



## SNAC Bites – March 2016

Welcome to the March 2016 issue of SNA Communication (SNAC) Bites! SNAC Bites highlights new SNA programs and provides content for your state association publications, chapter meetings, and social media.

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### 1. SNA Election Results 2016!

SNA congratulates the 2016 candidates for their election to the Board of Directors and Leadership Development Committee, and thanks to all the candidates for their enthusiasm and commitment to serve the national association. For results, please click [here](#).

### 2. ANC Registration:

We hope you're getting excited to **LEARN, LEAD and SUCCEED** at #ANC16. The 70<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference (ANC) will be held from July 10-13, 2016 in San Antonio and there are 3 BIG reasons to attend.

#### 1) New Products and Solutions

Discover new products and program solution from over 850 exhibitors, featuring the latest-and-greatest in food, beverages and equipment.

#### 2) Top Notch Training

From nutrition and operations to administration and marketing, at ANC there is something for everyone—directors, major city, small districts, employees and managers! You'll find more than 100 education sessions (some are available in Spanish, too) designed to give you an in-depth look at school nutrition's key topics and assist you in meeting all your annual training hours for USDA Professional Standards!

Discover a few of this year's [speakers](#) through the ANC speaker spotlights series. These individuals will share their knowledge, best practices and tips to navigate challenges in school nutrition.

Pre-conference sessions are a great way to stay ahead of the curve by gaining access to information you won't find anywhere else. One much anticipated pre-session will be hosted at the beautiful Culinary Institute of America!

#### 3) Inspirational General Speakers and Events



In addition to getting inspired by 3 general sessions including a panel of Olympic athletes and “The Chew’s” Carla Hall, be sure to pack your retro-best outfits for the final event featuring RAIN, a Broadway musical tribute to the Beatles!

Additional ANC registration information can be found in the March magazine or on the website <https://schoolnutrition.org/ANC>

### 3. \*New Registration and Housing Process\*

SNA has changed the ANC registration process this year. Attendees must now be registered for the conference before they will be provided access to the SNA housing system and the discounted rates at the official ANC2016 hotels. This change in procedure is designed to help the Association better control the inventory of available rooms, ensuring that a greater number of attendees will be able to have access to their first-choice hotels and preferred travel dates.

Whether registering online or by email/mail/fax, after you’ve submitted your payment and received your order confirmation, you will be given access to the Housing Reservation system, with a unique housing registration link tied to your individual registration.

### 4. ANC Sweeps:

Win a free registration to ANC 2016

Tell us how SNA’s Annual National Conference helps you LEARN, LEAD and SUCCEED in 100 characters or less. Three winners, drawn at random will win free registration to ANC 2016 in San Antonio, Texas! Enter [HERE](#). Sweepstakes ends **March 31, 2016**.

### 5. SNA State Awards Important Judging Deadlines:

- **March 15:** State winners determined & submitted to SNA HQ
- **April 5:** Regional winners determined & submitted to SNA HQ
  - **Employee of the Year:** Determined by SNA Regional Directors
  - **Manager of the Year:** Determined by SNA Regional Director
  - **Director of the Year:** Determined by SNA Membership Committee
- **May 1:** National winners determined & submitted to SNA HQ
  - **Employee of the Year:** SNA Section Chairs
  - **Manager of the Year:** SNA Regional Directors
  - **Director of the Year:** SNA Member Services Committee

For more information, please click [here](#).

### 6. NSBW Art Contest:

Create an ad for school breakfast!

We hope your National School Breakfast Week is off to a strong start! In addition to this week’s celebrations, students will draw an ad for school breakfast, using a combination of pictures and words. Three national winners will receive specialized prize packs, and their ads will be published on the SNA website. Entries due March 31, 2016. Click [here](#) to learn more.



### 7. Scholarships: Accepting Online Applications:

The Deadline for applications for SNF Professional Development Scholarships is April 4, 2016. Don't procrastinate! You have only four weeks left to apply for funding for tuition and books in 2016 – 17 (beginning June 1, 2016). For more information, [click here](#).

