Hey Georgia! It’s that coveted time of year again when summer break is upon us and National Convention is fast approaching. As tradition, the packing list this year will be abounding, repetitive, unnecessarily long, and absolutely essential to having the best time at Nationals.

Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears! Nats this year will be held at North Dakota State University in the wonderful city of Fargo, North Dakota. Let us prepare ourselves to be the most spirited, fashionable, friendly, and overall the best JCL in the nation.

1) The weather will likely be in the 60s-80s so be prepared for moderate temperatures.
2) A butterfly may flap its wings in Atlanta and cause a rain storm in Fargo, so come prepared!
3) From personal experience, it’s better to overpack than underpack, but you can’t pack your whole closet! Keep in mind the length of the travel to Fargo.
4) Make sure you know what your travel plans are and have prepared and planned with your parents and the GJCL sponsors.
5) Most importantly, National Convention is what you make of it. Come with a good attitude and be open to experience some new things and meet some new friends!
Spirit Items

Saturday: You betcha it’s State T-Shirt Day
(State Pride Day)
➢ T-shirts and accessories provided
➢ Any additional Coca-Cola themed accessories

Sunday: Planet of the Apes
➢ T-shirt provided
➢ Bee-themed accessories

Monday: Violets are Purple, Honey is Gold
➢ T-shirt and props provided
➢ Additional purple and gold accessories!

Tuesday: Day in Old Rome- It’s Poseidon’s World
➢ T-shirt/togas provided
➢ Additional related accessories
Essentials

Clothing
➢ T-shirts
➢ Tank-tops (must have at least 1 inch wide straps)
➢ Shorts
➢ Pants (Jeans or Khakis - your legs have to be covered if you are going to be up on stage)
➢ Formal attire - Dress to impress. You will not be allowed into the dances without semi-formal attire. Guys: Collared shirts Ladies: Dresses. See Convention Rules for what qualifies as semi-formal attire for the dances
➢ Outerwear - be ready for whatever nature may throw at you
➢ Undergarments and socks
➢ Tennis Shoes, Sandals, Formal Shoes, Shower Sandals
➢ Pajamas and Sleepwear

Personal Items
➢ Hygiene Items - Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Floss, etc.
➢ AT LEAST two towels (One for use while the other dries)
➢ Pillow and sheets/sleeping bag - the NJCL will not be providing these
➢ Skin care - Lotion, Sunscreen, Moisturizer
➢ Hair-styling Tools - gels, wax, sprays, brushes, HAIR DRYER
➢ Glasses/Contact Lens
➢ Sunglasses
➢ Phone and Charger
➢ Water Bottle
➢ Source Material for your contests
➢ Backpack
➢ Some form of photo ID
➢ Cash and Change - to be spent for lunch and at the bazaar/agora
Convention Rules

1) All convention attendees should be covered from shoulder to mid-thigh.
   a. No attire should be revealing, tight, or in disrepair.
   b. Nothing inappropriate on clothes
   c. No spaghetti straps- tank tops must have a 1+ inch strap

2) Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times.

3) Anyone appearing on stage (including Roll Call participants and award recipients/presenters) should wear more conservative attire (no shorts or short skirts).

4) For day in Old Rome, Roman clothing (toga, stola, all of those celebrated antiquities) must be worn for spirit, the assembly, and the banquet.

5) The Farewell Dance will be semi-formal
   a. Guys~ Dress shirt and slacks
   b. Girls~ Dresses, skirts, or dress pants

For LUDI LUDI LUDI, athletic shoes must be worn during the competition for all Olympika and Ludi events (except swimming). Soccer players may NOT wear cleats; all soccer players must wear regulation shin guards which they bring from home.

Track runners may not wear spikes. Cut-offs may not be worn in place of swimming trunks in the pool. Ludi ultimate Frisbee players must bring their own frisbees and ludi chess players must provide their own playing equipment.

A serious infraction of the rules will have consequences.