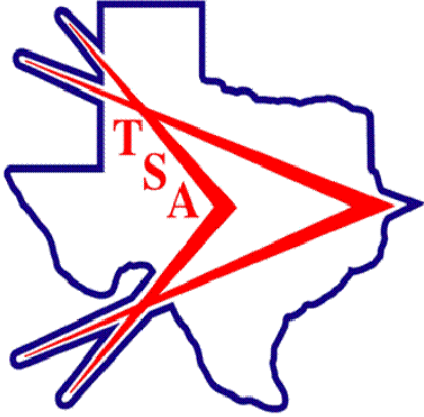


Texas Technology Student Association

Texas TSA



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Fall 2008 Newsletter

Hello Texas TSA!!!

Welcome back to another great year of Texas TSA. I hope you and your chapters are doing great. This year Texas TSA will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary and the State Officers and Leadership Team are very excited to see you at the 4th Annual State Leadership Conference in Kerrville and State Competition.

We encourage you to start getting ready for competition and start working on your events. By the time we know it, competition will be here. We wish you the best of luck and hope you have a great year!

-Texas TSA State Officers-



State Leadership Conference

Howdy Ya'll!

I hope your school year has started off great and now ready for all the fun activities we have planned for this upcoming year. So now let's get down to business. The Statewide Leadership Conference is coming up soon. It will be December 4th, 5th, and 6th in Kerrville at the Texas Lions Club Camp. The registration cost is \$90.00 and it is an all inclusive fee. The deadline to register by is November 21st. We will be having Patrick George as our guest speaker again this year. If you didn't have an opportunity to hear him speak last year I highly encourage you to try to attend the conference because he is a wonderful motivational speaker. I am very excited about this year's leadership conference. We,

the state officers have worked very hard to plan the conference and make it as successful as possible. At the camp you will be broken into different groups that you will stay with the whole time and attend leadership session which includes ice-breakers, arts and crafts, block activities and many more. The conference is designed to help you become a better leader in your chapter, school and town. You will be given obstacles that you and your team will have to come up with solutions for them. It will challenge your thoughts and how you look at things first without anyone else's opinion. I hope to see you and your Chapter there.

One last thought

TEXAS TSA.

We are giving YOU a challenge... are you willing to take it?

Kristina Worley

Texas TSA State Secretary



The Armada Boat Race

At the State Leadership Conference (refer to above article) in Kerrville, there is a competitive event called the ARMADA BOAT RACE, in which you "Build a Boat, and Hope it Floats!" For everyone who didn't attend last year's conference, it was definitely a site to see. To participate, first, you must register for the conference, and pay the \$15 fee per three-member team. Prior to the conference, you must pick the three members to complete the boat, fill out all liability forms, and as a

chapter: research boat designs, develop a technical drawing, generate a list of design merits, and pre-cut your boat and paddles. At the conference, you will check in all necessary materials at registration, including your technical drawing and design merits. At the start of the competition, each team will be provided with scissors, duct tape, and thirty minutes to assemble their boat. Make sure your Chapter brings life jackets for the TWO members manning the boat. This should be a crazy, enjoyable event, so please participate! If

you have any other questions, refer to the Statewide Leadership Conference Registration packet.

Sincerely,

Melissa Mosley

Your State Reporter



Scholarship Information



This summer I attended the Board Meeting in Waxahachie, Texas. The Board passed a motion to change the scholarship amounts. This year we will have 5 scholarships equaling a total of \$7,500, at \$1,500 each. There are two scholarships at a total of \$4000, \$2000 each. The high point high school

will receive \$500, and the high point middle school will receive a \$500 Savings Bond.

I hope this motivates you, seniors, and your chapter to apply. I wish you luck.

Your State President,
Adriana Elizondo

TSA Honor Society

The Technology Student Association Honor Society recognizes very special individuals who excel in leadership, academics, and service on all levels within their community. Texas TSA prides itself in holding high numbers of membership in Technology Honor Society and we hope to continue this tradition. I highly encourage all those who are eligible to apply for membership.

The application process is simple. Chapter advisors will review records of all members within their chapter. Students who have maintained a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale will be notified of their eligibility for the Honor Society by their advisors. The Technology Honor Society resume is available at <http://www.tsaweb.org/sites/default/files/TSA-NHS.pdf>. Simply fill out the resume, ac-

quire the necessary documentation, and enclose the paperwork with a \$5 payment. The deadline to mail in all applications is May 1, 2009. Although it may seem a long time away, please keep an eye on the deadline. It'll come faster than you think!

Remember, Technology Honor Society gives members an opportunity to be awarded for their hard work and diligence. I know Texas holds a strong work ethic, so it will be no problem for students in our great state to be inducted into the Honor Society. Please take the time to complete the application process. It will definitely be worthwhile!

Your State Vice President,
Judith Ha



Get Involved!!

Community Service is an extremely large part of TSA. There is a specific portion of the Silver and Gold Achievement Program that involves this aspect.

Community service is the method of helping your community in a selfless, giving way. There are many ways to better your surroundings with this service. It can include anything from cleaning up your school to planting flowers in public parks in your area. For example, in my chapter, we clean our football stadium every Friday, after the Thursday Freshman and JV games, to make it spotless before the Friday Varsity game. Also we have a Game Night planned at one of our city's Nursing homes. These are just some ideas for community service, but it doesn't

stop here. There are so many more possibilities for you to help your community become beautiful; also there is something so satisfying about helping your city be the best it can be, and then to know that you helped. Service is selfless, but it is extremely beneficial to you and the people you help. So remember Texas TSA, get involved in your community and do your part in serving your community!

Your State Reporter,
Melissa Mosley



Rulebook on a CD!!!

Hello Texas TSA, we all know how much fun it is to compete in TSA competitions, but in order to succeed we must comprehend and study the vital rules. We have reached to the two year period of a NEW Rulebook! This year there is a lot of new changes. First in order to receive the rulebook every Chapter must first affiliate themselves to National TSA. Second the rulebook is now all compressed into a CD! The reason for this change is to make the rules more accessible to all students. No more making copies of the actual book. Last but not least there are new National

Qualifying Events that will bring a more diverse pool of events that we already have. So please look at the new events that are in store for all TSA members, it just might be what you truly love to do. In addition you could also tell your friends about the new events they might be interested in. I wish everyone good luck in their competitions!

Sincerely,
Your Texas Sergeant - At - Arms
Joey Martinez

Test the TSA in YOU!

The Statesman Degree Program is a state wide system designed to recognize students who have learned the fundamental history and concepts behind TSA. It contains 2 separate tests, the Lonestar Degree and the Texan Degree. In order to complete the Lonestar Degree, the students must pass the Texas TSA knowledge test with at least a 70. Then, to complete the Texan, the student must pass another knowledge test with an 80. The knowledge tests are given at fall leadership conferences and the State Leadership Conference in December.

At www.texastsa.org,

students can access the study guide for these tests. The knowledge includes history of TSA (for instance, the fact that it wasn't always called TSA), the official dress and explanation of TSA's colors, important personal information (including current state and national officers, and various important parliamentary and award information. To order tests for your leadership conference, please contact Bud Worley at bud@carthageisd.org.

Your State Treasurer,
Ben Cuadra



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*See You in
Kerrville!!!!!!*

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