

# TORCH: LA

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**NATIONAL CONVENTION: JULY  
27<sup>TH</sup> - AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**TRINITY UNIVERSITY, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

THEME FOR 2015:

TU NE CEDE MALIS, SED CONTRA AUDENTIOR ITO.  
*(Yield not to misfortunes, but advance all the more boldly  
against them.)*

## SALVETE, OMNES!

This issue of the Torch will jump right into National Convention this summer. I can't tell you how excited I am for my first National Convention, and I know me and the rest of the state officers have been waiting for Convention from the get-go! I still can't believe Convention is only a month away, but let's make our best efforts as a state to show our enthusiasm for Latin. With about 40 JCLers going to this year's Convention, one of our biggest numbers yet, we can definitely... **PROMOTE ENTHUSIASM, ENCOURAGE COMPETITION INSPIRE DEDICATION AND ENRICHEN OUR TOTAL GROWTH!!!!!!**

# NOT PUMPED FOR NATIONALS YET? (YOU BETTER BE!)

Recently, our most enthusiastic JCLers and SCLers gave some phenomenal input about National Convention in just five words. Here are their responses.

## SPIRIT THEMES FOR NATIONALS

### TUESDAY: THE OLD WESTERN CLASSICS

**THEME: "THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE CAJUN"**

OUR STATE HISTORIAN, ALICIA BRIONES, IS COMING UP WITH A GREAT DESIGN FOR THE STATE T-SHIRT, WHICH YOU WILL RECEIVE AT CONVENTION.

### WEDNESDAY: LONE STAR STRUCK BY LATIN

**THEME: I <3 KURT RISTROPH**

TURNING FROM LATIN ENTHUSIASTS TO FAN-GIRL FANATICS, WE WILL BE WEARING BLACK T-SHIRT WITH KURT'S FACE ENVELOPING US, BECAUSE WHAT IS LATIN WITHOUT KURT?

### *Thursday: Throwback Thursday* *#purpleandgold*

**THEME: THROW (OUT MY) BACK THURSDAY**

IF LATIN BECOMES BETTER OVER THE AGES, SO CAN WE, RIGHT? GET READY TO WEAR YOUR PURPLE AND GOLD PROUD AS AN ENERGETIC ELDER! SOME OF THE ATTIRE WILL INCLUDE CANES (**NO CHICKEN INCLUDED**), ROLLERS, HAIR SPRAY, GLASSES AN APRONS, OF COURSE ALL IN PURPLE AND GOLD.

### *Friday: Tiber River Walk* (This is going to be the theme for procession)

**THEME: TACKY TOURISTS**

WHAT BETTER WAY TO LOOK LIKE A TOURIST THAN TO STEREOTYPE ONE? WHAT COULD BE BETTER THAN WEARING HAWAIIAN SHIRTS, KHAKI SHORTS, FANNY PACKS (YOU HEARD ME RIGHT), BINOCULARS, AND HATS ALL AT ONE TIME? BY WEARING TOGAS TOO!

Best 500 Dollars ever spent

Chloe Boudreaux

St. Joseph's Academy

Full of joy... Absolutely incredible

Sarah Christian

St. Joseph's Academy

Melodious cacophony, hilarious chaos, perfection

Natalie Bush

St. Joseph's Academy

Crazy, Exhilarating, Personal, Competitive, Utopia

Tiffany Pham

St. Joseph's Academy

A fun-filled week with family

Woojin Lee

Baton Rouge Magnet High School

Latin lovers from other states

Mark DiTusa

LSU (Graduate of BRMHS)

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious and the bomb.com

Rachael Edmonson

Baton Rouge Magnet High School

"Four, more, more, more..." #stealthemcheers

Phoenix Hwaung

LSU (Graduate of BRMHS)

State Convention, but even bigger.

Matt Mitchell

Univ. of Oklahoma (Graduate of Runnels)

Best week of my year.

Joey Chatelain

(Graduate of Catholic High School)

Can't describe it... Just go.

