



**Idaho  
State Organization**

**Idaho State DKG  
Women Teachers Organization**

2026 Convention  
Limelight Hotel, Ketchum, ID  
“Mind Over Mountain: Conquering Challenges  
in Education”

**Convention Schedule**

**Tuesday, June 9, 2026**

**Convention Registration & Officer Training**

<b>Registration &amp; Preparation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration</li> <li>• Raffle Basket and Silent Auction Item Drop-Offs</li> <li>• Birdhouse Drop-Off, Sponsor Tables/swag, etc.</li> <li>• <i>(Theta &amp; Gamma set up baskets and auction items in Silver Creek; label tables for officer training)</i></li> </ul>	5:00–7:00 p.m.	Preconference Area
<b>Light Buffet Appetizers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If registered: Antipasto platter; hummus &amp; veggie crudité</li> <li>• <b>Available for purchase:</b> Assorted soft drinks and sparkling water</li> </ul>		
<b>New Officer Training</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction: International First VP Candi Martin</li> <li>• State leadership hosts training groups for new chapter leaders</li> </ul>	5:30–6:30 p.m.	Silver Creek A/B
<b>Choir Practice</b> <i>Director – Cindy Owings (Phi)</i> <i>Accompanist – Iran Trenkel (Kappa)</i>	6:30–7:00 p.m.	

**Wednesday, June 10, 2026**

<i>Continental Breakfast Buffet for Limelight Hotel guests</i>	7:00–8:45 a.m.	<i>Living Room (on your own)</i>
<b>Registration &amp; Preparation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration Continues</li> <li>• Raffle Basket and Silent Auction Item Drop-Offs</li> <li>• Birdhouse Drop-Off, Sponsor Tables/swag, etc.</li> <li>• Raffle Ticket Sales and Silent Auction Begin</li> <li><i>Theta sets up table centerpieces (LCYC birdhouses)</i></li> </ul>	8:00–9:00 a.m.	Preconference Area

<b>Choir Practice</b>	8:00–8:30 a.m.	Silver Creek B
<b>Opening &amp; First General Session / Executive Board Meeting</b> <i>Emcees: Amanda Eller (Theta) and Co-Presidents Holly Hutchinson and Leslie Ward</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00–9:05 — Welcome &amp; Announcements (Theta)</li> <li>9:05–9:10 — Posting of the colors (Cub Scouts)</li> <li>9:10–9:20 — Welcome from local leader (Ketchum Mayor Pete Prekeges)</li> <li>9:20–9:25 — “Ana Tot Strong” introduction &amp; video (Beverly Schumacher)</li> <li>9:25–9:55 — Keynote: Deborah Van Law, Executive Director of the Blaine County Education Foundation (introduced by Karen Bliss, Theta)</li> <li>9:55–10:55 — Business Meeting / 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Board Meeting</li> </ul>	9:00–10:50 a.m.	Silver Creek A/B
<b>Networking Break — 10:55–11:05</b> <i>Hotel staff close the divider wall</i>		
<b>Breakout Session A: Retired Educators</b> <b>“What Now?”</b> Maria Christensen, IEA Retired Educators of Twin Falls	11:05 –11:45 a.m.	Silver Creek A
<b>Breakout Session B: Practicing Educators</b> <b>“Addressing Current Challenges in Education”</b> Supt. Jim Foudy, Blaine County School District	11:05 –11:45 a.m.	Silver Creek B
<b>Networking Break — 11:45–12:15</b> <i>Hotel staff open the divider wall; begin food set-up in preconference area</i>		
<b>Friendship Luncheon</b> <i>Emcee: Beverly Schumacher, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP</i> <i>Theme: Lincoln County Youth Center / Birdhouses</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:15–12:20 — Announcements (Theta)</li> <li>12:20–12:25 — Inspirational Moment</li> <li>12:25–12:35 — Choir Selection</li> <li>12:35–12:55 — Meal if registered: Mexican Buffet w/ iced tea &amp; lemonade</li> <li>Introduction of keynote speaker (Theta)</li> <li>12:55–1:05 — Introduction of International First VP &amp; State Officers</li> <li>1:05–1:10 — Introduction of Convention Project LCYC &amp; Keynote</li> <li>1:10–1:40 — Keynote: Rebecca Wood from Lincoln County Youth Center (Convention Project)</li> <li>1:40–1:45 — Conclusion &amp; Announcements (Theta)</li> </ul>	12:15–1:45 p.m.	Preconference Area & Silver Creek A/B
<b>Networking Break — 1:45–2:00</b> <i>Hotel staff clear dishes if needed</i>		
<b>Special Session: “Collegiate Membership”</b> Candi Martin, DKG Society International First Vice President	2:00–2:45 p.m.	Silver Creek A/B
<b>Announcements and Dismissal of General Membership</b> <i>For those not involved in State Committee meetings, the Wood River Farmers Market is open from 12–4 p.m. across the street at Forest Service Park!</i>	2:45–2:55 p.m.	Silver Creek A/B
<b>Networking Break — 1:45–2:00</b> <i>Theta: Take down table centerpieces &amp; label meeting tables</i> <i>State Committee Members: Move to meeting tables</i> <i>Hotel staff reset Silver Creek after 3:30 p.m.</i>		
<b>State Committee Meetings (Led by Chairs)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educational Excellence — Karen Stear &amp; Connie Higgs</li> <li>Membership — Beverly Schumacher</li> <li>Nominations — Holly Hutchinson</li> </ul>	3:00–3:30 p.m.	Silver Creek A/B

