



**Mu Alpha Theta
National Convention 2010**

Come join us for the 40th annual Mu Alpha Theta National Convention in the Washington DC area July 25-30, 2010. Hosts are:

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Competitors

All competitors must be Full or Associate members of Mu Alpha Theta.

Competitions

The convention will include many competitions. Please see competitions pages for all competitions offered. Each school is invited to bring competitors in **Mu (Calculus), Alpha (Pre-Calculus), and Theta (Algebra II/Geometry) divisions**. The division students will compete in is determined by the math course they are enrolled in as of May 15, 2010.

Registration Fees

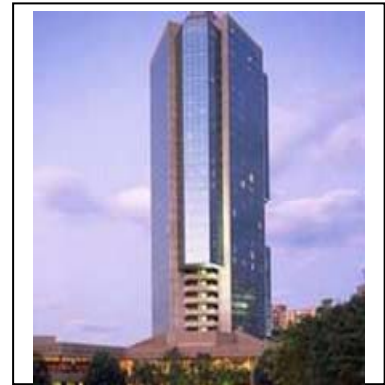
The fee is \$625 per participant pre-registered by April 1 with a \$50 non-refundable deposit - additional \$575 must be postmarked no later than May 15.

After April 1, the registration fee will be \$675 for all attendees who were not pre-registered. The full payment must be postmarked no later than May 15. The registration fee includes convention activities, t-shirt, and most meals (see schedule). Single rooms for sponsors are available at an additional cost of \$530.



Hilton

Alexandria Mark Center



For website, type *Hilton Alexandria Mark Center* in your browser.

As was done in Knoxville at the 2009 convention, there will be a digital picture presentation of the chapter's banner or a chapter photograph, instead of a banner display at Opening Ceremonies. Send your digital picture to Brandi Williams Hillard at brandi.hillard@indianriverschools.org no later than June 1.

1. Informational packet (This is it)
2. Competition
3. Forms (you will mail to us) packet

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REGISTRATION DUE DATES	
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ITEM	DUE DATE
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION	POSTMARK APRIL 1, 2010
FINAL REGISTRATION	POSTMARK MAY 15, 2010
FINAL DATE FOR ALL PARTICIPANT INFORMATION	ONLINE MAY 15, 2010
MEDICAL FORM/STUDENT PARTICIPATION FORM	POSTMARK JUNE 1, 2010
TRAVEL INFORMATION	ONLINE JUNE 1, 2010
BANNER DIGITAL PHOTO	EMAIL JUNE 1, 2010

Registration

There are **3** components for registering all participants for the convention.

1. Fill out the **pre-registration form** and send this with a check paying \$50 per participant by April 1. Schools not paying in full on the pre-registration form will need to send **final payment** with the **registration form** by May 15.
2. All participant **information must be inputted online** at www.mualphatheta.org.
 - ❖ This site will be available beginning January 14, 2010.
 - ❖ From the list of MAΘ full and associate members from your school, you will put a check mark by the student attending, and enter that student's division, sex, vegetarian, t-shirt size.
 - ❖ You will need to do the same for sponsors/chaperones.
 - ❖ Following the tabs at the top of the screen you will need to enter transportation information, room assignments, tests – topic, chalk talk, and other competitions.
 - ❖ Sponsors/chaperones will need to input their choice of duties.
3. **Medical forms/Participation forms** must be completed for each competitor and sponsor/chaperone and mailed to Brandi Williams Hillard at 1315 SW 20th Ct., Vero Beach, FL 32962. Forms must be notarized, and a copy of the medical/health card must be attached. Sponsors may want to keep a copy of these forms to carry while traveling.

Accommodations

All accommodations for students will be 4 to a room. Additional nights will be available three nights before and after the convention at \$139/room per night plus tax and fees. Sponsors will need to call the Hilton and make reservations for additional nights. Be sure to mention you're with MAΘ. Sponsors preferring a single room will have an additional fee of \$530.

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Transportation

The Hilton provides free shuttle service from Washington National Airport every day from 6:30 am until 11:00 pm. The airport shuttle leaves the airport every 30 minutes. Large groups may be transported by a private service provided by the convention. Frank Caballero will be at the airport on July 25 to direct you to the bus/shuttle. Departing schools will be shuttled to the airport on July 30 from 6:30 am until noon. If you are leaving after 12:00 pm, you will need to make arrangements with the hotel shuttle for transportation to the airport. Schools arriving/departing on other dates or other times may still use the hotel shuttle but need to make arrangements on their own by calling ahead to let them know how many are in your group and your arrival time. The hotel shuttle runs at specific times. Be sure to call ahead. If you need transportation from another hotel or airport, you will need to make your own arrangements.

Sponsor/Chaperone Duties

All sponsors/chaperones will be expected to help with competitions and activities at the convention. Sponsors may input online the duties they would prefer to participate in while at the convention. If no information is input or too many apply for the same duties, you will be assigned where we have needs. Also, sponsor's and National Committee meetings will be held during the convention. Please make sure at least one sponsor from your school attends each meeting.

Parking

For schools driving to the convention in cars or busses, there is sufficient room for parking. The parking fee for cars of those attending the convention is \$4.50 per night. For those who come in for daily parking only, the fee is \$9.00. Free bus parking is available on Mark Center Drive.