### 8. STEPS March Challenge: Wake Up with Breakfast

Eating breakfast is important but many of us skip it due to busy schedules. This March, the STEPS Challenge focuses on finding time for a healthy breakfast that includes fruit, in honor of National School Breakfast Week! At the end of the month, be sure to add up your points and enter them online at [www.schoolnutrition.org/STEPS](http://www.schoolnutrition.org/STEPS) – you could win a prize!

### 9. Upcoming Webinars:

SNA has a host of relevant topics coming up that you won't want to miss. Register now to take advantage of these webinars and earn CEUs. Participation in Webinar Wednesdays will help you earn CEUs toward your USDA Professional Standards annual training requirements, along with your SNA Certificate or SNS Credential. Register today for the following upcoming SNA webinar:

- Wed, March 16, 2016 [Achieving Success with Whole Grain Pasta](#)

### Registration Coming Soon:

Registration will be opening soon for the following hot topics!

- Wed, April 6, 2016: Best of #SNIC16 Series: Going' Mobile
- Wed, April 27, 2016: Best of #SNIC16 Series: Generation Z: The next generation

All webinars are held at 2pm Eastern Time (1pmCT/Noon MT/11am PT). For more information and to access the webinar archive, please visit [schoolnutrition.org/Webinars](http://schoolnutrition.org/Webinars).

### 10. SNA Certificate Program Updates:

Update! The Certificate in School Nutrition website and Program Guide have been updated with important information. Make sure to review the changes and download your updated Certificate in School Nutrition Program Guide today!!

SNA has made a change to how CEUs can be calculated and implemented the [Certificate Program Submission Cover Sheet](#) for Levels 2 and 3.

The following is a brief summary of the CEU changes, however you should download the newly revised [Certificate in School Nutrition Program Guide](#) to review all changes.

SNA has recently updated its policy on bundling training. While SNA encourages you to participate in **1 hour trainings** to earn CEUs for the Certificate Program. SNA is also aware of the challenges finding appropriate training, so we have recently updated the allowable CEU minimum for the Certificate Program.

- 1 Continuing Education Unit (CEU) = 1 hour of training for Professional Standards.
- **CEUs CANNOT date back further than five (5) years from the date you apply.**
- **Renewal CEUs must be completed during the certificate year.**
- CEUs must be a minimum of one hour in length.
  - Two 30-minute trainings within the **same subtopic code, within the same year** will be accepted as one CEU.



- o Four 15-minute trainings within the **same subtopic code, within the same year** will be accepted as one CEU.

Subtopic codes can be found in the [USDA Professional Standards Learning Objectives](#), or the [SNA Professional Standards Training Guidelines](#).

*Refer to example below.*

**Calculating CEUs EXAMPLE, 30 minute trainings**

Training Title Examples	Length	Key Area	Key Topic	Subtopic
Menu Planning: What You Need to Know	30 min	(1000) Nutrition	(1100) Menu Planning	(1120) Plan cycle menus that meet all rules. Consider cost, equipment, foods available, storage, staffing, student tastes, and promotional events.
Serving Healthy Meals	30 min			
<b>Total training time</b>		<b>1 hour</b> <i>Accepted as 1 hour of training</i>		

**Calculating CEUs EXAMPLE, 15 minute trainings**

Training Title Examples	Length	Key Area	Key Topic	Subtopic
Introduction to Menu Planning	15 min	(1000) Nutrition	(1100) Menu Planning	(1120) Plan cycle menus that meet all rules. Consider cost, equipment, foods available, storage, staffing, student tastes, and promotional events.
Maximizing Meals	15 min			
Meal Components, what works	15 min			
Steps to Successful Menu Planning	15 min			
<b>Total training time</b>		<b>1 hour</b> <i>Accepted as 1 hour of training</i>		

**For more information on earning CEUs, visit the new [How to Earn CEUs](#) page.**

**11. SNA Certificate Applications for Levels 2 and 3:**

**Effective immediately:** You now have two options when submitting required paperwork for Levels 2 and 3.

**NEW:** You may submit **ALL** proof of training documents along with the new cover sheet **OR** your manager may review your training and then sign the cover sheet providing confirmation. If your supervisor signs the cover sheet you **DO NOT** need to send copies. You should **ALWAYS** keep a file of all training documentation in the event you are randomly selected for an audit. **Get all the details on the new submission options! Download the [Certificate in School Nutrition Program Guide](#)**

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