



SNA KANSAS KARRIER



Welcome to another exciting school year. We have some great events coming up.

You all are invited to our Annual Fall Conference October 6,7,8 in Topeka, Ks. Our committee has been busy little Bee's, working hard to get this year's program put together for you.

Come early, on Friday night we have a fun filled game night planned for all to enjoy. This is a great time to meet people and share your experience in School Nutrition with other professionals in our field. Who better understands, than a couple hundred crazy professional, just like us?

Saturday we're glad to offer a sold out Industry/Food Show. Lots of great things to see and taste.

Also during the day on Saturday, we will have breakout training sessions, with a total of 6 classes for you to choose from. Once again, we have quality trainers to provide you excellent instruction to benefit you personally and professionally.

School Nutrition is again the place to BEE...Saturday night with a dance party sponsored by Synergy. This was a big hit last year and will once again Bee a ton of Honey pot, fun.

Sunday morning it's back to business with breakfast and more SNA-KS sponsored events.

Add this all up, and you'll have a really great time with professionals that will help you re-energize and prepare for another year of great school Nutrition for thousands of students across Kansas.

SNA-KS brings all this to you at a terrifically low price tag as well. Registration is once again only \$70.00 for members.

We are offering a huge HOTEL SPECIAL OFFER: Book your rooms early for Friday and Saturday nights with 2 or more people and SNA-KS will reimburse you for one night's standard hotel room rate. What a DEAL!!

It's a Great Place to BEE for a Great Time with Great People and a Honey of a deal. Sweet times... Bee there. Register at www.sna-ks.org!

Sonny Perdue Addresses SNA Members and Holds Listening Session at ANC 2017

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue, addressed a crowd of over 7,000 school nutrition professionals during the Closing General Session on July 12, 2017 at SNA's Annual National Conference. The Secretary took the opportunity to recognize the many contributions of school nutrition professionals to students' academic achievement. He also joined in a listening session with SNA leaders—school nutrition professionals elected to represent the broad range of meal programs across the country. The event allowed Secretary Perdue to hear first-hand about successes and challenges encountered by those working on the frontlines to improve menus for students while meeting updated nutrition standards for meals and snacks. Perdue has invited Lynn Harvey, SNA's President-Elect, and her incoming board to come and meet with his team at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to give direct, specific advice on how to make the best rules going forward regarding school nutrition and school meals. [View SNA's full press release](#) and to watch the video of Secretary Perdue at ANC.

UPDATE! Ethics Course Pilot

The ethics piloting has been moved to August/September. There is still time to sign up to help SNA review its new online ethics module! Volunteers will be able to take the training course and provide feedback. Interested? Send an email to [educa-tion@schoolnutrition.org](mailto:education@schoolnutrition.org) with your contact information and we will let you know when and how to review this exciting new training.

New Food Allergy Resource Center for SNA Members

SNA's Food Allergy Resource Center for School Nutrition Professionals has launched! Find all the food allergy resources that you need in one place. From the Big 8 allergens that cause approximately 90% of food allergy reactions, to the Top 10 FAQs, this new resource center will help you find the information that you need to manage food allergies in your child nutrition programs. You can also submit questions to the allergy expert and your questions will be answered by food allergy experts and posted quarterly! Visit www.schoolnutrition.org/FoodAllergy.

WEBINAR WEDNESDAYS



“Fall” into Webinar Wednesdays this September!

It's back to school time again and SNA has the webinars you need! Don't miss out on the first webinar of the school year. The “Host a Legislator Site Visit” webinar will cover how bringing your legislator in for a behind-the-scenes look at the daily operation of your school cafeteria could make the difference in preventing block grants, preserving funding and expanding commodity support. Join experienced school nutrition advocates to get the scoop on how they hosted successful site visits. We'll wrap up with a walkthrough of the recently updated SNA Cafeteria Site Visit Toolkit – your guidebook providing step-by-step instructions of the invitation and hosting process. Registration for the September 6 webinar opens in August. Visit www.schoolnutrition.org/webinars to register for this webinar and others!



Regional Training Opportunities

Many of you have expressed the need for quality training at a local level. SNA-KS has access to many Training formats that can meet the training needs for your area. We have teamed up with qualified partners to bring training classes to you.

In our SNA-KS House of Delegates meeting, a commitment was made to make regional training programs a priority across the state. To meet this need, we need You. We need you to supply information. What would you like in the form of training? Where in your region can we hold the training classes? We need a “Host”. And, when is a good time for your regional area to get together.

SNA-KS will contact our affiliates and develop the training course to match those needs. We have partnered with K-State, KSDE, Institute of Child Nutrition, we also have a few talented trainers of our own. All of these groups have done training in regional training classes for us in the past year or two.