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship &amp; Awards — Donna Pence</li> <li>Marketing &amp; Communication — Amy Watts</li> <li>Ad Hoc Zoom Book Club — Leslie Ward</li> </ul>		
<b>Group Excursions</b> Available to All: <b>Wood River Museum of History and Culture</b> Limited Capacity: <b>Ernest Hemingway Tour by Wendy &amp; Jim Jaquet</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>3:45–4:45 — Session 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ernest Hemingway Tour: Load in vans at Limelight. End at Museum.</li> <li>Wood River Museum: Walk or Carpool</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>4:45–5:00 — Transition.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vans unload Group 1 and load Group 2</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>5:00–6:00 — Session 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ernest Hemingway Tour: Load at Museum. End at Limelight.</li> <li>Wood River Museum: Walk or Carpool</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	3:45–6:00 p.m.	Off-site
<b>Choir Practice</b>	6:00–6:30 p.m.	Silver Creek B
<i>Dinner is on your own. There are many options within walking distance.</i>		

## Thursday, June 11, 2026

<i>Continental Breakfast Buffet for Limelight Hotel guests</i>	7:00–8:45 a.m.	Living Room (on your own)
<b>Registration &amp; Preparation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration Continues</li> <li>Raffle Ticket Sales Continue (Gamma)</li> <li>Silent Auction Continues</li> </ul> <i>Xi sets up table centerpieces (USA 250<sup>th</sup> birthday theme)</i>	8:00–9:00 a.m.	Preconference Area
<b>Choir Practice</b>	8:00–8:30 a.m.	Silver Creek A/B
<b>Second General Session</b> <i>Emcees: Co-Presidents Holly Hutchinson and Leslie Ward</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00–9:05 — Call to Order (Holly / Leslie)</li> <li>9:05–9:10 — Inspirational Moment</li> <li>9:10–9:20 — Roll Call &amp; Minutes (Robyn McHan)</li> <li>9:20–9:25 — Jean Anderson Scholarship Recipients Report (Susan Mussler)</li> <li>9:25–9:30 — Professional Develop Credits Report (Amanda Eller)</li> <li>9:30–10:05 — Unfinished Business New Business</li> <li>10:05–10:10 — Announcements &amp; Adjourn</li> </ul>	9:00–10:10 a.m.	Silver Creek A/B
<b>Introduction to AI Sessions &amp; Speakers</b> Amanda Eller (Theta)	10:10–10:15	
<b>General Session: AI/LLM Information Overview</b>	10:15–10:35	Silver Creek A/B

