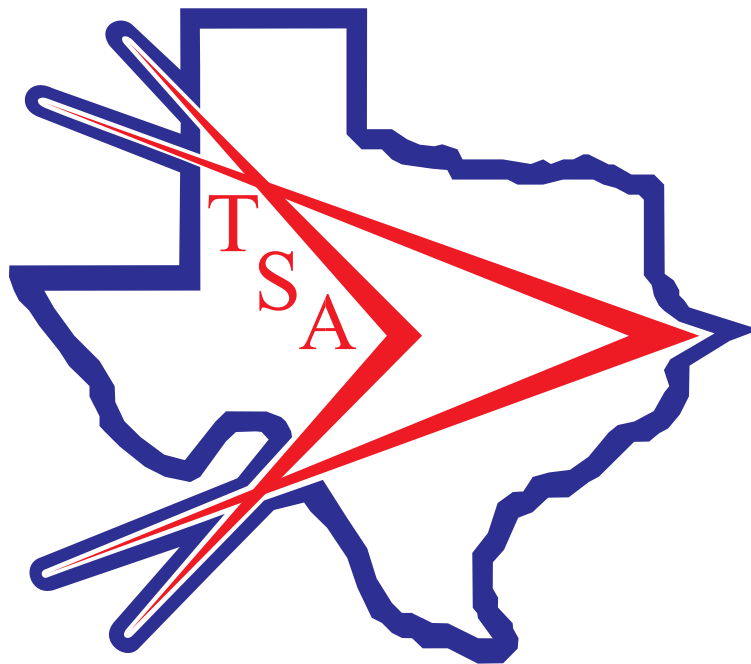


# **Texas TSA Statewide Leadership Conference**

**Texas Lions Camp Kerrville, Texas**

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015**



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## Statewide Leadership Purpose:

Our annual Statewide Leadership Conference program is designed to provide Texas TSA members and advisors the opportunity to increase their leadership, communication and teambuilding skills by attending hands on workshops, seminars and general sessions. This conference also provides opportunities for chapter members and advisors to gain knowledge and skills in relation to our Competitive events program.

## Fall Leadership Conference Overview:

### Tentative Agenda

To assist you in planning your trip, a tentative agenda for the conference is included.

## RESERVATION INFORMATION

We will be staying onsite at the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, Texas. They have graciously agreed to work with us this year to accommodate the entire conference at one location. To better plan for this year's conference we need a numbers count submitted to us by November 1, 2015. You will be obligated to pay for the number of students you submit at this time. You can take care of your payment either before the event or you may pay onsite. Your payment must be made by check since Texas TSA does not accept cash. Make checks payable to Texas TSA.

## DRESS CODE

Students will not be allowed to participate unless name badges and appropriate dress are worn. **It is the advisors responsibility to see to it that his/her delegation is appropriately dressed at all times while involved in official Texas TSA functions.** Participants will receive a conference polo at registration on Thursday. We are asking all attendees to wear their conference polo shirt along with slacks on Friday. There should be no blue jeans on Friday.

## CODE OF BEHAVIOR, PERSONAL LIABILITY AND MEDICAL RELEASE, PHOTOGRAPH RELEASE FORMS, AND ADVISOR CONTRACT

Please copy the enclosed forms for everyone participating from your chapter. Have them signed and bring them with you to the registration table at the Dining Hall. These forms are for our protection in emergency situations. One copy will be collected at registration; the other copy should remain with you at all times.

## TEXAS TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION STATESMAN AWARD

Members of each chapter will be offered the opportunity to take the Texas TSA Lone Star or the Texan Exam.

Passing the Lone Star exam with a score of 70 or better entitles the participant to receive the Lone Star Award. It also makes them eligible to take the Statesman Award test at the state contest. The Texan Award is awarded to any Texas TSA member who passes their Texan exam with an 80 or better.