You are the most important part of SNA. Please discuss Regional Training from SNA with your Managers, Supervisors and Directors. The School Nutrition Regional Education Opportunities will be discussed at our Fall Conference. Be prepared to put your name in the box for one of these fun and educational events.

Public Policy Committee

We have a committee called Public Policy and Legislation, or PP&L for short.

This is one of the most important parts of our organization. This group of members goes to Washington DC and visits with our Senators and Congresspersons on our behalf.

I was part of this assembly last year. What an amazing experience. I must admit, I got a bit carried away advocating for my political views on what we were representing. It's clear that not everyone has the same opinions on the same topics, but everyone is passionate about their views.

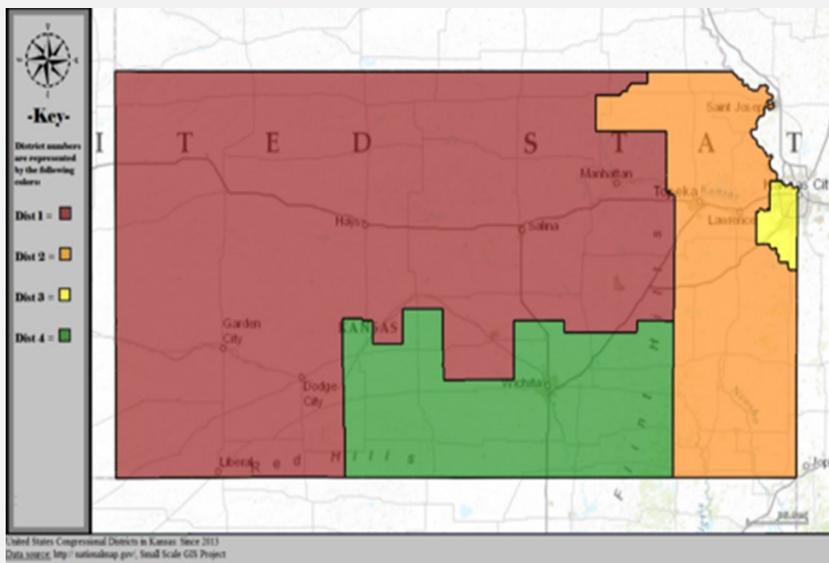
I am glad and proud to say, that in the end our views were heard and Senator Roberts and Sonny Perdue, signed into action, programs that were a directly aligned and in support for what we were asking of them. Seeing this in action and being a part of the process was an amazing experience.

Cindy Jones has been the committee chair representing our state for a long time. She is now moving on to the National SNA Political Committee. Cindy is co-chairing our committee this year with Steve Newman. Cindy is teaching Steve the process that she has perfected over the years. I'm sure Steve will do a great job moving forward.

We owe Cindy a great debt of gratitude for her dedication and outstanding performance in representing our association over the years. Cindy has gone to great lengths to ensure that she understands our state issues. She represents those fairly and with consideration for the complexity of all our different types, sizes and complicity of our district programs.

Below is a map of our State Congressional Districts. You will notice that there are 4 Districts. SNA-KS currently has representation for just one congressional district. The Yellow, Kansas City metropolitan area.

It is our goal to have our entire state represented in the political process. There are many things that do or should happen at local levels that are opportunities to advocate for our School meal programs. We are asking for YOU to consider joining the process and becoming politically active in behalf of the people and programs in your geographic area.



We would like to have at least one person from each area to represent our members. Cindy and Steve would love to build a grass roots program that involves all our members in advocating for good school nutrition programs. We need you to help get us on track with statewide political participation.

We will be talking about this at our Fall State SNA-KS conference on October. This is another great way for you to serve with great people doing great things for our great organization.

See you at Fall Conference!

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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE TOP 10...

- 1** Free webinars on pertinent topics like food safety, food allergies and procurement
- 2** Tools to help you meet and track USDA's Professional Standards requirements for yourself and your staff
- 3** Educational conferences tailored to *your* needs and professional standards
- 4** Marketing tools to promote your programs to parents, students and the school community
- 5** Legislative and advocacy efforts
- 6** Certificate and credentialing programs for you and your team to grow professionally
- 7** Relationship building with key stakeholders and industry representatives
- 8** Professional development scholarships for you and your team
- 9** A subscription to SNA's award winning magazine, *School Nutrition*
- 10** Access to the latest news and issues from the SNA website and daily e-newsletter, *SNA SmartBrief*

Belonging to the School Nutrition Association is a smart investment in your program *and* your career.

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