Drew Alvarez

Catholic High School



# NATIONALS EVENTS

## Athletic Events (Olympika and Ludi)

- Swimming
- Track & Field
- Marathon
- Kickball
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Chess

## Academic Events

- Academic Heptathlon
- Academic Decathlon
- Ancient Geography
- Classical Art
- Classical Greek
- Grammar
- Greek Derivatives
- Greek Life and Literature
- Hellenic History
- Latin Derivatives
- Latin Literature
- Mottoes, Abbreviations, and Quotations
- Mythology
- Reading Comprehension
- Roman Life
- Roman History
- Vocabulary

## Creative Arts Events

- Cartoons
- Greeting Cards
- Acrylic Art
- Oil Drawing
- Black Ink
- Chalk
- Pastel
- Charcoal
- Colored Ink
- Colored Pencil
- Water Color

- Stitching
- Dolls
- Games
- Glass
- Jewelry
- Large Models
- Mosaics
- Quilts
- Batik
- T-shirts
- Weaving

- Pottery
- Sculpture
- Traditional Photography
- Computer Enhanced Photography
- Impromptu Art

## DANCE THEMES FOR NATIONALS

**Monday night:** *Houston, We Have a Dance Floor*

**Tuesday night:** *Lasso the JCLove*

**Wednesday night:** *These Boots Were Made for Dancin'*

**Friday night:** *Save the Last Square Dance for me*  
*(This dance is formal, so dresses for the girls and button up shirts and ties for the guys.)*

Thursday night will be encompassed by *'That's Entertainment'*, so there will be no dance then. We are participating by performing an Indian style dance, and you could join! To sign up, please contact Aastha Gupta at [ljclpresident@gmail.com](mailto:ljclpresident@gmail.com).

There are also events such as local or state scrapbooks. Both types of scrapbooks could be either physical or digital. State t-shirts also count for this category. You can check out what other events are in Nationals by going to [www.njcl.com](http://www.njcl.com).



# NATIONAL CONVENTION PACKING LIST

The list this year is almost the same as last year's list. **If you're swimming for competition at the Convention itself, please still bring your equipment.** If you don't have about 40 pounds of luggage, you're doing something wrong.

- Money for souvenirs, and money for 5-6 meals on the side trip (*meals at Convention are included in the price of Convention*)
- Alarm clock (*your phone*)
- Personal hygiene items (**DO NOT FORGET DEODERANT!**)
- Flip flops for the dorm showers (*you can throw them out afterward*)
- Shower caddy (*makes transporting stuff to the bathroom easier*)
- Umbrella or raincoat
- Olympica Swimming (*and casual swimming*)
- Camera (*your phone*)
- Athletic clothes and shoes
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Small flashlight (*probably your phone*)
- Extra T-shirts and socks (*you will need more than you think*)
- Shin guards (*for soccer*)
- Sunscreen (*unless if you want a really deep tan*)
- Cough drops (*We don't want your germs.*)
- Coat hangers (*For formal dances and other things.*)
- Writing utensils (*pencils, hi-liters, etc.*)
- Change for vending machines, coin wars, and for laundry
- Blanket and pillow (*needed for bus and dorms*)
- Appropriate DVDs for the bus rides
- YOUR LJCL SPIRIT!!!! (*It's more important than your phone!*)

**If there are any changes to this list, I will send out an e-mail as soon as I get informed.**

## MORE NATIONALS INPUT?!?!

### Full of awesome toga-wearing people

*Ningyin Zhao*

*Baton Rouge Magnet High School*

### Fun, crazy, short, classy party

*Thiru Vinayagam*

*Baton Rouge Magnet High School*

### Best part of summer vacation

*Aastha Gupta*

*Baton Rouge Magnet High School*

### Don't let your sponsor know

*Susan Liu*

*New York University (Graduate of BRMHS)*

### Five words is not enough

*Andy Liu*

*Baton Rouge Magnet High School*

**OTHER THAN THAT, ENJOY YOUR TRIP TO  
NATIONAL CONVENTION THIS YEAR,  
BECAUSE I KNOW YOU'RE GOING! VALETE  
OMNES!**



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pictures of you own artwork, please  
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