

SEMOSCA

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI
SCHOOL COUNSELOR
ASSOCIATION

SEMOSCA 2008-2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 6th, 7th	Leadership Development Conference (TanTarA)
September 9th	SEMOSCA Governing Board (Pagoda) - 5:30 p.m.
September 19th	SEMOSCA Meeting at Southeast (University Center)
November 2nd - 4th	MSCA Fall Conference (TanTarA)
November 20th	SEMOSCA Meeting (Dexter Hickory Log) - 4:30 p.m.
January 29th	SEMOSCA Meeting (Jackson KC) - 5:30 p.m.
February 2nd - 6th	School Counselor Week
March 2nd	SEMOSCA Meeting (Cape CTC) - 5:30 p.m.
March 6th	MSCA Spring Conference

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Deadline for Submission for the November Newsletter is October 31st.

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WHY ARE WE HERE?

Brenda Etzold - SEMOSCA President

Why are we here as school counselors? Why do schools have counselors? We know how valuable school counselors are, because we know how busy we are, how much we accomplish in a day, and how many kids we connect with. Parents and students don't see the details of our job. They don't see us enrolling new students; scheduling subjects and students in our student information system; organizing state testing; writing the counseling curriculum; doing special education or 504 paperwork; or any of the many other student services duties that we get assigned to take care of. What they do see, is whether or not we care enough to help students be successful. The kids can feel it when the adults in their school really care about them. Remember the phrase, "No one cares how much you know, unless they know how much you care." Let's all make a commitment this year to make every student feel like they belong, like we are glad that they are in our school, like they are capable of learning. After all, that's why we're here.

Why are we here as members of SEMOSCA? We have all joined a profession in which we are part of a small community. Almost all of us work in a building with only one or two counselors. Whether we work for a large or a small school district, few people really know how demanding our job is. SEMOSCA gives us a chance to meet and visit with counselors who work in similar size districts and with similar grade levels. That's what makes SEMOSCA meetings fun to attend. We have four meetings per year, and we would love to see you at each one!

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Helen Hensley

Hope everyone had a great summer break and were able to relax. As expenses incur during the year, just send me the receipt and I will reimburse you if you have to cover something. If you know in advance about an upcoming cost, let me know and I will get you a check.

I will be collecting dues at the September 19th meeting. Please include your dues to SEMOSCA and MSCA in one check. I will have membership forms or you can get one from our website. I look forward to seeing you all in September!

NEWSLETTER BRIEFS

- Silent Auction - SEMOSCA would like to put together some baskets from the Southeast District. Please try to bring to the Sept. meeting a donation that would be "Made in Southeast Missouri" or "Puttin' on the Glitz - A Night on the Town." If a club at your school would like to assemble a basket and donate, please encourage them to do so in order for you to take it to MSCA Fall Conference.

- We need members to be thinking about and working towards being in leadership positions both in SEMOSCA and MSCA. If you will go to the MSCA website, you will see information about the Leadership Development Conference that will be held in early Sept. SEMOSCA will reimburse your \$30 conference fee and I believe there will be other SEMOSCA folks with whom you can carpool, share a room, etc. If you are interested in a committee position on SEMOSCA Gov. Bd., please contact Brenda Etzold at betzold@jackson.k12.mo.us

Future Newsletter Deadlines

October 31

January 8

February 9

LEVEL SHARING AT THE FALL MEETING

**Janine Mayberry
Middle School
Vice-President**

One of the more informative components of the SEMOSCA Fall meeting is the time dedicated for Level Sharing. Each Vice President meets with counselors to discuss issues that are specific to their grades. It is an opportunity to share best practices, new policies, new state requirements and overall connecting with others that are in the same boat. Some of the best information can be obtained by asking those who have "been there and done that". On behalf of all the VP's, we look forward to seeing you on September 19.

