

**NATASHA'S**

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**NATIONALS SURVIVAL  
GUIDE**

**SURVIVAL GUIDE TO:**  
**being a state president @Nats**



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# Introduction

Welcome to my comprehensive guide on how to lead as a State President at Nationals. I can tell you from personal experience that it can be really overwhelming whether it's your first time at Nationals or not. Depending on your state's situation this year, you may or may not have to be in charge of election-related events and/or spirit. For this reason, I am putting all major information related to both (+more) in this guide for you! Let's start off with a little packing list. Below I listed some essentials that you should be sure to pack.

- ✓ Notebook
- ✓ Pen
- ✓ Water Bottle
- ✓ Officer Pin
- ✓ Gavel (if you have one)
- ✓ State Banner (if your state has one)



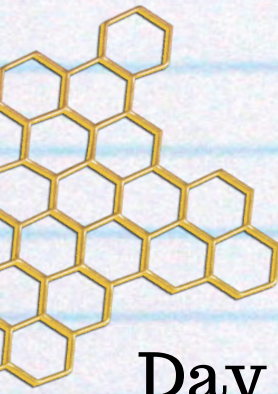
# Week at a Glance

Day 1 -  
July 26th


1. General Assembly (12:30pm)
2. Spirit Contest & Service Project  
Orientation (2:15pm)
3. Fellowship (10:15pm)

Day 2 -  
July 27th

1. Service Project (11:15am&4pm)
2. Spirit/General Assembly (1:45pm)
3. Nominations Committee\* (3:45pm)
4. State Officers Reception (8:30pm)
5. Fellowship (10:30pm)



Day 3 -  
July 28th

1. Meet the Candidates (10:30am)
  2. Service Project (1pm)
  3. Spirit/General Assembly (2:15pm)
  4. Constitutional Amendments  
Meeting\* (4:30pm)
  5. Fellowship (10:15pm)
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\*Two voting delegates from each state or province are required to attend. If only one delegate from a state or province is present, that delegate must attend.

# Week at a Glance

1. Service (9am [if needed] & 11am)
2. Open Forum\*\* (12:15pm)
3. Voting Fellowship (1:45pm)
4. Spirit/General Assembly (3:15pm)
5. That's Entertainment (8:15pm)
6. Fellowship (10:45pm)

Day 4 -  
July 29th

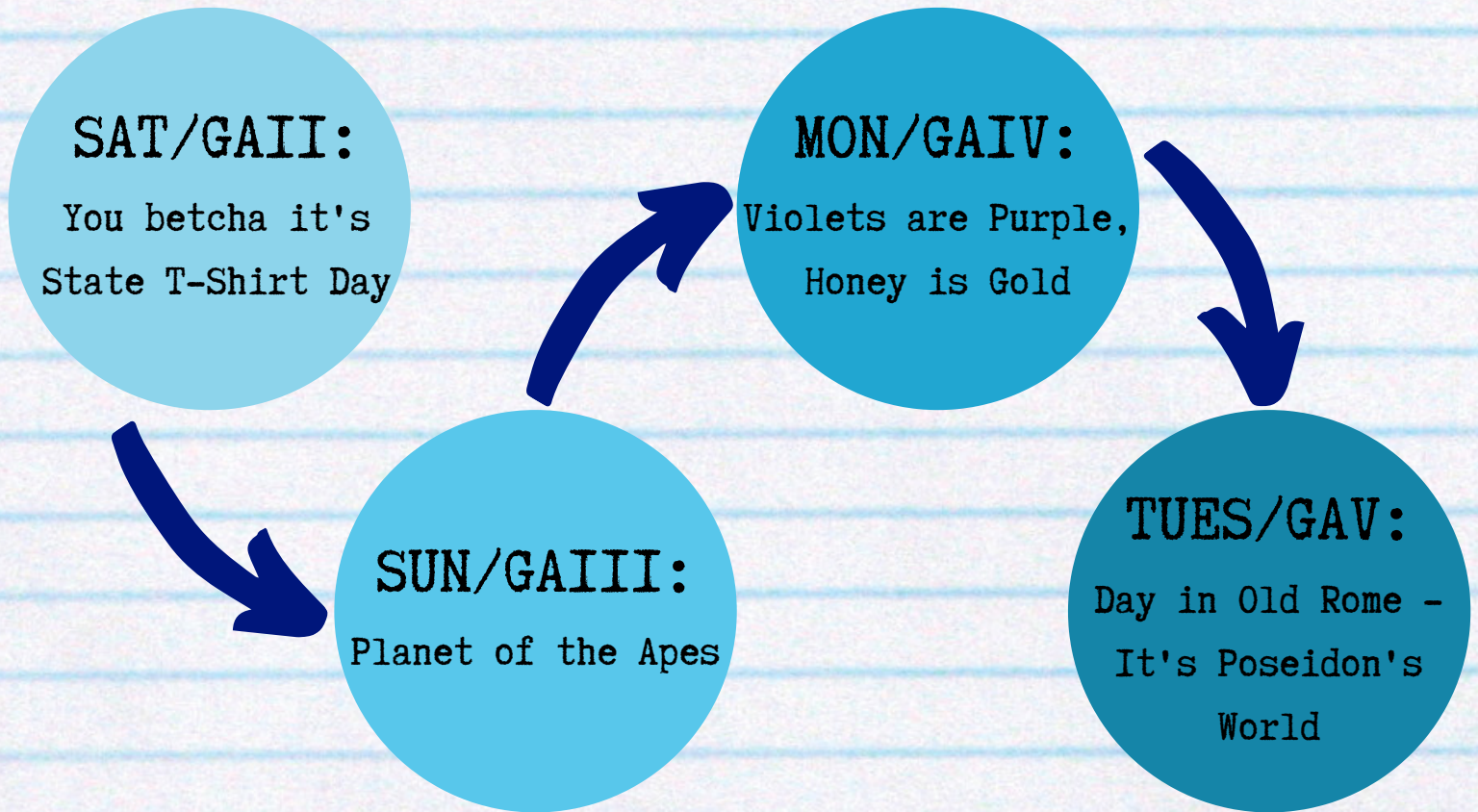
1. State Officers Workshops (1pm)
2. Service (1pm & 2:15pm)
3. Day in Old Rome Procession/General Assembly (3:45pm)
4. Fellowship (11:45pm)

