

Required: Parent/Guardian Meeting

Publications Trip | April 16-18, 2026

Chaperone: Angie Zoller Barker and Erin Brackey (Publications Advisors)

Student max:

WHAT: NSPA/JEA National Journalism Convention

WHERE: Hilton Minneapolis

1001 Marquette Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55403-2440, USA

WHEN:

Thursday, April 16

Leave from ALHS at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 6

Arrive back at ALHS at 8 p.m.

Students and chaperones will ride a bus rented through Albert Lea Bus Company to Minneapolis and back to Albert Lea.

WHO: Seats are limited to xx. All members of the ALHS Publications staff must be in good standing academically to participate.

WHY: It's the biggest gathering of journalists in the world, almost all of whom are high school students. Approximately 5,000 high schoolers converge in one of America's most famous cities. Students will attend numerous journalism-related sessions and come away with knowledge that will continue to make our publications among the nation's best. Attending these conventions is key to keeping our edge on what are the newest trends in the media world.

How is the trip related to publications?

See the attached PDF on [Why Conventions Matter](#).

COST: The cost to students includes transportation via coach bus, a two-night stay in a hotel, convention registration, and entry in individual writing or design contests.

Estimated cost per person

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| Coach Bus | \$35 |
| Hilton Hotels (two nights & based on 4 to a room) | \$70 |
| Convention registration per person | \$135 |
| Break with a Pro/ per person | \$15 |

Total trip cost
\$255

A \$150 non-refundable deposit is due by Feb 2.

The remaining balance must be paid by Feb. 16.

All students are on their own for meals.

**Albert Lea Publications
Minneapolis National Scholastic Journalism Convention**

April 16

10:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m.
2-6:00 p.m.
7 p.m.
10 p.m.

Thursday

Students leave from ALHS parking lot
Arrive at Minneapolis Convention Center/Hilton Hotels
Lunch and sightseeing
Opening ceremony and keynote speaker
Curfew check-in

April 17

9 a.m.
9-11 a.m.
Noon-3:30 p.m.
4-6 p.m.
4 p.m.
8-10 p.m.
8-10 p.m.
10 p.m.

Breakout Sessions Begin
Break with a Pro
On-site Critiques
Write-off Contests
NSPA Best of Show Deadline
Student Swap Shops
Student entertainment
Curfew check-in

April 18

8 a.m.
3:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.

Saturday

Breakout Sessions Begin
NSPA Awards Ceremony (Best of Show, Pacemakers and Individual Awards)
Leave Minneapolis
Arrive at ALHS parking lot

There will be three fundraising opportunities for students:

1. We sell senior class t-shirts at the start of the school year. The profits are divided among the students who attend the convention.
2. Students sell advertising for all ALHS Publications. They can sell as many ads as possible.
3. Baby ads for the Yearbook