

Section II



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HOTEL INFORMATION & ROOM RESERVATIONS

Hotel Overview:

Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort
42 Beach Lagoon Road
Amelia Island, FL 32034
Phone: 904-261-6161 Fax: 904-321-5046

Attached, you will find all of the information necessary to book your rooms. Please read ALL of the information thoroughly. Please be sure that your students are also aware of the hotel rules to ensure a safe and enjoyable conference.

All rooms must be reserved by February 1st, 2012 and all reservations require a copy of your tax-exempt form. You will be expected to send either a check with your tax exempt form, or call the hotel with a credit card to hold your reservation by Feb. 6th (if paying by credit card, present your tax exempt form upon check-in). Anyone who does not give a form of payment by this date, will relinquish their room reservation.

Checks should be sent to:

**Omni Amelia Island Plantation
P.O. Box 3000
Amelia Island, FL 32035
Attn. Amei Prachthausser**

Note: All checks should include Reservation Confirmation Number and contact phone number.

Directions:

Take I-95 to exit 373 (A1A E.)

Go East 11 miles to Amelia Island Parkway

Turn right at the first traffic light onto Amelia Island Parkway, just over the Intercoastal Waterway Bridge

Go 3.4 miles to traffic light and turn right onto South Fletcher

Turn left at the traffic circle, and continue on A1A

Go about 3 miles, and turn into the resort entrance at the third traffic circle

PLEASE NOTE: As you approach the resort, there are three traffic circles. At the second traffic circle, you will see the entrance to our Spa & Shops on the left. Go to the third traffic circle and you will see the main entrance of the Omni Amelia Island Plantation on the left.

Once you pass through the security gate, Follow road to hotel lobby

Reservations: Book EARLY!!! Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort has plenty of rooms to accommodate our group. However, they will begin blocking the rooms closest to the convention center, and then utilize those rooms further away for overflow. If you wait to book, you may be given rooms in a more remote location of the resort. Free transportation will be provided, but you may find yourself in a location that is not as convenient as you may have hoped.

Please go to the following address to make your on-line reservations

<http://omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/AmeliaIsland/MeetingFacilities/TSA2012.aspx>

Be sure to check the type of accommodation you are booking (see below).

Room Options and Rates: We are very fortunate to have several options available to us at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation. Please consider your choices carefully, and book the rooms that most suit your chapter.

1. Deluxe Oceanview rooms in the Hotel: The rooms all have a beautiful unobstructed ocean view. Each room will have either 2 queen beds or a king bed and queen sleeper sofa. They are the most convenient to the convention center, and all events. Rate is: \$149 per night with a tax exempt form, or \$165.39 without.
2. Development View hotel room: Omni is upgrading the property and adding 155 more hotel rooms, and a new pool area. These rooms will overlook the construction, but will still have an oceanfront view and the same convenient location as the rooms above. **There is a limited number of these rooms. Once they are all booked, they will no longer be offered.** The Rate for these rooms is: \$109 per night with a tax exempt form or \$120.99 without.

3. Villas: These all have oceanfront views (some more obstructed than others), and can be booked as oceanview guest room (same as hotel room), 1 bedroom, or 2 bedroom units. The 1 and 2 bedrooms will have a living, dining and kitchen area. Most will have 2 queen beds in each bedroom, (some may have a king bed in one room, and 2 queens in the other). There is a walking path that will take you to the convention center, but a 5 minute walk, or short ride on the shuttle will be necessary to get to the convention center. **These are available on a limited basis, and you must book these by Jan. 10th in order to secure your villa. They are available on a first come, first serve basis.** Only book these if you have responsible, well-behaved students. The villas are a privilege, and we want to leave them in the pristine condition we found them. The rate for the villas are:

Ocean view Guest Rooms and the first (20) 1 bedroom units:

- \$149 with Tax Exempt Form
- \$165.39 without Tax Exempt Form

After the first 20 have been reserved the 1 bedroom units will be:

- \$219 with Tax Exempt Form
- \$243.09 without Tax Exempt Form

2 bedroom Units:

- \$298 with Tax Exempt Form
- \$330.78 without Tax Exempt Form.