Southeast Missouri School Counselor Association Fall Meeting

Sponsored by Southeast Missouri State University

Friday, September 19, 2008

University Center

8:15-9:00 a.m.	Registration	UC Ballroom 4 th Floor
8:30-9:00 a.m.	New counselor workshop	Riverboat Room
9:15-10:45 a.m.	Level sharing	
	▪ Elementary	Missouriana Room
	▪ Middle School	Program Lounge
	▪ Secondary	Indian Room
	▪ Multi-level K-12	University Room
	▪ Retired Counselors	Board Room
10:45-11:00 a.m.	Break	
11:00-11:45 a.m.	Business meeting	Party Room
11:45 a.m.	Lunch	UC Ballroom
1:00 p.m.	Mentoring Training (for mentors and protégés working with Dr. Ward) (afternoon parking passes will be available at registration)	Scully 307

RSVP Information

RSVP for the meal to Sherri Scherer at sscherer@cpsi18.org or 573-333-6100 ext. 292 by September 11, 2008. Southeast has requested that if you have special dietary needs, please let Sherri know when you RSVP.

Southeast will have preprinted name tags available if you provide Sherri with your name and school when you RSVP.

Please contact Sherri 24 hours before the meeting if you find that you will not be able to attend or stay for the meal after registering.

SEMOSCA Membership definitions:

Professional Membership – to be eligible for professional membership, an individual shall:

1. Be engaged in school guidance work or in the training, preparation. Or supervision of counselors and have at least 50 percent of his/her time devoted to these activities.
2. Be fully certified as a professional school counselor by the Missouri DESE as having attained the specific requirements for the guidance position they hold.

Regular Membership – To be eligible for regular membership, an individual shall:

1. Be engaged in school guidance work or in the training, preparation. Or supervision of counselors and have at least 50 percent of his/her time devoted to these activities OR
2. Be fully certified by the Missouri DESE, but not currently employed as a school counselor.

Student Membership – Students who are in training and preparation for guidance work, but not currently employed as a professional

school counselor, shall be eligible for student membership upon presenting a statement from their major advisor. Student members shall be entitled to a 50 percent reduction in dues.

Emeritus Membership – To be eligible for emeritus membership, an individual shall:

1. Have held membership in the Association for 10 years.
2. Be retired
3. Make application annually

Affiliate Membership – any person interest in counseling, but not eligible for any other type of membership may become an affiliate member upon approval of the Governing Board.

Sustaining Membership - Any organization desiring to contribute to the support of the activities of the Association may seek an annual sustaining membership upon payment of the prescribed fee, and approval of the Governing Board.

Southeast Missouri School Counselor Association Membership Form

For Membership from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

Name _____ Date _____

Employment

School Building or Agency Name _____ School District _____

Street Address _____ Area Code Tel.No. Ext _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

School email: _____

Residence

Street Address _____ Area Code Tel. No. Ext _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Home email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Directories will be emailed—your email address is needed for you to receive this service.

******* All mailings will be sent to your school address unless you indicate a preference for mailing to be sent to your residence by checking here.**

Membership in	Position	Membership Type	Level
<input type="checkbox"/> ACA	<input type="checkbox"/> Counselor	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional	<input type="checkbox"/> Elementary
<input type="checkbox"/> ASCA	<input type="checkbox"/> Instruction	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	<input type="checkbox"/> Middle/Junior
<input type="checkbox"/> ACAM	<input type="checkbox"/> Administration	<input type="checkbox"/> Student	<input type="checkbox"/> High School/Sec.
<input type="checkbox"/> ACTE	<input type="checkbox"/> Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Emeritus	<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Level – levels _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Placement Coord.
<input type="checkbox"/> MO-ACTE	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Affiliate	<input type="checkbox"/> Post Secondary
<input type="checkbox"/> MSTA	Specify _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Business
<input type="checkbox"/> MNEA			<input type="checkbox"/> Agency

Check one: New Membership
 Renewal - How many years do you believe you have been a member? _____

Check one: Check
 Cash

***One check can be written to SEMOSCA for dues to both organizations (\$65).**

Dues: To Join Southeast Missouri School Counselor Association SEMOSCA	(\$15)	
Dues: To Join Missouri School Counselor Association MSCA	(\$50)	
Total Dues Paid:		

Make Check Payable To: Southeast Missouri School Counselor Association
Mail To: Helen Hensley, Kindergarten Center OR Bring to SEMOSCA meeting
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Sikeston, MO, 63801