Tax Free Holiday

Do you want to save your Chapter and yourself some money? If your Chapter purchases school supplies and clothing as part of their Service projects, here’s a chance to get a discount on those purchases equal to the state sales tax amount. Seven of the eight states that have Junior Auxiliary Chapters will be hosting sales tax holidays in July or August. All states exempt state sales taxes; however, not all exempt local sales taxes. The items exempted vary from state to state as well as the dates. The basics for each state are below but be sure and check your State’s official website to get details on specific items. For example, Arkansas includes cosmetics in the definition of clothing accessories and equipment and exempts personal hygiene products such as deodorant, shampoo and toothpaste.

State Dates Items Exempted

Alabama July 20-22
- Articles of clothing $100 or less
  - Single purchase of computers, software & computer supplies of $750 or less
  - School & art supplies and school instructional material $50 or less
  - Books $30 or less
Arkansas August 4-5
- Articles of clothing $100 or less
  - Clothing accessories & equipment $50 or less
  - School & art supplies and school instructional material
Florida August 3-5
- Articles of clothing, footwear & accessories $60 or less
  - School supplies $15 or less
  - First $750 of the sales price of a personal computer & computer-related accessories
Louisiana August 3-4
- Reduces the sales tax rate by 2% for all tangible personal property less than $2,500
Mississippi July 27-28
- Articles of clothing and footwear $100 or less
Missouri August 3-5
- Articles of clothing $100 or less
  - School & art supplies and textbooks $50 or less
  - Computer software $350 or less
  - Personal computers or computer peripheral devices $1,500 or less
Tennessee July 27-29
- Articles of clothing $100 or less
  - School & art supplies $100 or less
  - Computers $1,500 or less

Awesome Attendance Award Winners

The More Members Matter Award recognizes Chapters for increasing their membership by 25% or 10% based on the Chapter size. The Membership Committee would like to recognize those Chapters who reach this achievement. Chapter growth is an essential part of making the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries a success. Keep up the excellent work!

Sarah Yarberry, NAJA Membership Committee

New Crown Club Pin and Logo

Members of Crown Club, a service and leadership girls’ group overseen as a project by Junior Auxiliary Chapters, have something new and shiny for their wardrobe.

Coming soon to the NAJA Store is a redesigned lapel pin with the Crown Club logo. It’s a needed update of the old pin, a more vibrant and attractive piece of jewelry for today’s teens and their JA advisers.

The pins can be ordered as gifts or for presentation to new members, and should be available online soon and at NAJA’s two Area Meetings. The price is still being determined. Watch for the new Crown Club pin at www.najanet.org. Log in, then click on “SHOP.”

Ruth Cummins, NAJA PR Committee

Register NOW for Area Meetings

In just a few weeks the women of Junior Auxiliary will gather for Area Meetings. These mini retreats give members a boost of energy, reinforce reasons for serving, and provide a great opportunity for friendships to be born through interaction with like-minded women. President Leslie James encouraged all members to “Let Your Light Shine Through Love” as we began our new service year at AEC 2018. Area Meeting workshop topics include Love and Leadership for Chapter Presidents, Provisional Trainers - Get Your Shine On, Treasurer’s, Networking and Service Project Workshops. Speaker Jeff McManus grows plants...he grows people and he grows ideas! Jeff’s new book “Growing Weeders into Leaders” debuted in September 2017.

Join us in Jackson or Memphis. Keep smiling, keep shining...in your communities!

Registration deadline - August 6th
Southern Area Meeting, Jackson Hilton August 18
Registration deadline - October 1
Northern Area Meeting, Memphis Hilton October 13

Jeff McManus, NAJA President

NAJA Welcomes New Staff Member Brooke Bryan

Brooke Bryan has been hired to fill the position of Digital Media Strategist. She is a December 2016 graduate of Mississippi State University and has been working as an administrative assistant with various responsibilities, including digital marketing. The NAJA Staff is thrilled to have her and she has quickly become a part of the team. Brooke is currently being trained by BJ Nichols, who is retiring after 16 years. THANK YOU BJ for your service to NAJA and its Chapters. Brooke looks forward to seeing those in attendance at the Area Meetings. Please stop by the NAJA Store and introduce yourself!