Day 5 -  
July 30th

*You, as president, are not required to be at each of these events (any two people from your state can represent). However, it is VITAL that you discuss with your chairs and officers who will be attending so that you know which ones you need to be at.*

**\*\*Ten percent of each state's or province's delegation (minimum of two delegates unless one delegate from the state is present) and a state chair should attend.**

# SPIRIT!



## Some Rules...

Any type of misconduct or tasteless spirit displays will result in immediate disqualification. Such displays include: **discrediting another state or the JCL, noise makers** (except during roll call), and **distasteful attire**. Please note: **face paint and body paint** will not be allowed on any day.



# Roll Call & Spirit Cheers

Here are the official rules given by NJCL 2VP, Michaela Phan:

## *Themed Cheers*

Email themed cheers to [vp2@njcl.org](mailto:vp2@njcl.org) by midnight the day before each spirit day

- Include your state's name, the words to the cheer, and a video of it
- Videos can be only of one person.
- You can submit all the cheers at once as long as the theme is specified for each one

## *Roll Call*

{ in 45 seconds }

State Name  
Distance Travelled  
Method(s) of transportation  
# of JCLers  
# of SCLers  
# of Sponsors  
# of Chaperones  
# of Nat Officers (if any)  
# of Nat Committee members (if any)

Remember that delegates participating in roll call **CANNOT** wear shorts, short skirts, tank tops, etc. while on stage. If time limits are exceeded for roll call, a reduction in state points will result. Candidates cannot participate.



# Service



For the national service project, we will be collecting UNUNUSED spiral/composition notebooks and 2-pocket folders for the United Way of Cass-Clay and decorating inserts promoting the JCL in them. Make sure to collect as many as possible before Convention!



## TIPS

- Bring all of the donations on the first day
- Always bring as many people from your state to the service days - earn more spirit points!!



# Elections

The election for the next National Board is a HUGE deal. In just a couple days, candidates campaign day and night and it all culminates to the last GA where the new board is sworn in. I highly recommend that you attend all election-related events. Every event is the perfect opportunity to develop your opinion about the candidates. Below I have outlined each of the events and what happens there:

## Nominations Committee

This is where each prefiled candidate gives a speech outlining their campaign. Essentially, it's a first look at what is to come from them. At the conclusion of speeches, the number of candidates for each position is reduced to two candidates through means of voting. The Parliamentarian will provide instructions on how to vote during this event. The two delegates (or one) from your state will determine which two candidates they would like to see move forward in the race. Take notes!!

## Meet the Candidates

All of the candidates that made it past Nom Com now get to have one-on-one conversations. Here, anyone may approach the candidates to discuss their platform, ask questions, and get to know the person. Since the candidates are in one place, it's easy to talk to all of them. Encourage your fellow officers to talk to the candidates that correlate to their respective positions.

# Final Candidate Speeches

Candidates give a final speech in front of the entire JCL body. These speeches occur during the fourth GA. Here is my advice for these speeches:

- Pay attention to their goals and decide if they make them seem achievable
- Give some slack to the nervous candidates - it's scary being up there!!

