

January 17, 2012

Dear Parents,

Our State conference and competition is a short 5 weeks away. Below are the costs for participation in the conference.

- Registration per student: \$65
- Rooms per night: \$109 (4 nights = \$436 x 4 rooms = \$1,744)
- Meals: this varies per student.

We have already asked each of you to contribute \$50 toward their registration fees. The majority of you have made an initial \$25 deposit leaving a balance of \$25 for the conference fees. Our TSA chapter will pay the balance of \$15 for each student (\$210).

Room Fees:

We are requesting that each student pay a room fee of \$75 and any balance remaining on the \$50 deposit. (We will send a note home soon as to who still owes deposit money) TSA Funds will be used to pay the \$15 balance per student for registration and the \$694 remaining for the room costs.

*If finances are an issue for you, please contact either Tracy or Jodi and we will work with you. Finances should not be an issue in determining whether your child attends the conference or not. Likewise if finances are not an issue for you and you would be willing to assist another student with expenses, we would be extremely grateful. This information will be kept confidential.

Meals:

There are a few restaurants at the hotel, but after checking the prices of the menus have discovered they are not kid friendly. Breakfast toast is \$3 and a hot chocolate is \$4. A hamburger is \$12. Costs can be cut by bringing much of our food for meals with us: bread, sandwich meat, PB&J, chips, soda/water, and fruit for lunches and cereal, breakfast bars for breakfast. We are limited by space to take much with us unless we have parents who will be driving and are willing to load their car. If we find space, we will send home a sign up sheet for food items. (We don't want 10 loaves of bread and no jelly. ☺)

We would love to hear your thoughts and ideas. Our club has worked hard this year on their fundraisers. We want to make the best use of that money. Thank you for all you do to support your child and our TSA chapter.

On another note: Ruling has come down from the Florida State Board of Directors that students **MUST** be in the "most formal attire" to attend the awards ceremony. Formal attire consists of:

Boys: grey pants, white dress shirt, blue blazer with patch, TSA tie, black shoes (no tennis shoes allowed), and dark socks.

Girls: grey skirt or slacks, white dress shirt, blue blazer with patch, girls tie and black dress shoes.

We have the ties and patches. We also have a few blazers for the boys and 2 pairs of grey pants. There may be blazers for a reasonable price at Goodwill or Salvation Army thrift stores.

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