

On The Menu...

Dear FS Prep Instructors,
Welcome to On the Menu from the Texas Restaurant Association Education Foundation This newsletter will be sent periodically to keep you informed of the latest information and benefits you receive as an FS Prep program. This inaugural issue features updates, information on student competitions, the FS Prep Facebook Page and an invitation to the E-101 Culinary Showcase Dinner.

Servsafe Essentials....Which Edition?

Cindy Clark of Royse City High School writes:

We were getting ready to order some additional ServSafe books but have put it on hold after receiving this newsletter. Can you clarify something for me? In the FSPrep curriculum changes it says that there will be a 6th Edition of ServSafe coming out, but then it says there will be a supplement from TRAEF from the 6th to 7th editions. So are they releasing the 6th or 7th editions?



CORRECTION FROM THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER: Our bad! In 2010, the National Restaurant Association will be releasing a 6th Edition of Servsafe Essentials, NOT a 7th Edition. We got a little carried away. Thanks for keeping us on our toes!

New! FS Prep/ProStart Competition

INFORMATION



The FS Prep/ProStart information is ready for you to download! In an effort to get a general number of how many teams to expect for competitions, please submit your Letter of Intent if you plan on competing. There are two competitions; a restaurant management competition and a culinary competition. The competition is structured as follows:

THREE REGIONAL COMPETITIONS WILL BE HELD:

Dallas - End of January, 2010 (Date and Location TBD)

Houston - February 20, 2010 - Westside High School, Houston, Texas

Austin - February 27, 2010 - the Texas Culinary Academy, Austin, Texas

All competitions will be open to all FS Prep schools to participate in. Schools may not participate in more than one regional competition. The Restaurant Management competition will be held at Austin's regional competition only.

TEXAS STATE COMPETITION (Texas Culinary Academy, Date TBD):

Top three teams from each region will compete at the state competition.

Dallas - (3) culinary teams

Houston - (3) culinary teams

Austin - (3) culinary teams and (3) management teams

NATIONAL PROSTART INVITATIONAL COMPETITION:

One team from state for each category will qualify to move on to the National ProStart Student Invitational in Overland Park, KS, April 28, 2010 - May 2, 2010.

New! FS Prep/ProStart Competition (CONTINUED)

Download information on the competitions here:

[Letter of intent to participate](#)

- 2010 Texas Competition Rules -

- Dallas

- Houston

[Austin & State Rules](#)

[Sample Management Business Plan](#)

[Culinary Competition Tips](#)

We need information on your program!

Please complete the following information on your program and submit to the TRAEF.

There are **two** ways to do this:

Complete the [FS Prep/ProStart Program School Profile for 2009-2010](#) and email the document to yloya@tramail.org or spetty@tramail.org or fax to 512/472-2777 attn: Yvonne

Complete the following [online questionnaire](#) and hit submit!

E-101 Culinary Showcase Dinner



Do you want the opportunity to see the E-101 program in action? Now is your chance! Monday, October 26, 2009, Del Valle High School will be showcasing the E-101 program. If you have an interest, RSVP soon as seating is limited.

The E-101 program is a high school program that utilizes a school-based restaurant to teach the students entrepreneurial skills and how to own and run a business. As part of the E-101 program, students will undertake responsibility as the owners and operators of this business with the assistance of experienced business professionals and educators. **Del Valle has been branded with Carmelo's Italian Restaurant.** Built within the school, it serves as a business laboratory for E-101 students. If you know of educators, school officials or anyone else that you feel would benefit from seeing the E-101 operation, please forward their mailing contact information to Sandy Mitschke at smitschke@tramail.org

New Facebook Page for FS Prep Teachers!

TRAEF has created a new facebook page exclusively for FS Prep teachers. This page is intended to serve as a platform for sharing information and networking. You should have received your invitation to this exclusive group on Monday, October 5, 2009! If you missed your invitation, click on the following link to join:

http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=1042898108&v=feed&story_fbid=160703983141#/group.php?gid=126086639832&ref=mf



Until next time,
Your TRAEF Staff