# Open Forum\*

Prior to Open Forum, the Parliamentarian will ask you to submit questions to ask the candidates. Work with your delegation to make these questions.

During Open Forum, expect to hear a mix of questions prepared by the National Officers and submitted questions. Candidates will be put on the spot to answer various questions about being an officer, their goals, and a few silly questions, too. **THIS EVENT IS THE LAST EVENT FOR CAMPAIGNING.** \*Be sure to send 10% of your delegation

# Voting Fellowship

This is it! Campaigning has concluded and now it's time to vote. You and your state will meet in your normal fellowship room to begin your voting process. Each state does it differently - some work as a team to debate and decide and some have their officers take the lead. Please read my sample fellowship agenda for some guidance on how to lead this meeting.

Work quickly! Limit debate time because there is only so much time.

Shortly after, cast your ballot.

# Constitutional Amendment Meeting

Remember to send to the appropriate amount of delegates to the meeting and tell them to get comfortable! NJCL Parliamentarian, Layla Fistos, will present all of the edits she has made during her term. Delegates in attendance will vote whether her amendments can become official changes. Layla will read aloud the amendment and provide her rationale.



# Fellowship

Typically, fellowship is the time where the president wraps up the day for their delegation and preps them for the next day. Based off of the schedule of Convention and major events, here are sample fellowship agendas for each day!

## **Pre-Con/Thurs.**

- Tomorrow is the day to register for events! Please check your schedules for the appropriate location/time for your event registration.
- At 2:15pm, the Spirit Contest and Service Project Orientation is happening at MU Meadowlark. Anyone can ask questions regarding spirit and service.
- Take a look at the Colloquia that's available tomorrow. I encourage you to go to a session! This is prime opportunity to learn something from impressive, educated Classicists.
- Throughout this week, look at your schedule and plan your day. This enables you to take advantage of every activity possible!

## **Day 1/Fri.**

- Certamen registration tomorrow.
- At 3:45pm, the Nominations Committee Meeting will occur in the FARGODOME [Discuss Nom Com procedure and the election process]
- At 4pm, Service at MU Meadowlark
- [Discuss spirit plans]

## **Day 2/Sat.**

- At 10:30am, Meet the Candidates will happen at the MU Great Room [Explain what Meet the Candidates is and what happens during this]
- At 1pm, Service at MU Meadowlark
- [Discuss spirit plans]
- At 4:30pm, Constitutional Amendment Committee Meeting at the MU Century Theater

Please thoroughly review the outfits and props needed for spirit.

Discuss where you will meet and what they need to bring - especially if they need to go back to dorm beforehand.

Be sure to walk your JCLers through the election process. Use your guide for reference. By explaining how the election works, you encourage more participation and can get more opinions when it's time to vote.

## **Day 3/Sun.**

- At 9am, *possible* Service at MU Meadowlark & at 11am, Service at MU Meadowlark
- [Discuss spirit plans]
- At 12:15pm, Candidates Open Forum at FARGODOME [Explain what it is]
- Shortly after Open Forum, each of you need to come back here so we can commence the special voting fellowship.
- That's Entertainment is tomorrow. Dessert with the Roman Legion XX is before.

## **Day 4/Mon.**

- Awards ceremony for academics (8:45am), creative arts (8:20am), graphic arts (8am), and Olympika(9:30am) at FARGODOME
- [Discuss spirit plans & the **procession**]
- Go to the Old Rome dinner and activities after GA
- Tonight is the formal dance/final agora day/games, get changed! Don't wear inappropriate clothes.

## **Day 5/Tues.**

- Please pack tonight!!!! [Talk about departure plans. where to meet and what time. Make sure everyone sets alarms]

# Voting Fellowship

This is a really difficult fellowship. Simply said, there is not enough time to get all opinions across but it is your job to get in as many as possible before time is up. I recommend following this procedure so you maximize your time. Use a timer!

## **Day 3/Sun./Voting Fellowship (60min.)**

(5min) - Settle everyone down. Explain that you will allow for opinions but only a few due to time.

(7min x7) - Open the floor for people to voice their opinion. Give 7 minutes for each position and then move on.

(5min) - Finish! You can do this by a show of hands but finalize how many votes will go to each candidate\*\*\*.

## **Awarding Votes**

Assuming that the state or province has attended all of the events necessary, each state or province shall be allowed two votes. Those two votes can be put towards one candidate, split between the two candidates (or just one vote could be given in total), or given to no candidate. These two votes are allotted for each of the 7 positions. If there is only one voting delegate, the same rules apply but only 1 vote per position is given.