


SRD (State Recognition Days) Newsletter
November 2011



TOPS MAGICAL ADVENTURE
April 20 & 21ST, 2012 - TOPEKA, KANSAS

 ***Discover the Magic in TOPEKA !*** Join us at the Ramada Inn, 420 SE Sixth Street , Topeka , Kansas on April 20 & 21, 2012 for our mystical adventures at State Recognition Days. We invite all members to attend while our 2011 Winners share with us how their dreams came true, also for a weekend of fun and recognition!

Hotel reservations will be handled directly with the Ramada Inn. Watch for any additional information in the SRD packet.

The SRD Workers meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 1:30 pm at the Topeka Ramada. Please consider attending and taking part of the fun in helping with this exciting event. For additional fun, feel free to come dressed as your favorite Disney Character, a really neat prize will be given to the best costume.



A ***“TOPS Magical Celebration”*** will kick off our fun weekend on Thursday Night. Plans are being made to make this a great evening of Whimsical Fun! We are looking for a chapter to host this exciting event, so if your chapter is looking for fun and excitement, please let us know. More information will be coming from our committee on this celebration.


We will start registration for events on Thursday afternoon and continue Friday during the day. Also on Friday, we have a full day of non-session events that are being planned for your entertainment and enjoyment.

For an energetic jump start, you will want to join us Friday morning for exercise sessions at the Mickey Mouse Club!

You definitely won't want to miss this!


Again, this year we have a Motivational Speaker in place, as well as other activities that will keep you real busy.

Also, don't forget our RD's special session!

 **TOPS 2 KOPS Meet & Greet:** Something new and exciting this year. Come and listen to our KOPS tell about their tips, how they overcome their obstacles, & what keeps them motivated, etc!

SRD Updates and deadlines to remember:

- SRD Packets will be sent to your chapter leader the first week of December. The deadline to have your registrations in to us will be March 10, 2012.
- Event registration forms will be handled the same as last year. Special instructions will be in your packet. Remember that even though you register and order t-shirts and charms as a chapter, members need to be responsible for their own event registrations unless your leader or someone does this for you at chapter. Please make copies of the Friday and Saturday event registration forms for each member attending SRD who is entering the events.
- **Front row seating** guidelines will be a little different this year. The top two (2) chapters attending with the Best Average Weight Loss Per Member will receive front row seating. From January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. This information is calculated when your weight recorder completes your chapter resume, which is due to the Coordinator by January 9, 2012. To qualify, the resume must be received by the deadline.
- **Also receiving front row seating will be the first five (5) chapters whose registrations are received by mail.** Any subsequent registrations from the 5 chapters will **not** be eligible for the front row seating.
- **Special Needs Seating:** Seating for those members needing wheel chairs, scooters, and walkers will be provided. We want you to be comfortable, so you must check the special seating section on the registration form to receive a ribbon to get into the sessions early. A section will be reserved for you with space for your equipment to be in front of you. **This section is for those with special needs only.**

 **Graduates** - Our graduates look so nice in their graduation gowns & we are so very proud of our new KOPS graduates! We plan to use the graduate gowns again this year, however, this year they will go along with our theme! You will not have to locate that special white dress, unless you would like to for your chapter queen to use when being recognized. The cost for the graduate gown will be much less than a white dress.

SRD T-Shirts are going to be really neat! The color is a striking red. We will be using the artwork that is on the cover of the SRD packet. The cost will be the same as in the past - \$15.00, and you will be able to select your size.

SRD Charm - These charms are exciting! Each member meeting the early registration deadline will receive a “free” charm. *They must be received on time - no exceptions!*

Deadline is March 10, 2012. The cost for additional charms & pinettes will be \$4.00.

Dress-A-Like: Have fun! You must dress to theme. Chapters do not have to be identical, just dress to theme, so plan to participate in this event!

We are bringing back our **Talent Show!** We will be asking for your talent, but no skits again this year.

KOPS Society/KOPS of the Year - We will have designated seating for our society members on Friday night only. Also, your elite KOPS will be receiving their award while on stage.

Your Society will be escorted on stage by your Area Captain.

Officer Recognition - This year we will be recognizing all our **2011 Chapter Officers on Friday evening who are in attendance.** **As the** Leader from your chapter crosses stage, the MC will ask your other officers to stand at that time.

There will be much, much, more to this

TOPS Magical Adventure!

Watch for the SRD packets in early December and plan to attend this **AWESOME** occasion!

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