## **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM**

**The Texas TSA Statewide Leadership Conference will be held December 3, 4, & 5, 2015 at the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, Texas. Registration fees are \$100.00 per participant.** The Texas TSA Statewide Leadership Conference has grown to such a size that we will need to limit the number of students that each chapter may bring up to 20 students. If there is extra room we will let chapters know. Registration fees will cover a meal on Thursday evening, all three meals on Friday and Breakfast on Saturday as well as meeting expenses and Lodging for all participants. Complete the enclosed registration form and **return** it by **November 1, 2015**. Late registration will be \$120.00 per participant and must be received by November 29, 2015. Participants registering by the late registration will forfeit the conference shirt. The conference shirts have to be ordered three weeks in advance so any late registrations may not receive a conference shirt. Please note as in the past there will be no onsite registration. **Once your registration form is sent in you may substitute participants but are still responsible for paying for all that have been registered.** Shirt sizes must be included on your registration form and may not be changed after the registration date.

## **YOUR CHAPTER MUST BE AFFILIATED WITH THE NATIONAL OFFICE BEFORE ATTENDING.**

**All registration forms should be emailed to**

**Jennifer O'Brian: [jennifer.obrian@cfisd.net](mailto:jennifer.obrian@cfisd.net)**

## **SUGGESTED SUPPLIES**

Participants should bring their own twin sized sheets or sleeping bag to sleep in. This facility is a summer camp not a hotel. They suggest that every participant bring their own toiletries and towels. On a side note, a couple of years ago I had several students who did not bring towels and we had to send someone to Wal-Mart to pick one up for them. The Wal-Mart is on the other side of town from the camp. Below you will find a list of items I give my own students that you might find helpful.

Pillow

Sleeping Bag or Sheets for a twin bed w/blanket

Change of Clothing (remember **no** shorts on Friday or Saturday)

Thursday-School appropriate clothing to travel in and Business casual clothing to change into for the first general session.

Friday-jeans and the polo shirt provided at registration. Jeans must not have any holes or rips.

Saturday-School appropriate

Sleepwear

Toiletries for your morning or evening shower

Towel (these have been forgotten before)

Snacks for the road

## **Texas Technology Students Association 2015 Statewide Leadership Conference, Kerrville, Texas Tentative Agenda**

### **Thursday, December 3, 2015**

State Officers and Leadership team Arrive (Unless you have a state leadership team member please plan to arrive after 5:00 pm)	1:00 p.m.
Conference Registration	5:00-7:00 p.m. T L C Dining Hall <i>A sandwich buffet will be served this year so chapters don't have to leave the camp</i>
First General Session	7:45-10:00 p.m. Recreation Hall
Advisor Meeting	10:15-10:30 p.m. Recreation Hall Chapter
Presidents Meeting	10:15-11:00 p.m. T L C Dining Hall
Lights out	11:30 p.m.

### **Friday, December 4, 2015**

Presidents Breakfast	7:00-8:00 a.m. T L C Lions Camp Main Office
Breakfast	7:30-8:30 a.m. Dining Hall Breakfast is a come and go event and will not be served after 8:30. Please make sure you clean up after yourself.
Second General Session	8:40-9:20 a.m. Recreation Hall
First Breakout Session	9:25-10:05 a.m. (see registration program)
Second Breakout Session	10:10-10:50 a.m. (see registration program)
Third Breakout Session	10:55-11:35 a.m. (see registration program)
Lunch	11:40-1:35 Dining Hall
Fourth Breakout Session	1:40-2:20 p.m. (see registration program)
Fifth Breakout Session	2:25-3:05 p.m. (see registration program)
Sixth Breakout Session	3:10-3:50 p.m. (see registration program)
Clean Up Dining Hall for Testing	3:50-4:15 p.m.
Lone Star/Texan Test	4:20-5:20 p.m. (see registration program)
Dinner	5:30-6:30 p.m. Dining Hall Regatta
Boat Race	7:00-9:00 p.m. Lions Camp Pool
Bingo Night	8:00-10:00 p.m.
Curfew	11:00 p.m.
Lights out	11:30 p.m.

