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## STATE FESTIVAL CODE OF CONDUCT

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Observing the following rules will make the State Festival a pleasurable experience for all in attendance.

- I realize that attending the State Thespian Festival is a privilege.
- I realize that I am representing not only my school and my troupe, but also my school district. I will be attentive, cooperative, and appropriate AT ALL TIMES.
- I realize that the proper theatre response is applause with laughter (or tears) at appropriate moments, showing appreciation for all performers, presenters, and audience members.
- I will respect all festival participants, hotel personnel, and Highlander Auditorium staff. I will treat all workshop leaders as professionals and with courtesy and respect.
- I will not destroy, damage, take, or rearrange any property that does not belong to me.
- I will pick up any trash, **I WILL NOT** bring any food or drinks inside meeting rooms at the festival.
- I will not use a cell phone or music players in any meeting room (unless required for an audition or rehearsal). I will attend all festival events, and I will support all performers.
- I will keep my feet on the auditorium floor.
- I will not take flash photography of any performance or event in the Highlander Auditorium.
- I realize that if I am late, I must wait outside quietly until the ushers allow me to go to my seat. I realize that if I must leave during a performance, I must wait until an appropriate time to exit. I will abide by the California Thespian Policy on Appropriate Material.
- I will not leave the Upland High School Campus at any time without the approval of my troupe director and understand that I must turn over my hotel room-key to my director each morning.
- I will be in my assigned hotel room with my door shut and **QUIET** by **midnight** with lights out by 12:30 AM.
- I realize that every adult has the right to collect my badge, remove me from any activity, and report me to the state board for discipline if I am rude, uncooperative, discourteous, or found to be in violation of these rules.
- I realize that delegates who cannot follow the Code of Conduct will be sent home without refund of fees and that a parent or guardian will be required to pick up any student who is being sent home.
- I realize that my Troupe Director can bar me from any further theatre activities at my school if I break any rules at the festival. I may also lose Thespian points and/or stars.
- I realize that any student/troupe causing a disturbance (on site or at a hotel) and/or not participating in Festival events will be excluded from next year's festival and reported to their administrator in charge of discipline.
- I will not bring or use any drugs, alcohol, or tobacco. I understand that breaking the rule will result in my **IMMEDIATE** removal from the festival, a referral by the state board to my school's administrator in charge of discipline, and exclusion from next year's festival.