

Virginia Association of the Technology Student Association

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TO: Technology Education Teachers – Blue Ridge Region

FROM: LaTasha M. Watson, State Advisor
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SUBJECT: Blue Ridge Region TSA Spring Fair
March 7, 2009 – 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Patrick Henry High School, Roanoke City, Virginia

We are pleased to announce that the Blue Ridge Region Spring Regional Fair will be held March 7, 2009 at Patrick Henry High School, 2102 Grandin Road Southwest, Roanoke, Virginia 24015. The Blue Ridge Spring Region Fair provides for leadership development activities and competitive events for students who are members of the Technology Student Association. Students will be recognized for outstanding achievement in thirty-five events. Only the top three finishers in these specific contests will advance to statewide competition at Technosphere '09. Several additional contests that are not offered at the regional fair will be open to all students registered at Technosphere '09. Outstanding Virginia TSA members are encouraged to run for a regional TSA officer position. Please encourage your students to participate at this year's regional fair to demonstrate their leadership and technological ability.

Chapter advisors and TSA members are reminded that the **2008-2009 National TSA Curricular Resources Guide for the Middle School**, the **2009-2010 TSA Curricular Resources Guide for the High School**, and the **2009 Virginia Addendum to the Curricular Resources Guide** contains the official rules for this year's competitive events. The **National TSA Curricular Resources Guides** are available through the TSA National Office. The addendum may be downloaded at the following URL: www.vatsa.org. Also, be sure to regularly check the Virginia TSA Web site for changes and updates pertaining to all aspects of the regional fair.

Registration for all attendees (students, advisors, and guests) will be done online. To access the registration form go to www.vatsa.org and click on the advisor login icon. All advisors who participated last year have a user ID and password to access the online registration forms. If you do not have an user ID and password, please request an ID and password by sending an email to Virginia TSA at tsa@vatsa.org. After completing the online registration, the following must be mailed to Virginia TSA: a) copy of online chapter registration invoice, b) registration fees, and c) school forms verification affidavit. Final processing of your school's registration will not be processed until all of the above items have been received.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's regional fair. We also wish your students success!

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Blue Ridge Region Fair Fact Sheet

- Date and time: Saturday, March 7, 2009
7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
- Location: Patrick Henry High School
2102 Grandin Road, SW
Roanoke, VA 24015
- Registration fees: \$20.00 per TSA member must be mailed to Virginia TSA (advisors and chaperones receive a complimentary Regional Fair registration).
- Who may participate: TSA members from affiliated chapters.
- Lunch: The regional fair will recess from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. for lunch. See page 7 for lunch details.
- Supervision: TSA members must be chaperoned by advisor, parent, or guardian.
- Rules: 2008-2009 National TSA Middle School Competitive Events Guide
2009-2010 National TSA High School Competitive Events Guide
2008-2009 Virginia TSA Addendum to Competitive Events Guide
- Entries per contest: Refer to pages 13-16 in the Addendum for the list of Regional Fair contest and maximum entries per event. Only those students and/or teams finishing in the top three places at the Regional Fair may enter the same events at Technosphere.
- Registration deadline: Postmarked by **February 6, 2009**. Telephone or fax registration will not be accepted. On-site registration will not be permitted. Exceptions will not be allowed. Also, the online component of registration must be completed by February 6, 2009.
- Mail all registration fees and material to:** Virginia TSA, P. O. Box 9045, Virginia State University
Petersburg, VA 23806
- For more information: For fastest response, send an email request to the Virginia TSA State Office at tsa@vatsa.org, attention Ms. LaTasha Watson.

**REGIONAL FAIR
TENTATIVE AGENDA**

8:00 a.m.	Advisors Pick-up Registration Packets
8:00 - 9:00	Contest Project Set-up
8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Regional Officer's Meeting
8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Judges' Meeting
9:00 - 10:00.....	General Session I TSA Updates Candidate Speeches Announcements
10:00 - 12:15 p.m.....	Contests Judging Officer Campaign Interest Sessions Student Activities
12:00 - 1:00.....	Lunch Delegates pick up ballots and vote
1:00 - 3:00	Contests Judging Interest Sessions Student Activities
3:30 - 4:30	General Session II Awards Program
4:30.....	Remove Projects
4:30.....	New Officer's Meeting

NOTE: Goto the following url/link to obtain a detail copy of the 2008 Blue Ridge Regional Fair program: <http://www.vatsa.org/conferences/fairs.htm>.