Excursion – A Day in Washington DC

All participants will be shuttled to the DC Mall. From there, you can go anywhere in Washington DC or visit the numerous museums there. Plan your destinations ahead of time. **On page 4 you will find information on planning your sightseeing trip in our nation's capital** and for lunch and dinner on your own.

During the excursion to DC, there will be a digital camera contest which is part of the Interschool Test. So remember to bring your cameras. Only one camera or card per school can be submitted. More information on this in the spring.

Arriving Early Or Leaving Late?

Call the hotel to make your own reservations and ask about the shuttle from National Airport to the hotel. There is also a free hotel shuttle to Old Town Alexandria and Metro station – ask for the times – and one to the Metro station at the Pentagon City Mall – a 3 story mall and food court. If you take either of these trips, be sure to ask where the shuttle will pick you up and the times it will return.

Copies of Results and Tests – These will be given to you on a flash drive. If you want to view these before you return home, you will need a laptop computer to view the files.

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EXCURSION INFORMATION ON PLANNING YOUR TRIP AROUND WASHINGTON DC

Maps and Information

Washington DC Official Visitors Guide at Washington.org

Free visitors guide to the Smithsonian Museums: www.gosmithsonian.com

Alexandria Official Visitors Guide: TheFunSideofthePotomac.com (800) 388-9119

Another Visitors Guide: vgnet.com

Alexandria Colonial Tours: alexcolonialtours.com

Washington, DC

Public Transit

Washington Metro (202)962-1576 wmata.com or metroopensdoors.com

Sightseeing Tours

All About Town, Inc. allabouttown.com

All Events majesticlimoservice.com

Washington Tour Guide washingtontourguide.com

Bike the Sites bikethestites.com

C & O Canal Boat Rides (202) 653-5190

Capitol River Cruises washington-dc-tours.com

City Scooter Tours cityscootertours.com

DC Ducks historictours.com

Washington Photo Safari washingtonphotosafari.com

Grayline Tours graylinedc.com

While visiting DC, you will be on your own for lunch and dinner.

1. Museum dining is available from 10 or 11 am through 7 pm. Check first before planning on dining at one of these.
2. Food is also available in the Capitol, Senate and House office building and the Sculpture Garden on the Mall for lunch only. Check before going.
3. There is a big food court in Union Station that is open until 9 pm.
4. There are also restaurants and fast food restaurants in DC.
5. A GPS would be a great item to have while on the excursion.

Metrorail offers safe and convenient subway transportation to most of the major attractions in the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area. The Metro subway system consists of five color coded rail lines: red, blue, green, orange and yellow. Alexandria is serviced by four convenient Metro stations: King Street (blue and yellow lines), Braddock Road (blue and yellow lines), Eisenhower Avenue (yellow line), Van Dorn (blue line).

Metro station entrances are marked by tall brown pylons topped by a large capital "M" as well as bands of color indicating the lines that are available at that station. All Metro stations are manned by Metro officials who provide security and rider assistance. Metro maps are available inside each station and posted aboard each subway car. Workers stationed in the Metro can help you with which train to take and where to get off.



Metro Hours of Operation:

Monday-Thursday - 5:30 a.m. to midnight

Friday - 5:30 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Saturday - 8:00 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Sunday - 8:00 a.m. to midnight

The basic fare is \$1.35 with a slight increase during rush hour. Children under four ride free. Fare cards may be purchased from vending machines inside each station. A \$6.50 Metro One Day Pass enables unlimited travel on all lines after 9:30 a.m. on weekdays or all day on weekends. The Pass is available at many Metro stations. For general information call Washington Area Transit Authority (WMATA) at 202/637-7000.

MetroBus/DASH Bus Service: To reach areas outside the Metrorail system, travelers may connect with Metrobus or, as in the case in Alexandria, the DASH bus system. For Metrobus information, 202/637-7000. For DASH information, 703/370-3274 or www.dashbus.com.

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City of Alexandria

Location:

10 minutes to Pentagon
20 minutes to Capitol Hill

Climate:

Average July Temperature: 79°

Free Street Trolley/Alexandria

A free trolley goes down King Street from the Potomac River waterfront to the King Street Metro station, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, with frequent stops for hopping on and off to check out the shops, restaurants and attractions found along Alexandria's historic main street. Many of the most intriguing attractions and unique establishments are just a short walk away.

Alexandria-National Harbor Water Taxi

This new service leaves from National Harbor and Alexandria's historic waterfront every 30 minutes, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week. For reservations and information, contact the Potomac Riverboat Company at 703.684.0580 or PotomacRiverboatCo.com.

Alexandria Visitors Center at Ramsay House

Located at 221 King Street, this is the place to start every visit to Alexandria. The Visitors Center now has extended hours, open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Stop by to pick up maps and brochures, make dinner reservations, and purchase tickets for historic attractions and tours. *Call 703.838.5005 for a complete schedule.*



Awards Forms Online at www.mualphatheta.org

Click the Awards link on the left.

Sister Scholastica Most Committed Sponsor Award

Huneke Distinguished Sponsor Award

Kalin Award

Andree Mathematics Education Award

Please see deadlines there.