## **Saturday, December 5, 2015**

Breakfast

7:30-8:30 a.m. Dining Hall

Breakfast is a come and go event and will not be served after 8:30.  
Please make sure you clean up after yourself.

Third General Session

9:00-Completion

Departure at Close of Third General Session

\*We ask that any school that has a short drive please stay to help clean up.

### **Texas TSA Dress Code**

Chapter advisors, chaperones and parents are responsible for making certain that all Texas TSA student members wear official TSA attire, professional TSA attire or business casual TSA attire as occasions may require. Professional TSA attire, and business casual TSA attire are considered appropriate dress for related conference activities and public appearances. Since adults (advisors, parents, chaperones and guest) serve as role models at Texas TSA conferences and activities, they are expected to dress appropriately for related occasions they attend. Conference participants not adhering to the Texas TSA Dress Code will not be permitted to participate in conference activities. Texas TSA dress code requirements listed as follows:

- During general sessions student members may wear Professional TSA attire or business casual TSA attire. Adults must dress appropriately.

Students must follow business casual attire at all times except they are allowed to wear jeans. All jeans must be in good condition with no rips or holes. On Friday night students are allowed to dress more casual during the boat race and bingo but they must be in school appropriate dress.

#### **Business Casual Texas TSA attire (least formal)**

Same as professional TSA attire, however a tie is not required, and the shirt or blouse may be a polo or golf shirt. (Unacceptable: T-shirt or shorts)

Conference shirts will be permitted when applicable.

No shorts, sweat suits, jeans, tank tops, muscle shirts, T-shirts or bathing suits are allowed during General Session or any breakout/competitive events sessions. Advertisements for alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, sexually oriented advertising, or illegal substances will be prohibited.

This dress code is updated to align Texas TSA with the National TSA Dress Code standards.

### **Texas TSA Leadership Conference Dress Code**

Chapter advisors, chaperones and parents are responsible for making certain that all Texas TSA student members wear Professional TSA attire, business casual TSA attire or Official Conference Shirts to all functions. Texas TSA will provide a polo for all participants.

# Texas Technology Students Association Code of Behavior

1. Teachers/advisors will assume full responsibility that delegates abide by the Texas TSA dress code and code of behavior at all times including travel to and from conference.
2. All participants shall behave in a courteous manner and refrain from language and/or actions that could bring discredit upon them, their school and/or TSA. Participants should wear name badges at all times except in sleeping quarters.
3. Participants shall be fully clothed at all times outside of living quarters. This includes movement between rooms.
4. Participants agree not to consume or have in possession any alcoholic beverages or non-prescription narcotics, gamble, smoke or use other tobacco products during the conference.
5. Any conduct that is not conducive to an educational conference will not be tolerated. Examples of unacceptable conduct include, but are not limited to, disrupting a businesslike atmosphere, consorting with non-conference individuals or any activities which will endanger self or others.
6. Participants are expected to attend all general sessions. Participants shall keep their advisors informed of their activities and whereabouts at all times.
7. Participants shall observe the curfew hour. It is the responsibility of the teacher /advisor to ensure compliance with this article.
8. Participants shall refrain from all types of roughhousing including dropping articles out of the windows. Participants understand that girls' cabins are off limits to boys and boys' cabins are off limits for girls unless an advisor is present. Chapters found in violation will be asked to leave.
9. Participants shall respect the camp property of which they are a guest and will pay for any property damage or loss that occurs due to their stay during the conference.
10. Participants shall not use portable stereos or other loud music making devices outside their rooms and will keep the volume low while they are in rooms.

