

The CSLA is an active organization...CSLA members need to be active.
70% participation is not difficult...listening to Dick for 8 hours is.
To be eligible for maximum CSLA benefits...participation is a must.

What are points and how are they acquired?

The "points system" is the current way of keeping track of who's participating in what. Points are based on the event and the participation.

- EX: Volunteering at the golf outing = 1 point
- Receiving hole sponsors or giveaways = 1 point
- EX: Attending a monthly meeting = 1 point
- Bringing a potential new member to a meeting = 1 point
- EX: Signing up to volunteer but not attending = 0 points

Being the chair of an event is 3 points.

Being an active committee member of an event is 2 points.

***There are many opportunities to receive points. See the attached example for possible activities during the upcoming year.

What is the timeframe for earning points?

The first opportunity for 2007 is participating in the golf outing (in other words, now). The opportunities will continue until the competition in spring of 2008. All meetings, social gatherings, fundraisers, special projects, etc. are counted. Points will also be "pro-rated" for any new student joining the CSLA during the school year.

Why is participation so important?

The annual trip to the PLANET competition is a huge part of being a CSLA member. The events throughout the year generate a large portion of the funds needed to attend, participate and travel to the competition. The most recent travel to MSU required nearly \$10K, the next competition to Georgia will require over \$13K and the following year is in California, which will have the biggest price tag.

***In order for everyone to receive equal benefits towards the competition, everyone needs to give equal participation.

Choosing not to participate in 70% of the activities?

All members will have the opportunity to attend the annual competition and any other events the CSLA is involved with during the year. If the minimum number of participation points is not obtained by the stated deadline, members will be required to pay out of their own pocket for any remaining portion of the monies due. In previous years, the CSLA has been able to cover the cost of over 75% of the entire competition trip (including travel, admission, food, activities, etc.) By participating throughout the year, members can save hundreds of dollars (and you may actually have fun!)

Not going to competition?

There's more to the CSLA than just the annual competition. Learning experiences, community service projects and social gatherings are just a few of the other activities requiring funds. Active CSLA members are welcomed and encouraged to participate in all of them.