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. February 6, 2009 is the registration deadline for regional fair contests and regional officer candidate application forms. Regional officer candidate application forms must be postmarked and mailed to the Virginia TSA office by February 6.
2. Chapters must be affiliated by January 23, 2009 in order to compete at regional or state TSA competitions.
3. There will be no on-site registration of schools at the Regional Fairs or Technosphere.
4. Chapter advisors must maintain (keep) all copies of their students' conduct, liability, and medical release forms. Do not mail those forms to Virginia TSA. Chapter advisors must mail Virginia TSA the School Forms Verification Affidavit contained in this packet.
5. User ID and Password will remain the same as last year. Contact Virginia TSA if you did not receive your user ID and password.
6. Complete the online registration for all participants including students, advisors, and guests. No online individual registrations will be processed without the corresponding school forms and payment.
7. Contact your school principal to obtain your division and school code.
8. **After registering everyone online, mail a copy of the online chapter registration invoice, registration fees, and school forms verification affidavit to Virginia TSA (postmarked) no later than mid-night February 6, 2009.**
9. Refunds must be requested in writing prior to February 28, 2008. The request must include: student name, contests, reason for request, W-9 form including the school tax ID number, advisor signature, and a copy of the original payment.
10. Chapter advisors must ensure that their students are chaperoned at all times. No more than 10 students per chaperone.
11. Students are not allowed to leave the Regional Fair site at anytime without an adult representative from their own school.

REGIONAL FAIR REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Suggested Steps for Completing Forms:

1. Announce dates, location, and purpose of Regional Fair to each class.
2. Obtain appropriate field trip approval for attendance and transportation to the Regional Fair.
3. Affiliate your chapter with National TSA.
4. Duplicate Regional Fair overview information, conduct, liability, and medical release forms for students to complete and return to their advisor.
5. Advisors must complete the online registration form for all (students, advisors, and guests) participants. User IDs and Passwords can be obtained by emailing your request to Virginia TSA at tsa@vatsa.org. The online Registration form is located at: <http://www.vatsa.org/resources/advisors.htm>
6. Advisors must fill out the online individual contest entry registration form for each of your students in attendance. Double-check and verify all contest entries. Advisors must print and retain a copy of the online chapter registration invoice.
7. Determine TSA Chapter voting delegates and select voting delegate under the status icon on the online registration form. Each affiliated chapter has two voting delegates. The advisor is responsible for choosing the delegates. Chapters receive an additional voting delegate for each regional and/or state officer.
8. TSA members seeking a regional office should read the "Regional Officer Candidate Information Sheet," fill out the regional officer candidate form, obtain the required original signatures, and mail the original application form to the Virginia TSA office by February 6. Regional officer candidate applications will not be accepted without all required original signatures.
9. Secure funds for Regional Fair participation in order to pay for registration, meals, transportation, etc. Obtain check for student registration fees from school financial officer payable to Virginia TSA.
10. Chapter advisors must keep all copies of their students' conduct, liability, and medical release forms. Do not mail these forms to Virginia TSA. However, chapter advisors must mail Virginia TSA the School Forms Verification Affidavit contained in this packet.
11. The following must be mailed (postmarked) to: Virginia TSA, P.O. Box 9045, VSU, Petersburg, Virginia 23806 by no later than mid-night February 6, 2009:
 - a) copy of online chapter registration invoice
 - b) registration fees
 - c) school forms verification affidavit
12. Contests cancelled because of inadequate registration will be announced by February 20. Refunds must be requested in writing prior to February 28, 2009 with proper documentation.

**Blue Ridge Spring Regional Fair
March 7, 2009**

ON-SITE LUNCH FORM

The local planning team will be offering an optional on-site box lunch for regional fair participants. These lunches will be delivered directly to the regional fair site. The lunches will include sandwich, drink, chips, and a desert item (i.e. cookie or brownie). We understand that it can be really difficult to attempt to go off-site and get food and/or to coordinate a pizza delivery. We hope that each TSA chapter attending the regional fair will choose to order lunches! The lunches will cost \$10 per lunch.

This form, along with a school check (payable to: James Madison Middle School), needs to be mailed to:

James Madison Middle School
Attn: Mr. Chris Morris / JMMS TSA
1160 Overland Rd, SW
Roanoke, VA 24015

This form and payment must be received by Friday, February 6, 2009. We cannot order lunches without payment in advance. We are sorry for any inconvenience, but we cannot accept payment on-site.

Please Print Clearly:

I. Contact Information

School Name: _____ School Division: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Advisor Name: (first) _____ (last) _____

Advisor Email: _____ Advisor Phone: _____-_____-_____

II. Lunch Order

Number of Box Lunches: _____ Ham _____ Turkey _____ Chicken Salad _____ Veggie _____ Tuna

Total Number of Lunches: _____ x \$10 per Lunch = _____ Total Due!!