It is hoped that each student attending the conference will take this Code of Behavior with a positive attitude so that technology education in Texas will continue to have the respect of education, business people and the general public.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the Code of Behavior. I have informed my son/daughter of the importance of his/her conforming to its provisions.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the Code of Behavior. I have informed my students of the importance of his/her conforming to its provisions. I have reminded them also that an infraction will be reported to me by the TSA State Officer Coordinator or the State TSA Advisor who has the authority to take prudent disciplinary action as he or she sees fit.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Principal's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the Code of Behavior. I have instructed my students of the importance of his/her conforming to its provisions. I understand that I am responsible for said student's actions while participating at the conference.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## Personal Liability / Medical Release / Photograph Release

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor School \_\_\_\_\_

School Telephone School Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### MEDICAL INFORMATION (children and students only)

1. Allergies (drug or otherwise)
2. Current medication
3. Describe any history of heart condition, diabetes, asthma, epilepsy, or rheumatic fever, etc.
4. Physician's name Physician's telephone

"I hereby agree to release the Texas Technology Student Association, its representatives, agents, servants and employees from liability for any injury to above named person at any time while attending the Texas TSA Activity, including travel to and from the conference, excepting only such injury or damage resulting from willful acts of such representatives, agents, servants, and employees."

"I do voluntarily authorize the Texas Technology Student Association's local chapter advisors, state advisor, assistants and/or designees to administer and/or obtain routine or emergency medical treatment for the above-named person as deemed necessary in medical judgment."

"I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Texas Technology Student Association and/or assistants and designees for any and all claims, demands, actions, rights of action, or judgments by or on behalf of the above named person arising from or on account of said procedures or treatment rendered in good faith and according to accepted medical standards."

"I hereby authorize any physician member of the Department of Emergency Medicine of an accredited hospital or any member of the medical staff of an accredited hospital to render medical treatment, which in his/ her judgment is deemed necessary in the care of the above named person (child or student) while attending the Texas TSA Activity, including time traveling to and from the conference."

"I permit Texas TSA to use video footage and photographs of my child for publicity that might include but is not limited to: website, PowerPoint presentations, promotional videos, flyers or news publications."

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent or guardian (if child or student)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's or advisor's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

A COPY OF THIS FORM MUST BE KEPT BY THE STATE AND CHAPTER ADVISORS AT THE EVENT AND GIVEN TO APPROPRIATE MEDICAL AUTHORITIES IN THE EVENT OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY.

# **Texas TSA Regatta**

## **“Build A Boat and Hope It Floats!”**

### **Objective:**

To design and build a boat using corrugated board and duct tape that will successfully carry TWO passengers across a pool in the least amount of time.

### **Before the conference:**

Complete the Regatta Registration Form for each team (schools may have more than one team) and include it, along with the \$50 Regatta Boat fees (for each team), with your Fall Leadership Conference registration. Select three participants to complete the final phase of the competition at the Fall Leadership Conference. This will be your Completion Team and will assemble the boat. Duplicate the Armada Boat Race Liability Form and have the three individuals who will be completing the final phase of the competition complete these documents as a chapter:

- Research possible boat designs
- Develop a technical drawing for the boat design (maximum one page 8.5”X11”)
- Generate a list of the design merits for the boat

### **At the conference:**

Check in at the Armada Registration Table (No more than Two Teams per School Please)

Pick up Corrugated Board Supplied by Texas TSA (2-66”x110” Sheets)

Pick up your corrugated board after registration and check in.

### **Submit the following:**

- Armada Boat Race Liability Forms
- Technical Drawing and Design Merits

These should be submitted in a single sheet protector, inserted back to back. Please insure that your schools name is included on the documents. Pre-cut your boat design and paddling apparatus using the specifications below. Report to the poolside at the time designated in your conference program.

