Leave hotel for Cajundome at 8:30
 - *Students must be packed and will check out of hotel room
- Sponsors have a meeting and breakfast at 9:00
- Third *General Session* begins at 10:30
- Book Battle competition is at 10:30
- 1:00 PM: Adjourned and leave to return home
 - * Stop for lunch along the way (Fast Food)
- Return to JB Martin, approximately 4:00 PM
 - *Students will call with final arrival time

Competitions Completed at State

Academics: ELA/Science/Social Studies/Math/Spelling (1 student each)

- 60 minute written test (all multiple choice)
- Winner determined by number of correct answers
- If there is a tie, winner is determined by who finished first
- Math: calculators are permitted

Poetry (1 student)

- Subject for poem assigned at beginning of competition
- No pre-written materials nor electronic devices
- Supply own Dictionary, Thesaurus and pen/pencil
- Limit 200 words—must record word count
- 60 minute time-limit

Competitions Completed Prior to State

Arts (clubs may enter 4 of the art categories)

**An individual may enter only one item per category; however, an individual may enter more than one category.

**Paintings and similar works should be matted or framed.

**In all three photography categories, the photograph must be original content. Photographs are to be no larger than 8" X 10"

- Sketching (pen, pencil, or ink)
- Painting (acrylics/oils)
- Watercolors
- Pastels/Charcoals
- Black & white photography
- Color photography
- Digitally enhanced photography - original photo must accompany enhanced photo for judging purposes
- Sculpture

Crafts (clubs may enter 4 of the craft categories)

**An individual may enter only one item per category; however, an individual may enter more than one category. Schools are limited to one entry per category.

- Handmade jewelry
- Quilting
- Cross-stitch (must follow theme: Let the Beta Times Roll)
- Recyclable art
- Woodworking
- Wreath (must follow theme: Let the Beta Times Roll)

Essay (1 student)

- Must be turned in by Monday, January 4th
- Subject: Let the Beta Times Roll
- Typed, double-spaced
- 600-1,000 words (with word count on page at bottom)
- Bibliography
- Title page

Scrapbook (can be 1 student or a group of students)

- Theme: Let the Beta Times Roll
- Hardcover
- First page of scrapbook must contain the name of the school, city, and state
- Table of Contents
- Simple to handle
- Must not exceed 24" by 24" by 12"

Technology (can be 1 student or a group of students)

- Topic: Lead to Achieve
- Recommended formats are .wmv/.mov/.mp4
- Time limit: 2 minutes
- Production should have an array of different media (pictures, videos, and text)
- Must be uploaded before Convention
- Turn in by Monday, January 4th

2016 JB Martin Jr. Beta State Convention Permission Slip

_____ has my permission to attend the Junior Beta State Convention in Lafayette on February 24th – 26th. I have read the attached pages of guidelines and reviewed them with my child. I understand the eligibility requirements as outlined on page 1. I understand that the students will be traveling by chartered bus, and I must pick up my child by 4:00 pm on Friday, February 26th.

Please inform us of any special medication your child may be taking Wednesday, Thursday and Friday by completing the attached medical form. The sheet must be completed for all students. Parent signature is also needed on the medical sheet.

Tshirt size (please check one):

- _____ Adult small
- _____ Adult medium
- _____ Adult large
- _____ Adult extra-large

Using the attached competition sheet, please list at least 2 competitions you are interested in below (if you won at the District level, please list that first). Please remember that Technology entries and Essay entries are due on January 4th.

My top choice: _____

My second choice: _____

Parent/Guardian signature

Beta member's signature

Emergency Contact Phone #'s:

Return this signed permission slip, the signed medication form and your first \$50 payment to Mrs. LeBlanc, Mrs. Weeks, or Mrs. Growl by Thursday, December 17th. Late paperwork and money will not be accepted. Remember the probation grade and service hour cutoff date is December 14th as outlined on page 1. Make checks payable to JB Martin. Place forms and money in an envelope with student's name on front.

J.B. MARTIN MIDDLE SCHOOL
HEALTH INFORMATION FOR JR BETA CONVENTION
TO BE FILLED OUT BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

*Student Name: _____

*Please list any allergies that your child may have:

*If your child has allergies, does he/she have an Epi-Pen? Yes / No

*Does your child carry an Epi-Pen with him/her at all times or have one in the nurse's office at school? Yes / No

*Does your child have asthma? Yes / No

*Does your child carry a rescue inhaler with him/her at all times or have one in the nurse's office at school? Yes / No

*Please list any medications and dosages that your child takes daily or as needed and the condition in which the medication is taken for:

*Does your child require a special diet or have foods he/she must avoid? Yes / No

If yes, please list:

*Please list any other medical considerations that we should be aware of:

Name of parent or legal guardian (please print)

Signature of parent or legal guardian

Date

****This form must be filled out and signed for every student. The signed permission slip, signed medication form, and the \$50 deposit are due on Thursday, December 17th.****