Kaywin Cottle, Google- and Anthropic-Certified AI Educator		
<b>Networking Break — 10:35–10:45</b> <i>Hotel staff close the divider wall</i>		
<b>Breakout Session A: AI For Beginners – Get Started!</b> “It’s Greek to Me!” Kaywin Cottle, Google- and Anthropic-Certified AI Educator	10:45–11:45 a.m.	Silver Creek A
<b>Breakout Session B: AI for Intermediates &amp; Experts (Panel)</b> “Real–World Teacher Use” Robyn McHan (Theta), Tasha Newey (Theta), Lona Phillips (Gamma)	10:45–11:45 a.m.	Silver Creek B
<b>Networking Break — 11:45–12:00</b> <i>Hotel staff open the divider wall; begin food set–up in preconference area</i>		
<b>Birthday Luncheon</b> <i>Emcees: Karen Stear &amp; Connie Higgs, Co-1<sup>st</sup> VPs</i> <i>Theme: Celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the United States of America</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 12:00–12:05 — Announcements (Theta)</li> <li>● 12:05–12:10 — Inspirational Moment</li> <li>● 12:10–12:20 — Choir Selection</li> <li>● 12:20–12:30 — Announce 50–Year Members / “Golden Girls”</li> <li>● 12:30–12:50 — Meal if registered: Bistro Market Sandwich &amp; Salad w/ iced tea &amp; lemonade</li> <li>● 12:50–12:55 — Introduction of Keynote</li> <li>● 12:55–1:40 — Keynote Speaker – DKG Society International 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Candi Martin: “Building Leadership in Your Chapter”</li> <li>● 1:40–1:50 — Alpha Chapter’s 2027 Convention Invitation</li> <li>● 1:50–2:00 — Basket raffle</li> <li>● 2:00 — Conclusion &amp; Announcements</li> </ul>	12:00–2:00 p.m.	Silver Creek A/B
<b>Break — 2:00–2:15</b> <i>Xi: Take down table centerpieces.</i> <i>Members transition to Plaza.</i> <i>Hotel staff complete food clean–up and table reset.</i>		
<b>Necrology Ceremony</b> <i>Program: Beverly Schumacher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President</i>	2:15–2:45 p.m.	Plaza
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Board Meeting</b> <i>Emcees: Co-Presidents Holly Hutchinson and Leslie Ward</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 3:00–3:05 — Call to Order (Holly / Leslie)</li> <li>● 3:05–3:10 — Roll Call (Robyn McHan)</li> <li>● 3:10–3:55 — Unfinished Business New Business</li> <li>● 3:55–4:00 — Announcements &amp; Adjourn</li> </ul>	3:00–4:00 p.m.	Silver Creek A/B
<b>President’s March Practice</b> <i>Organizers: Connie Higgs &amp; Karen Stear, Co-1<sup>st</sup> VPs</i>	4:00–4:30 p.m.	Silver Creek A/B
<b>Choir Practice</b>	4:30–5:00 p.m.	Silver Creek A/B
4:30 Theta: Registration and sponsor table take–down; set up Mind Over Mountain table centerpieces; prep for banquet		
<b>Break until 6:00</b> <i>Hotel staff food set-up in Preconference Area</i> <i>Members prepare for Banquet*</i>		
<b>President’s Banquet*</b>	6:00–8:00 p.m.	Silver Creek A/B

*Emcees: Co-Presidents Holly Hutchinson and Leslie Ward*

*Theme: Mind Over Mountain*

*Orchestral music in back corner of preconference area for background music prior to start of banquet and again for the President's March*

**(Premier Buffet @ 6:30)**

- 6:00-6:05 — Welcome by State President
- 6:05-6:20 — Presidents' Flag March
- 6:15-6:20 — Introductions & Choir Selection
- 6:20-6:30 — Choir Selection
- 6:30-7:00 — Meal if registered: Premier Buffet w/ iced tea & lemonade
- 7:00-7:30 — Awards
- 7:30-7:50 — Idaho State DKG Co-Presidents' Keynote: "The People You Meet in DKG"
- 7:50-8:00 — Silent auction conclusion. Quilt raffle drawing.
- 8:00 — Choir selection to close the 2026 Idaho State DKG Convention

*\*This is a dress-up event.*

*Theta leads with Xi and Gamma assisting: Take down table centerpieces. Clean up all vestiges of DKG Convention.  
Hotel staff completes their clean-up.*