

EDUCATORS RISING ILLINOIS NEWSLETTER

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*Happy Holidays from Your State Coordinators,
Lindsey & Christy!*

**** Annual State Conference Preparation ****

Registration and state competition information is OPEN for the 2024 Ed Rising IL State Conference on March 4, 2024. You can use this link to access the [event website for more details and to complete your event registration](#). (See Appendix A on page 4 of this newsletter for navigation tips)

Unsure of how to get started with the registration process?

1st: Complete Educators Rising memberships if you haven't already. Then email us at educatorsrising@ieanea.org with a list of your students' names who have EdRising memberships. *If you have an invoice from EdRising national, you can email that instead or in addition to your list.* After that confirmation, you'll obtain the promo code to receive a discount for students' registrations.

2nd: Complete your conference event registrations.

3rd: If you plan to have students compete, register them for the competition as soon as possible using the link in the purple box on the event site.

Download these PRINTABLE Conference Registration and Planning Resources

- [Conference Registration Checklist](#) for details on the registration process and payment procedure.
- [Step-by-step guide](#) for completing student conference registrations
- [Conference agenda](#)
- [Frequently Asked Competition Questions](#)
- General [competition details](#)

**** Competition and Conference Deadlines ****

- **January 15, 2024:**
 - Competition Registration Ends (unless max capacity is reached sooner)
 - Early Bird Registration Pricing Ends
- **January 25, 2024:** All registration closes
 - All pre-scored materials must be submitted for competitions

**** Chapter Activities and Engagement ****

Activities and resources for chapter planning

- **Unifying Statewide Activity:** Registered teacher leaders received an email with details on the statewide bulletin board project. If you missed it, you can access the project description [here](#). The project deadline is your school's winter break.
- **Educators Rising inspirational and leadership videos:** How do you locate these videos on the [national website](#) to incorporate in your activities?
 - In the Monthly Resources section for teacher leaders, there are lesson plans. When you select a lesson plan, there are embedded [links to videos](#)
 - In the Student Resources tab, student members and teachers have access to [student voice and other inspirational videos](#) here
- **Student Officers:** Did you know that your chapter can have student officers per the [by-laws](#)? Maybe your club has student officers already. Either way, we'd love to know more! **Can you please take a few minutes to complete this [survey](#)?** We want to know more so that we can create some opportunities for collaboration between our state officers and your chapter officers!
- **Photos!** Don't forget to send photos of your students involved in Educators Rising activities. The more photos the better, but we request that you email us at least 1 group photo with your school's name and a fun fact **by February 1st**. We'll showcase these at the annual state conference and may spotlight your club on social media. *Photo permissions should be confirmed before sending.*

- **Educators Rising Illinois and National Resources:** Visit [our updated Educators Rising IL website](#) for tons of downloadable resources to support our current and future teacher leaders and students.
 - **Are you new to Ed Rising?** Visit our website to access previous teacher leader newsletters and new member resources! Also download the [Welcome Kit!](#)

