



WV TSA Bulletin Winter, 2006



This is our second issue of the new WV TSA Bulletin – a one page flyer that will be sent to chapter members. This will hopefully be good format for busy students.

Plan Now for Spring Conference!

Our Spring WV TSA Conference will be held **March 29-31, 2007**, at **Cedar Lakes in Ripley, WV**. This date is two weeks earlier this year because the facility was not available on our usual dates. So make sure to put it on your calendar now and plan accordingly! You will need to finish those competitions earlier this year!

High School Students – Competition Information

Make sure you know that the Competitive Events Rules have been revised for 2007 -08. Get copies of the new rules from your advisor- and make sure he or she is using the 2007-08 book! Several changes have been made for this year, as seen below:

TECHNOLOGICAL SYSTEMS
ANIMATRONICS
VIDEO GAME DESIGN
COMPUTER ANIMATION, ARCHITECTURAL
COMPUTER ANIMATION, ENGINEERING

Cancelled on state and national level
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Competition Tips from Experience

- Prepare in advance: Start your competitions far enough ahead of time so that you have ample time to complete your projects (Hint: if you haven't already started, now is a good time)
- Read the Rules: This may seem redundant, but if you don't understand and include everything asked for in the rules, it may be grounds for a twenty point deduction!
Not following the rules = -20 points!
- Collaborate with others: Don't limit yourself to what is written in books or published on the internet. Talking to teachers, professors, and people who are experienced in your area of interest can help you glean insight and new perspective on your competition.
- Have Fun: Judges notice the marked quality of projects done by passionate participants. When you enjoy what you are doing it shines through, no matter what competition.

Achievement Awards

This non-competitive program provides opportunities for students to earn points toward an achievement pin while developing appropriate attitudes and increasing their knowledge and skills through involvement in technology education programs and activities. Check out http://www.wvtsa.org/3_general_info/achievement_awards.htm for past winners and to download a copy of the booklet. Start earning points today!!

WV TSA Needs You as a Leader for Our Organization!

Calling all potential state officers! The West Virginia Technology Student Association is looking for leaders to be a part of the 2007-2008 officer team. As a state officer you make decisions about TSA conferences, learn to make a budget and gain important speaking and leadership skills. Also as an officer, you get to make new friends and have a lot of fun at officer training. So be sure to check out the officer page at www.wvtsa.org to find out more about the requirements and filing dates.

Competitive Event Themes and Problems for 2007

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- **Career Challenge** Computer Animator, Landscape Architect, Aerospace Engineer, Video Production Engineer, CAD Draftsperson
- **Cyberspace Pursuit** "Worldwide Significant Technological Developments"
- **Graphic Design Challenge** "TSA: Imagine It!"
- **Prepared Speech** "TSA, Breaking Down Boundaries"
- **Technical Writing Challenge** "The Influence of Television Upon the Individual, the Family and Society"

HIGH SCHOOL

- **Architectural Model** Design a single family residential home for a family of four, following the principles and guidelines established for the development of affordable housing in America.
- **Cyberspace Pursuit** "Learning to Think Spatially"
- **Imaging Technology** "Through the Eyes of a Child"
- **Manufacturing Prototype** Design and manufacture a device that either plays music or could be used to make music. An appropriate marketing package should accompany the product.
- **Prepared Presentation** "TSA, Breaking Down Boundaries"
- **Promotional Graphics** "TSA: Imagine It!"
- **Technical Report Writing** "The Technology of War"
- **Transportation Modeling** Design a modern sports car based on a 1960s or 1970s "Muscle Car."

Website

Check out the www.wvtsa.org website for useful information about upcoming events, conferences, conference forms, new rules and regulations and other information. The Listserv is also working on the website where students sign up and receive emails about current WV TSA information.

Tips and Creative Ideas for Fundraising

Fundraising can sometimes be a pain or hold back for an organization and with all of the many things that TSA does, much stress is put on the individual chapters to compensate by fundraising. Through fundraising, chapters can accumulate money to help send members to events such as states or nationals. Sometimes fundraising activities fall short of their goal due to improper planning, service, and enthusiasm. Here are some tips to make fundraising a positive experience:

- Make sure that your activity is well publicized and has a clear beginning and end.
- Have a target audience and market to their needs: if it's a business, provide a service or item to fit their needs.
- Focus around the holidays and other special occasions that relate to your local area.
- Generate excitement in whatever you choose.
- If you are purchasing items through a company, aim to receive 40% or more of the funds made by the activity.
- Check out the internet for cool and creative new ideas.

We Want to Hear from You!

We love feedback! Please feel free to e-mail any questions, comments, or suggestions to any of the officers at officerposition@wvtsa.org , example: president@wvtsa.org.