

A Guide to Nationals 2018

Salvete amici! I hope you are excited to join the Ohio Delegation at NJCL 2018 at Miami University. National Convention is always the highlight of my summer- and it's easy to see why. NJCL is a gathering of Latin students from across the nation. That means the student to your right may be from Boston, and the student to your left's from Sacramento! For the academically-minded, there are plenty of tests, competitions and other events to compete in. Not excited about testing? No problem! Perhaps you can try out a dramatic interpretation, or watch Competitive Certamen, or just hang out with your friends and fellow Latin scholars. In addition, there are state fellowships (check out Andrew's article below!), spirit competitions, dances, colloquia and more! It's true: NJCL truly has something for everybody.

The theme for this year is "***Ego vos hortari tantum possum ut amicitiam omnibus rebus humanis anteponatis***", or "I urge you, as much as I am able, to place friendship before all human issues". This advice is perfect for NJCL convention. Through my few short years in the JCL, I have met amazing people from across Ohio and across the country with a deep appreciation for the Classics. These friendships hold from year to year, and we can't wait to meet again at NJCL. So whether you are eating breakfast, heading to testing, or exploring the Agora, don't miss the chance this week to meet new people and connect with others!

Preparing for this action-packed week may appear a bit daunting, but trust me, it is much simpler than it sounds. To help make the process as easy as possible, your OJCL officers have attached some information to help out. Of course, if you have any questions, feel free to email me at president@ojcl.org or reach out to any other member of the board.

De imo pectore,
Grant Bruner
OJCL President

State Shirt!



(Design courtesy of State T-shirt Contest Winner, Former OJCL President, Joseph Delamerced.)

Agora Merchandise!



New JCL Hats for only \$15!
in addition to the JCL sweatshirts, JCL Sunglasses, and an updated Selfie Space!

NJCL 2018 Packing List

General Items

- School-Appropriate day clothes for Monday through Sunday (6-7 sets recommended)
- Clothes for sleeping
- Shampoo/Conditioner, soap, and deodorant (These are NOT OPTIONAL!)
- A shaving utility
- Flip-flops for shower (dorms may vary – bathrooms/showers may be attached to your room or may be public)
- A heavy blanket
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Hand soap
- Hairbrush/Comb
- Sunglasses
- Athletic wear/shoes for Ludi events (e.g. shin guards for soccer)
- Swimsuit and beach towel (for swimming ludi)
- Wallet (pocket money for vending, snacks, and Agora – meals are covered in your registration)
- Water Bottle (A strong recommendation!)
- Projects/Books for Studying
- Formal wear for last dance
- Rain jacket (it MAY rain, we will keep an eye on the weather.)

Spirit

- Black/dark shorts (for Tuesday's GA "Oh, hi! O JCL")
- Purple or yellow top (for Wednesday's GA "Make new friends but keep the old, one is Purple and the other is Gold")
- Khaki shorts/jean shorts (for Wednesday's GA "Make new friends but keep the old, one is Purple and the other is Gold")
- White shirt (for Thursday's GA "Cincinnatus had a farm")
- White or black shorts (for Thursday's GA "Cincinnatus had a farm")
- Black shirt (for Friday's GA "Rock n' Roll JCL")
- White bed sheet (for Friday's GA "Rock n' Roll JCL" – this is your TOGA!)

Service

The NJCL participates in a large service project every year. The 2018 convention service project

will be constructing mats from recycled plastic bags for the less fortunate. The mats will be distributed around the Greater Cincinnati Area after convention. Please collect and bring as many plastic bags as possible to convention; both participation at convention as well as the number of bags collected prior to arrival **will count toward the overall spirit competition** for the week. Scissors are also greatly appreciated and may count for spirit points.

The service project occurs during a colloquium nearly every day. Please bring the following and participate daily to help Ohio Spirit!:

- Plastic bags
- Scissors

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Event Spotlight:

NJCL Fellowships

One of the highlights of any JCL convention is Fellowship. After a packed day, Fellowship, which

is exactly what its name implies, **gives delegates a chance to relax, unwind, connect, and decompress** with new and old Latin friends. For better or worse, we do have to get some official business done during Fellowship, including a quick recap of the day and voting, but don't worry-you will get the hang of it. **Fellowship is, at its core, a formal event.** When speaking, each student should identify their name and school so the process can move as smoothly and painlessly as possible. One thing that *isn't painless* however is the wrath you'll incur by skipping out on fellowship. Seriously, don't. Even if you're accustomed to doing so with your own Latin club, this is very ill-advised at convention. So yes, please actually show up.

Once you're there, meet someone new. This year, we'll have 160 some delegates from our great

state of Ohio. Let's all resolve to talk to someone new during each fellowship, and our huge delegation will feel a little smaller. You might just meet some really cool fellow Latin nerds.

It's for these reasons that Fellowship is one of my favorite parts of JCL conventions. **And if you show up ready to engage, I'm confident that it will be painless, and maybe even a JCL favorite for you too.**

Andrew Cahall,
2018-2019 Secretary