### **Competition Information:**

Participants will be provided with Corrugated Board and one roll of duct tape. Each Completion Team will be given 30 minutes to assemble their boat. No additional materials or supplies may be used. Every race participant must wear a Coast Guard approved and properly fitted personal floatation device (PFD) while in or on the water. You must provide your own PFD's. Boats will be raced against the clock and finishing times will be compared to other boats to determine placement. (Drawings will be judged separately) Races will be started from the side or end of the pool. A judge that will say “on your mark, get set, go” this is also when the clock will start ...part of the challenge will be to enter your boat and begin paddling. Time stops when a team member who is in or on their boat touches the designated “finish-line” end of the pool. If a team's boat disintegrates, or falls apart, or sinks to the point that the members are swimming instead of paddling, the team is then declared as a “DNF”...did not finish... entrant and no time will be entered for that team and the team is officially out of the competition.....the judges will make a decision on this if necessary.



**Clean-Up:**

- All Corrugated board, decorations and boat related materials must be removed from the water and grounds by the boat crews and either taken home or disposed of in the on-site “cardboard boat graveyard”. If the team leaves materials behind, they will be subjected to disqualification from the race!

**What each team must provide for themselves:**

- Personal Flotation Device (PFD) for each team member
- Full size template or drawings to be used as pattern for boat
- There have been questions about this...yes, you may precut a template and bring it with you.
- Cutting Devices and safety equipment appropriate for use with such devices
- Please note that Texas TSA no longer provides cutting devices
- Technical drawing and design merits – submitted at registration
- TEAM MEMBERS - - 3 are required!

Required dress: shorts, sneakers (There is a good chance that the sneakers will get wet so please make arrangements and have proper shoes.) and Texas TSA will provide a race t-shirt. All three members of the race team will need to wear their shirt.

Towels and dry clothes to change into after the race.

Spirited chapter members!

**Items that will be provided for the race participants:**

Duct Tape, one entire roll and only one roll...Exact amount on the roll has not been determined yet....but a “rather hefty” amount can be expected.

2 sheets of Corrugated Board (66”X110”)

Swimming Pool

Judges with stopwatches

Assembly area

Cardboard Graveyard area to dispose of the wet, soggy cardboard.

**Event Guidelines:**

The ENTIRE BOAT must be BUILT OF Corrugated Board and duct tape. The propulsion system, including oars and/or paddles, Must be made from Corrugated Board also!! (Think Paddles not swimming)

Decorations and props that are not part of the boat’s hull or structure are allowed as long as they in no way effect the strength or buoyancy of the boat. (I.e. Team Flag, Team name, logo, mascot, etc.....judges may rule on this if necessary)

Where the crew sits CAN NOT BE ENCLOSED (the boat crew must be able to get in and out of the boat easily).

SURFBOARD style designs are NOT ALLOWED. Consider “staying dry” as part of the challenge.

If there is any doubt about the construction, the judges reserve the right to use a probe, such as an ice pick, to test and verify that only cardboard has been used.

**Rule Violations:**

Use of Duct Tape to completely wrap or encase the boat or propulsion device.

Duct Tape is only allowed to reinforce seams and such.

Failure to abide by any race rule or direction of race official shall be cause for disqualifications. The decision of the Judges shall be final.

No part of the boat can be pre-assembled prior to the assembly time.

Touching the sides after launch with hands or feet (body part)

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## Regatta Boat Race Liability Release Form

Each crew member must have this form completed to be eligible to participate.

By signing and/or participating in this cardboard boat race, I agree to abide by the safety rules or guidelines governing this event. I will wear my PFD at all times when on or in the water. I waive any claim or right to make any claim for any injury of any kind and/or any other claim, which might arise in the course of this event against the Texas Technology Student Association, or any group or individuals involved in this event.

Parents or legal guardian of crewmember must sign this form.

Crewmember name: \_\_\_\_\_

School name: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Comp. Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Health Record #: \_\_\_\_\_

Current medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: This form must be signed and returned with your check.

• \$50.00 team entry fee made payable to Texas TSA must accompany liability form. Fee will cover material and tape necessary to complete boat and a competition t-shirt for each team member. (Limit is 3 shirts per team)