

The countdown to the Illinois PTA Convention 2020 is on!

When: April 24th from 8 am–6:30 pm and April 25th from 8-ish–2:30 pm

Where: NIU Naperville campus
1120 E. Diehl Rd, Naperville, IL 60563

Why NOT: We are all busy, we're working, we have carpool duty and Saturday is family time—These are all great reasons why you cannot come but...

Why SHOULD you come:

- **Useful WORKSHOPS:** Barb and Jeanette are leading a game of BINGO to show participants where the important sections of your bylaws are. Have a quick resource to get at exactly what you need to find in that jumbo legal document we call the bylaws! Tired of school dances and fund raising? Learn about Advocacy, the real meaning behind our organization. How to be a voice for our kids, all kids. Workshops on teens and marijuana, membership outreach, PTA financials, and Family Fun Programs...the list keeps going.
- **Free MEMBERHUB TRAINING**—Even if you don't register to attend the business meeting, MemberHub will be in a computer lab leading 2 different levels of training. More details about the timing to come..
- **Inspirational EXHIBITOR LOBBY**—Whether you stay for the business or simply crash convention for the MemberHub training, don't miss a stroll through the exhibitor lobby. You may find your new fundraising or program idea or just win a drawing.
- **It's just a SHORT DRIVE AWAY**—This is as close as the annual convention gets to us. Make this the year you check it out.
- **Get members EXCITED**—Is your PTA settling into winter doldrums soon to be followed by can't-wait-to-finish-the-school-year-fever? This is the spark that your officers and future leadership need. Offer to get a carpool going. If your nominating committee has some "maybe" candidates encourage them to check out convention to learn about the position before they are elected and to meet others from around the state with experience or questions.
- **Your VOTE MATTERS**—This is the only general membership meeting of the Illinois PTA. This is where business such as updates to the training program are voted on. This is when/where we elect our organization's leaders.



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President Kristin Kramer and our own Northwest Cook Region's Barb Quinn and Jeanette Harris are getting ready for convention blast off!

Get your nominations in!

March 1st is the AWARD APPLICATION DEADLINE for Administrator of the Year, Teacher of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, and Youth Leader of the Year. The award winners will be recognized at convention on Saturday.

Attention Early Bird Membership Challenge winners!

Kimball Hill and Dryden (alternates Churchill and Thomas)—please plan to send someone to convention (any PTA member, doesn't have to be the president). You earned it! Must be registered by April 4th to qualify for the early bird rate.

Keynote speaker

The keynote speaker is Dagmar Kauffman, our speaker from the Region's annual meeting at the Cotillion last October. Remember, praise the person, not the performance.

Schedule notes:

- Our region caucus will be on Friday during the lunch. Jeanette will try to get all your questions answered regarding the business session at 3:30.
- Friday from 8-10 PM we will be having some fun at the Main Event. Cost is \$15 for two hours and includes bowling (shoes included), billiards, laser tag and gravity ropes.