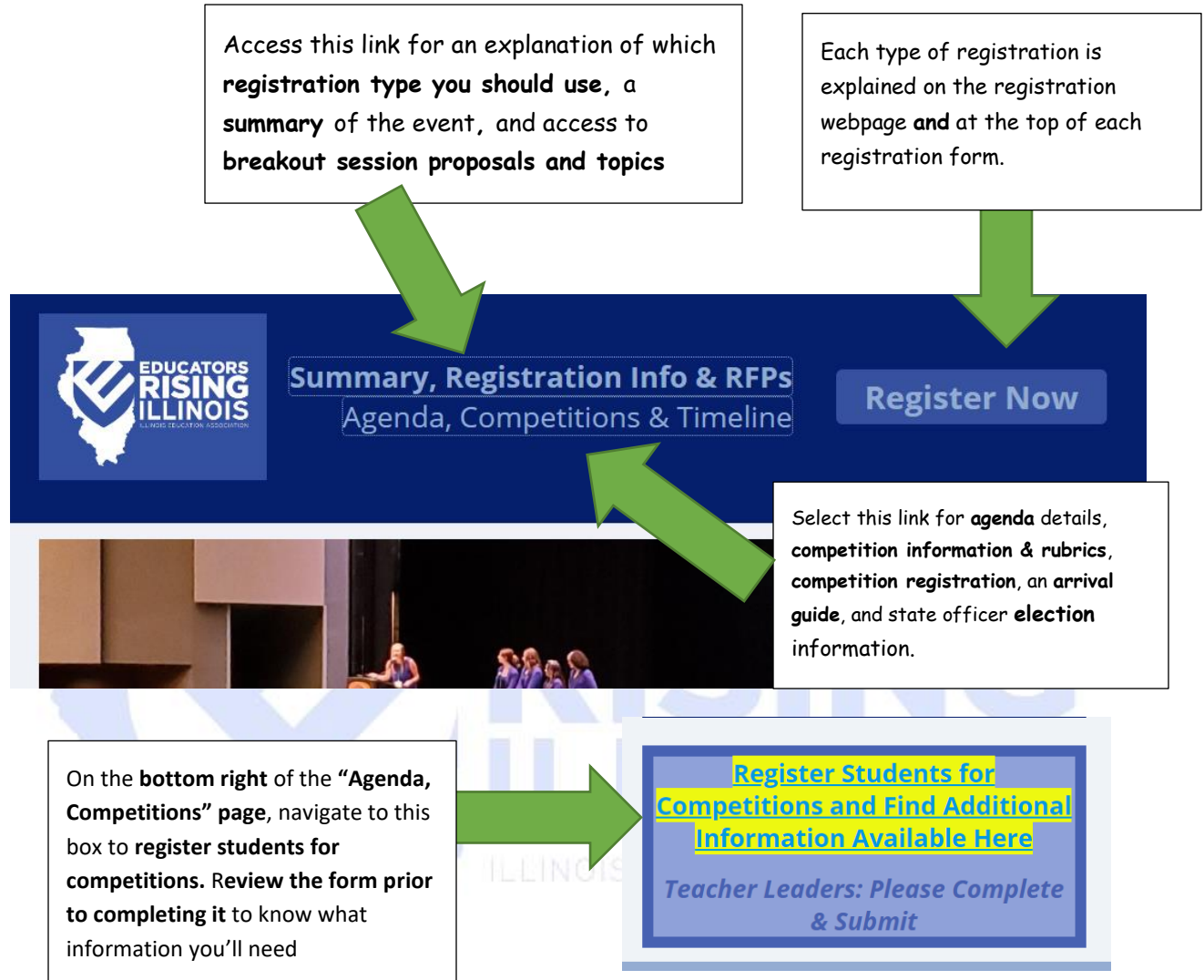
**** Educators Rising Illinois "Help Desk" ****

1. **Educators Rising IL-Specific FREE Curriculum Training - January 25th 9am to 4pm:** Do you have access to the Educators Rising curriculum after completing a contract with the national office? If so, you can register to attend the curriculum training for free! [Email us](#) to receive the registration link. *If you attended a curriculum training last January, don't sign up for this one as it's the same. They will be providing a second training in the series in the spring.*
2. Join Christy Schweitzer during **Open Office Hours** this month to get Ed Rising support. Whether you need help with conference registration, finding resources on the website, or anything else, you can enter virtual office hours on Teams by selecting the link embedded within the meeting date.
 - 7:30AM-8:30AM CST on [Wednesday, December 20th](#)
 - 3:30PM-4:30PM CST on [Wednesday, December 20th](#)
3. **If these dates and times don't work** for you or you need a full 30-minute appointment, please use my [appointment scheduler](#) to find a time that will work.
4. **Email us** anytime at educatorsrising@ieanea.org

Teachers Helping Teachers:

Do you have an idea or solution that has worked for you as a teacher leader? If so, [email us](#) to let us know the idea so we can share it with all Ed Rising IL teacher leaders. *We'll request your permission to publish it with your name or anonymously.*

Appendix A: Tips & Tricks for Navigating the Conference Website



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