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An official invitation will be sent out when all details are finalized.

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We will also need parents to help in afternoon meetings to prepare for this convention. We will have more information over the next few weeks for our convention practices.

### Service Projects

We may need one or two parents to help with our service project at the park in the Spring.

We will also need parent involvement in our big service project to create a sensory garden at OMS. More details to come.

### Snacks

It would be great to have water bottles and snacks on hand for the convention and when we do outdoor service projects. If you could send a box of snacks or a pack of water once or twice a semester, I can store those for when we need them!

If you know you are interested in chaperoning a trip or two, or helping with afterschool convention practices, please complete the background check early!

- 1) Go to [sccboe.org](https://www.sccboe.org) to submit for a Background Check: <https://www.sccboe.org/Page/3653>
- 2) Email [Kelsey.parrish@sccboe.org](mailto:Kelsey.parrish@sccboe.org) letting her know that you have submitted for a Background Check and with what you are interested in (college trip, convention, practices, etc)

## **SERVICE PROJECTS**

Members are required to complete 15 service hours to remain active in the OMS Junior Beta club. See the Service Log for ideas for service outside of school. We have plans for students to earn as many hours as possible while at school if they choose to participate:

### OES Readers

Members will miss one enrichment class each week to read with/to students at OES. This service allows our members to make a positive impact on younger students and to help them grow their reading skills! Yearlong project.

### OIS Pen Pals

Members will write 1-2 letters per month to their OIS pen pal(s). Each semester there will be an in-person meeting of the students. This service project allows our members to help younger students practice their writing skills! Yearlong project.

### Read Across America

Members will participate in Read Across America week at OES and read to the younger students! This service project is done in March.

### PE Peer Helpers

Members will pair up with a student from the OMS small group unit during PE class. This service project allows our members to make a difference to students here at OMS.

### Park Clean Up

Beta will join SGA in clean up at our local park during the Spring.

### Winter Clothing Drive

Beta will host a school wide winter clothing drive to collect warm weather gear for the homeless. Items include socks, scarves, toboggins, and blankets.

### Diaper Drive

Beta will bring in diapers, wipes, baby wash/lotion, etc in April to donate to the St. Clair Pregnancy Center.

### Sensory Garden

Beta will help create a sensory garden at OMS. This service project will allow our members to focus on beautifying OMS.

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### Fundraisers

A few fundraisers will be held to help pay for the Beta Convention and to provide funds for service projects.

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# CONVENTIONS

## Beta State Convention

February 20-22, 2023, in Montgomery. Cost is \$30 to register per person. Fundraising will be done to help pay for hotel and travel expenses (still TBD). This will be an amazing experience!

Only students who are participating in the competitions may attend the convention. It is recommended that a parent attend the convention with their child since it is an overnight trip.

Students will meet frequently from November - February to work on their competition pieces.

More information will be provided about costs as we finalize the students wanting to participate!

The convention allows students to display their talents in a variety of fields:

### Online Competitions

Academic Tests: Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Spanish	Book Battle Poetry Creative Writing Written Musicology	Written Quiz Bowl Written Beta Spelling Bee Technology
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### Hybrid Competitions

Apparel Design	Club Trading Pin	Marketing and Communications
Robotics Showcase	Service Learning Showcase	Two Dimensional Design
Three Dimensional Design	Speech	

### Onsite Competitions

Beta Spelling Bee	Onsite Art	Visual Arts
Candidate Skit	Portfolio	
Engineering	Performing Arts	
Living Literature	Quiz Bowl	
Musicology	Songfest	

## Leadership Convention

November 30, 2022 sponsored by OMS SGA at JSU. This is not a competition convention. The cost is typically \$50 for the one day trip. This convention provides an opportunity to build leadership skills.

