



Unleashing Gifts

A distinctive element of the A.C.E. educational program is the Student Convention program. Each year, thousands of young people from around the world come together for regional, national, and the A.C.E. International Convention. At each location they meet other Christian young people and broaden their horizons. They are challenged through the preaching of God's Word to seriously consider the plan that God has for their lives and to surrender to His service.

As a parent, you want your child to get a well-rounded education. Preparation for Student Convention will help him or her discover and cultivate God-given gifts as well as be challenged to try new things. A broad range of competition areas are available: academics, music, drama, art, photography, sewing, and athletics. Students may enter individual and group events. The uniqueness of each child is emphasized as natural talents rise to the surface.

Stir up the gift of God, which is in thee
II Timothy 1:6

You can get involved in the preparation process also. Encourage your child to begin early and stay in contact with his supervisor for dates and guidelines. Help him choose competition areas that both interest him and tap his natural ability. Encourage him to try something new, which is a good way to discover new areas of interest and ability.

Once your child has chosen events and discussed them with his supervisor, help him plan so that he can accomplish his goals. Agree upon deadlines for written work. Take a photography outing together. Consider sewing or art classes to help your child learn new skills. Whatever your child has chosen to do, be his biggest fan! He will need lots of encouragement to do his very best.

Read through the *Student Convention Guidelines* with your child. The school staff may give you printed copies of the events in which your child will be competing. To do well in the competition, it is imperative that he or she pay close attention to the guidelines and rules for each event. If you have questions, discuss them with school staff. They want to give encouragement and direction on how best to prepare for entering categories selected.



Working together on convention projects can be a warm bonding time for your family. It will foster open communication as your child realizes he and his interests are important to you. Children grow up so quickly! As we invest in their lives while they are young, we are planting seeds that can blossom into ministry opportunities later in their lives. Student Convention may be the catapult that will launch your children into a life of service to the Lord. *ACE*

Watch highlights from last year's ISC rallies. Also, get important information regarding dates, locations, and guidelines for RSC and ISC at www.cestudentprograms.com.