SUBJECT: Finalists - 3 days to 2024 NorthSouth National Finals! REMINDERS and NEW information.

Hello parents and contestants,

We hope you are all ready to come to Milwaukee this weekend for the 2024 NorthSouth National Finals!! Please review the following important items:

Viscovided by the Covided Services. Here is the COVID-19 protocol (see links below) as provided by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. If you are sick please follow the protocols to ensure your health and the health of all attendees.



https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/about.htm https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/prevention/precautions-when-sick.html

Please download the NorthSouth mobile app_per instructions below. This will be the best way to get the contest specific real time information as we communicate that to you.

The link to the contest schedule can be found below. The actual room numbers for the contests will be provided during registration. Note that volunteers will guide the contestants to the contest rooms.

We have MTP - Meet The Pro as well as general educational sessions by experts for you to avail of during your time here. Please see the MTP and general session flyers using the following links:

<u>MTP - Meet the Pro</u> <u>General Sessions</u>

NorthSouth mobile app

Please make sure to install the NorthSouth mobile app on your iPhone/Android mobile device. We will be sharing messages, updates, and real time information on the mobile app besides email. Search for NorthSouth in the App Store - choose the app that says just NorthSouth (and NOT NorthSouth Spelling).



Please sign in using the email address used for your NorthSouth account.

Registration

You must pick up your registration packets BEFORE your contests. We have made special arrangements for you to pick them up on Friday (8/2) from 5pm-8pm as we do not want to delay the contests because of long lines on Sat or Sun. The registration packets include the mandatory name badge as well as the participation certificate, lunch coupons, participant T-shirt, bee book, and other items!

The registration desk is located in the **Student Union building**.

 \sim If you are attending on both Saturday and Sunday, the packet will contain badges for both days!

Registration Desk availability Times:

- Friday (8/2/24) : 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM Central (STOP BY TO AVOID LAST MINUTE REGISTRATION RUSH)
- Saturday (8/3/24) : 6:30 AM to 8:00pm Central
- Sunday (8/4/24) : 6:30 AM to 12:30 PM Central



Coming on Friday evening will allow you to familiarize yourself with the venue. Note: Late check-ins will not be given additional time in the interest of fairness to everyone

Contest Schedule

Did you check the latest contest check-in times? Please use this link. You must arrive by the "Check-in" time. (this link has the latest schedule): https://www.northsouth.org/public/USContests/Finals/schedule

Contest Dates: Saturday, 3rd and Sunday, 4th August 2024

Contest Rules

Have you reviewed the rules for the contests and discussed it with your child? Look for "Contest Rules": https://www.northsouth.org/public/USContests/Finals/nationalfinals

Venue, Map, Directions, and Parking

Did you familiarize yourself with the venue, directions, and parking? Look at: https://www.northsouth.org/public/USContests/Finals/Venue

Parking: As shown in the link above, there are two parking ramps that can be used. We have negotiated a rate of \$5 for all day Saturday and \$3 for all day Sunday.

You will need to take the ticket to the Information desk in the Student Union (near NorthSouth registration desk). You can pay for the parking there and they will give you a new ticket which will have in and out privileges for the day.

Parking payment is handled by the University. You can pay upfront at the student union registration desk to avoid last minute rush. Please make sure to save and use the new ticket provided by the Information Desk if you need to leave the parking lot and come back.

In case of any challenges?

- Volunteers will be available onsite; please do not hesitate to get in touch with them
- Onsite First Aid Kits will be available

Lunch (Saturday and Sunday: 11:30 am - 2 pm)

- Pre-purchased lunch coupons will be part of your registration packet
- There will be an <u>option</u> to buy lunches onsite (on best effort basis)

MTP Sessions

- MTP (Meet the Pro) sessions are designed to help you and your children to pursue excellence in their future educational journey.
- We sincerely thank the pros who have committed their time to the betterment of the NorthSouth family!

What to expect when you are at the campus?

- This is your event; please help keep the facility clean
- Volunteers are there to help you and your children
- Parents will NOT be allowed inside the contest building other than for Phase 2 and Phase 3 portions of certain contests.
- There are multiple designated seating areas for parents in the Student Union

What to do while you are waiting?

• Utilize the MTP sessions to learn more about educational opportunities for your children

Award Ceremony

- Award Ceremony will be at the following times:
 - . Sat, Aug 3rd between 6:30-8:30 pm
 - Sun, Aug 4th between 2-2:30 pm

Visit Milwaukee

Following are some digital resources available to you from VisitMilwaukee.org:

- Official Visitors Guide
- <u>Milwaukee Map</u>

• <u>Cream City Convention Pass</u> - deals & discounts to area attractions

Looking for past parent communication

emails? <u>https://www.northsouth.org/public/USContests/Finals/parentcommunications</u>

Please email <u>support@northsouth.org</u> if you have any questions. Looking forward to seeing you and your children this weekend!!

-NorthSouth Nationals 2024 Team