

# **Regional Convention 2014**

Regional Convention (RC) is a chapter centered spirit and service convention from January 17th to January 20th in Alexandria, VA. Come participate in chapter spirit competitions, serve the community, and hang out with over 400 Alephs and BBGs from across Baltimore, DC and Northern Virginia Councils! Register today and prepare to fight for the Spirit Gavel!

## **Basic Information**

When: January 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

Where: Hilton, Marks Center, 5000 Seminary Rd. Alexandria, VA

How much: \$370 early bird special! Sign up before 11:59pm on Sunday, December 15th! \$385 after December 15th on a space available basis!

**\*\*\*Scholarships are available and are need based. Applications are due by 11:59pm on Sunday, December 15th. More info below\*\*\***

Price includes:

Transportation from Rockville, Columbia, and Owings Mills, Maryland.

All Meals

3 nights, 4 days at the Hilton Hotel, Marks Center

All programming fees

An unforgettable weekend with all of your friends!

## **Important Dates**

Scholarship Deadline: **11:59pm on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

Scholarship Notifications will be sent on: **Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

Final Registration Deadline: **11:59pm on Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade BBYO Membership Registration Deadline for RC Attendance: **11:59pm on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>** (*Please see details below*)

***If for any reason you cannot meet these deadlines, you must contact a BBYO staff member prior to the deadline.***

## **Cancellation/Refund Policy**

The cancellation deadline will be the same as the final registration deadline for this convention (December 23rd). Until that date, full refunds will be granted for cancellations in writing (e-mail is acceptable), for any reason. After the 23rd, refunds are not available. Refunds after the cancellation deadline are only granted for emergency situations on a case by case basis. Refunds for any other reason (decided not to go, missed the bus, didn't show up, etc.) will not be granted.

## **Forms**

There is only ONE medical form this year that all participants must complete annually. If you have completed this form since July 1, 2013, we have your forms on file and are all set. Please do not re-submit this form.

If you have not completed the medical form for this year, please [download and submit](#) it no later than January 3rd to your local BBYO office.

## **Scholarships**

Regional scholarships are available! The scholarship application is available in a downloadable format. [Click here to download the application](#). If you are applying for scholarship, please do NOT register for the convention online. Once your scholarship application is received, a spot will be held for you until scholarships have been awarded at which point you will be required to pay the balance on b-linked. All scholarship applications must be sent to [Joanna Fink](#) before the deadline above. Due to the cost of this convention and the needs of many families, please carefully consider your actual need for this convention when applying for scholarships. We may not be able to fulfill every scholarship request in full, so please only ask for what you need to attend. Applications lacking all of the requested pieces or submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

## **Transportation Information**

We will depart from locations in Rockville, Columbia, and Owings Mills. More information regarding bus pick-up and drop-off times and locations will be sent in January.

Northern Virginia teens should be dropped off at the hotel.

## **Troubleshooting**

If your b-linked isn't working, you can't register, you have technical difficulties, or you have any other registration related issues, please DO NOT create a second b-linked account. Instead, send an e-mail to your local BBYO professional with your name and the problem you are having. We will treat your e-mail as an attempt to register and will hold your spot until the issue can be resolved.

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Attendance**

Current 8<sup>th</sup> grade teens are eligible for BBYO membership on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014! 8<sup>th</sup> graders are also eligible to attend Regional Convention (RC) so long as all registration, payment and scholarship deadlines are met. As all convention attendees must be registered members of BBYO, 8<sup>th</sup> graders signed up for RC must register for BBYO membership between January 1<sup>st</sup> and January 5<sup>th</sup>. Any teens not registered for BBYO membership by 11:59 on January 5<sup>th</sup> will be removed from the convention roster.

Teens can register for BBYO membership through high school graduation for only \$149! [bbyo.org/membership](http://bbyo.org/membership)