For Regional Fair Management Team Use Only

Paid: _____ Check # _____ Entered By: _____ Date: _____

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**PERSONAL LIABILITY FORM
VIRGINIA TSA
2008-2009**

No student or child attendee will be allowed to participate in Virginia TSA Regional or state activities unless the chapter advisor has an original copy of this form at all times.

**REQUIRED FOR: STUDENT/CHILD CONFERENCE ATTENDEES.
CHAPTER ADVISOR MUST MAINTAIN A COPY OF THIS FORM AT THE SCHOOL
AND BRING THE ORIGINAL COPY TO THE REGIONAL FAIR.**

Name of participant: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ School phone: _____

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

"I do voluntarily authorize representatives of Virginia TSA to obtain emergency medical treatment for the above named person as deemed necessary."

"I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the representatives of the Virginia Association of the Technology Student Association and said TSA State Advisor and/or conference management staff for any and all claims, demands, actions, rights of action, and/or judgements by or on behalf of the above named person arising from or on account of said procedures and/or treatment rendered in good faith and according to accepted medical standards."

Regional Fair - March 7, 2009

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Participant Signature

Date

State Conference – May 1-3, 2009

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Participant Signature

Date

NOTE: Chapter advisors may use the same form for Technosphere provided each event is properly signed and dated.

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**VIRGINIA TSA DELEGATE
CONDUCT PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES AGREEMENT FORM**

1. **"Delegate" shall mean any TSA member (voting/non-voting) attending the conference.**
2. There shall be no defacing of public property. Any damages to the property or furnishings in the hotel rooms or building must be paid by the individual(s) or chapter(s) responsible.
3. Delegates shall keep their advisors informed of their activities and/or whereabouts at all times.
4. Delegates should be prompt and prepared for all activities.
5. Delegates should be financially prepared for all possibilities.
6. Delegates not staying at the official conference hotels shall return to their legal residence by curfew or immediately following the last scheduled event.
7. No alcoholic beverages, narcotics or firearms, in any form, shall be possessed by delegates, alumni or other conference attendees at any time, under any circumstances.
8. No delegates shall leave the conference site unless accompanied by the Chapter Advisor(s) and/or chaperone(s).
9. Delegates and Voting Delegates are required to attend all general sessions and activities assigned, including workshops, competitive events, committee meetings, etc. for which they are registered, unless engaged in some specific assignment taking place at the same time.
10. Identification badges must be worn at all times by all persons in conference attendance.
11. Chapter Advisors will be responsible for their delegates' conduct en route to the conference, during the conference, and during delegates' return to home school.
12. Delegates violating or ignoring any of the conduct rules will subject their entire delegation to being unseated and their candidates or competitive event participants to being disqualified. Individual delegates may be sent home immediately at their own expense. Curfews will be enforced (all delegates will be in assigned rooms by the announced times).
13. Casual wear will be accepted only during specific social functions, as designated.
14. The Virginia TSA Standards Review Committee reserves the right to dismiss any delegate from the conference for inappropriate actions.

I have read, I understand, and I agree to conduct myself according to the conduct practices and procedures listed above.

Student Delegate Signature

Parent Signature

The parent must initial each event for which this form applies:

Regional Fair: March 7, 2009 _____

State Conference: May 1-3, 2009 _____

Chapter advisors may use the same form for all Virginia TSA sponsored events provided the form is properly signed and initialized where applicable. Chapter Advisors are responsible for maintaining the form. The original form must accompany the chapter advisor at all times at a Regional Fair or Technosphere.

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**MEDICAL RELEASE FORM
VIRGINIA TSA
2008-2009**

**REQUIRED FOR: STUDENT/CHILD CONFERENCE ATTENDEES.
CHAPTER ADVISOR MUST MAINTAIN A COPY OF THIS FORM AT THE SCHOOL
AND BRING THE ORIGINAL COPY TO THE REGIONAL FAIR.**

Student: _____ Social Security # _____

Advisor: _____

School: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Medical Information (Print Clearly)

1. Known drug allergies: _____
2. Last tetanus administration received: _____
3. Describe any history of heart condition, diabetes, asthma, epilepsy or rheumatic fever, etc: _____

4. Medication currently being taken: _____
5. Physical restrictions (swimming, running, etc.) _____
6. Other conditions: _____
7. Physician: _____ Work: _____ Home: _____
8. Relative: _____ Work: _____ Home: _____
9. Name of medical insurance company: _____ Policy # _____

I hereby give permission for emergency medical treatment of _____ (Name of student/Child) while attending conferences and leadership activities of Virginia TSA.

Signature of parent/guardian:

Regional Fair
March 7, 2009

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

State Conference
May 1-3, 2009

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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