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Florida TSA Advisor Training Workshop (ATW)

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Regal Sun Resort • Lake Buena Vista, FL
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Overview and Instructions

We invite you to join the team. Are you a classroom instructor, who has never sponsored a Technology Student Association (TSA)? Have you tried to start a chapter but it just didn't work out? Do you have a chapter, but things just don't seem to gel?

If your answer is yes to any of the above questions, we have a workshop designed to help you run a successful Florida Technology Student Association chapter. This year's Advisor Training Workshop (ATW) will even go one step beyond previous ATW's because the workshop is now run in conjunction with the Leadership Training Conference & Competition (LTCC). This means that you will not only have the opportunity to interact with other advisors, some of whom have been involved in TSA since 1980, but you will be able to see the students in action. You will have the opportunity to meet and interact with the student state officers and the FL TSA Board of Directors. In short, we feel we have developed the most complete and meaningful ATW to date.

Exactly what do I need to do to participate in this experience? Let us outline the steps and responsibilities needed for you to be there:

- 1.) Contact the administrator (school or county level) who can grant permission for you to attend the ATW. Remember, sponsoring a TSA chapter is a part of every technology course's curriculum framework in the state of Florida. (In these tight financial times the curriculum connection may be the difference between being approved or not.)
- 2.) Complete the Registration form as soon as possible, and submit to the appropriate address. Payment (\$125.) can be made with the registration or can be sent in later. Do not mail payment after November 3, 2008, as it may not arrive in time for the conference.
- 3.) Book your hotel room directly with the hotel. This process is being handled by email for this workshop. (See the instructions on the hotel form.) This needs to be completed by October 20, 2008. Do not delay with the booking of your room as the room block will be released to the general public after the deadline, which means you may not get the conference room rate if you can get a room at all after the deadline. Remember rooms can be cancelled 72 hours in advance with no penalty and this year the hotel is not requiring a personal credit card in order to book a room.
- 4.) If you run into any problems, or require special considerations, contact Harold Miner (FL TSA Executive Director) at 352-343-2436 or hminer@usa2net.net.

What do I get for attending? The most important thing participants come away with is the knowledge needed to begin a TSA chapter. That will be rewarding for you and, more importantly, your program and the students that program serves. Each successful participant will also receive a notebook that includes valuable "notes" from the workshop and a complete set of contest rules for the middle or high school level. Additionally, each successful participant will have the basic chapter dues paid for the current year (a \$200 value by itself). Some one will be happy to work with you to secure educational (TEC) credit for the workshop if that is a possibility within your county.

This workshop has been ongoing for well over ten years. Numerous instructors started their TSA chapter at the workshop. Some have even taken the workshop more than once. Join us, take a couple of days away from the classroom and see what TSA has to offer you and your students. Those couple of days may just make a difference in your career, your program, and, most importantly, help you reach more students. After all, isn't that what education is all about? We hope to see you in November!

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HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

Regal Sun Resort
1850 Hotel Plaza Boulevard
Lake Buena Vista, Florida 32830

The Florida TSA room block will be released to the general public on October 20th, 2008. In order to confirm your reservation, this form must be e-mailed to Steve MacDonell at smacdonell@regalsunresort.com by October 20th, 2008. Your confirmation numbers will be emailed to you within 48 hours.

Sending payment and tax exempt form to the hotel in advance is strongly recommended and will ensure a smooth check-in and rooming arrangements.

School: _____ Advisor: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ School Phone: _____

Check-in: Wed., 11/12/2008 at _____ PM. Check-out: Sat., 11/15/2008 at 12:00PM

Method of Arrival Bus Van Car - Will overnight parking be needed? Yes No

Please put a check in the box next to the rooms you wish to reserve. Note: room rates vary

Conference Rates:

Standard Room \$105.

Pool Side \$115.

Tower \$125.

PLEASE TYPE the names of the person(s) who will occupy each room being reserved and indicate, by checking the appropriate box, if the room is for male or female occupants.

Male Female

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Special Requests for the Hotel (ie. King Bed, etc.):

Tax exempt form is required with your school check