

Texas TSA Contest Director's Update!



Hello Texas TSA!!!

It has been a fantastic year and we are excited about the 2010 Texas TSA State Competition!! We know that all of you have been working hard and are excited to see all the new projects, as well as, meeting new teachers, and other TSA chapters from around our great state! Terry and I have noticed that we have had some issues with our yahoo account, so please forward this update to other educators you know, just in case this letter does not reach everyone. Also, if you are an educator who has changed schools or has changed e-mail addresses, please send us your most up to date information so that we do not miss getting the latest news to you!

There are several things to make note of for the upcoming competition:

- The Texas TSA Competition will be held at the HOT (Heart of Texas) Fair Complex, in Waco, Texas again this year! The dates of the competition are May 6, 7, 8 2010. Please visit the following website to find out more information on the HOT Fair Complex: <http://www.hotfair.com/>
- Please make your hotel room reservations as soon as possible if you have not done so already.
- The Waco Water Park will be available to Texas TSA teachers and students again this year thanks to our good friends from the Waco Convention and Visitors Bureau! Texas TSA must thank Rhonda Bailey for all the hard work she does to help us have this Water Park night each year including the snacks that are provided for students and advisors. The Water Park Tickets will be handed out at the information desk on Thursday, May 6 on a first come first serve basis. **The Water park activity night will take place on Thursday night this year**, instead of Friday evening as it has been the past couple of years. More information on the Waco Water Park can be found here: http://www.wacocvb.com/trip_builder/attractions.aspx?attraction=38
- We will have the new 2010 TSA Contest Schedule and maps uploaded soon so keep checking the Texas TSA website found here: <http://www.texastsa.org/> Please make sure you check out the link and study the schedule and maps, since these will help you tremendously the weekend of the competition!
- All project entries will be in the Coliseum area including the Junior High projects and all NQE Events will take place in the General Exhibits Building. All General Sessions will be in the Fine Arts Building. All CAD Events and Structural Challenge and Engineering will be in the Dodge Pavilion Room. Please check the Schedule of Events for times and maps for locations.

- **A special note for NOE Events:** Pay particular attention to the times posted on the schedule of events for all National Qualifying Events. This year, each event will have a 3 hour time slot. The first hour is for students to check-in and set-up displays. The 2nd and 3rd hours are for judging of the events and this will be the only times that judging will take place. **Late entries will not be judged.**
- The NQE Fashion Design will not have a runway show this year. The onsite presentation judging will occur during the 3 hour NQE window, so teams should have their model, designer/MC presentation ready to give to the judges only. Only judges and team members should be present for this part of the judging. Garment and portfolio will remain on display for judges' review after onsite presentation.
- We are working with the HOT Fair Complex on making box lunches again this year. We will send out information as soon as we get more information on if or when we can have these ready for your students.
- An Alumni Mixer will be held in the Back Poarch Club on Friday from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. We would like for you to encourage your current seniors from each chapter to attend this meeting and participate in activities to grow the Alumni Association for the coming years. Refreshments will be provided!
- The Teacher/Advisor registration will be adjacent to the information desk at the south entry of the coliseum.
- Waco Convention construction updates:
<http://www.wacocvb.com/renovationpix.asp>
- Other optional chapter activities: Heart of Texas Speedway, Friday, May 7, 2010:
<http://heartotexspeedway.com/>

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the Texas TSA State Competition in May! Please remember that we are always here for you to answer questions and help you to the best of our ability, so do not hesitate to e-mail us with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Go Texas TSA!!!

