

What Should PTA Leaders Know About the Annual Convention?

Convention is a great place to:

- Network with other PTA leaders
- Learn new skills or increase your understanding of PTA
- Let your voice be heard through participation in the business of California State PTA
- Take part in workshops and table talks led by dynamic leaders to get up-to-date information to strengthen your PTA
- Visit exhibitors and gain ideas for assemblies, fundraising and more
- Shop the PTA Store for PTA items and materials
- Make friends
- Be inspired
- Experience PTA at its best
- Meet the Board of Managers and Directors
- Have fun!
- Leave PTA excited, exhilarated and ready to do great things for the kids in your PTA

Is it okay to spend our PTA's money sending someone to convention? Absolutely!

It is one of the best ways to develop members of your PTA who have the potential to be future leaders. They receive 6-9 hours of training and are given the opportunity to gain an understanding of the bigger picture of PTA, learn more about current issues effecting education and families, network with other delegates, and return with ideas to help your PTA better serve its community.

Here's what you need for an OUTSTANDING Convention:

- Make sure your PTA budgets for Convention. It is a legitimate and worthwhile expense
- Determine who will be a voting delegate from your unit, council or district
- Review registration materials which become available in January
- Attend your District PTA's Convention Orientation if it holds one
- Come prepared to learn, visit the exhibit hall and participate in the resolution, bylaws and general meeting process
- Have fun, be inspired and make memories!

What do I do when I get home?

- Share your experiences, hand-outs and materials you with your unit, council and district
- Follow-up with any contacts you made
- Apply the knowledge you gained as soon as you can
- Encourage your PTA to send more delegates next year