Rollaways: Rollaway beds will be offered free of charge. However, the hotel only has 20 available, and they will no longer be offered once the rollaways are reserved.

Parking: -The parking is free. The buses will be asked to drop off at the hotel, and then directions will be given to park your bus at another location. A shuttle will be available to transport the driver back to the hotel. Car parking is available in the lot to the side of the convention center, or valet parking is available.

Internet: There will be internet in the hotel rooms free of charge by way of an Ethernet cable. If you would like to hook up more than one computer to the internet in a room at a time, you must bring your own splitter.

Check-in: After 4pm

When you check-in, please have your students begin to unpack your vehicles at the front of the hotel (if your rooms are booked in the hotel), while the head advisor for your chapter ONLY checks your group in at the front desk. A packet will be waiting for you there. If you are staying in the villas, please leave your students and their luggage on the bus until the advisor returns with your room assignments. You will then be given directions to the villas. Following these procedures will ensure a speedy check-in process, and move the buses through quickly.

Check-out: By 11am

It is the responsibility of each advisor to check rooms for debris and/or damage before checkout. Please note that there will be a \$50 charge per room if any room is left abnormally untidy upon checkout.

Families and Guests: If you have parents or families that would like to come for the awards ceremony, please encourage them to register for the conference, and if they need accommodations, book their rooms NOW. We have the entire hotel reserved for Florida TSA, but once our reservation date passes, the rooms will open to the general public. Also, only those registered for the conference will have priority seating. If overflow seating is necessary, those not registered will be seated in an area outside of the ballroom, and will be seated LAST. We will seat all guests registered for the conference (with a name badge and wristband) and with hotel reservations, with their child's chapter. All others will be allowed into the ballroom once those registered for the conference have been seated.

Notes:

Please be aware that due to meeting space requirements, Florida TSA assesses a fee of **\$75.00** per person for anyone electing not to stay at an officially designated conference hotel property. The only exception to this policy applies to those chapters that reside within a distance of twenty-five miles from the hotel and are commuting from home on a daily basis.

Food Options:

Your board of directors has worked in conjunction with the hotel, to bring you and your students, very affordable food options. Because this hotel is a secluded, gated, beachfront community on a beautiful island, there is no fast food within close proximity. Therefore, the board realized the need for nutritious meals at a student affordable price. Please go over the meal options below with your students so they are aware of the eateries and quick bites available to them and can budget accordingly.

Breakfast: There will be a hot, all you can eat breakfast buffet served in the Sunrise Café (lobby) with eggs, bacon, pastries, juices, grits, etc., available every morning from 6:30am to 10am for \$10 per person (plus tax and service charge). In addition, there will be grab and go breakfast sandwiches and juice, as well as other options available for around \$6 at the lobby bar in the hotel and convention center lobby. There will also be affordable breakfast items for purchase at Marche' Burette in the shopping village beginning at 8am. (2 min. ride on the shuttle from the hotel or villas)

Lunch: A hot, all you can eat lunch buffet will be also offered from 11am to 2pm in the Sunrise Café with each day's menu varying. The cost will be \$9 per person (plus tax and service charge). There will also be cheaper grab and go sandwiches, pizza by the slice and burgers offered at the lobby bar and convention center hallway. Marche' Burette, at the shopping village (2 min. shuttle ride) will have deli sandwiches, soups and salads. TSA specials will be offered daily.

Dinner: A hot all you can eat dinner buffet will be offered each day from 5 to 8pm, in the Sunrise Café. The menu will vary each day, but the cost will remain consistent at \$12 per person (plus tax and service charge). Inexpensive grab and go options will continue until 7pm only in the convention center lobby. The resort's sports pub and grill, the Falcon's Nest, will be open from 4 to 11pm. They will have daily TSA meal deals available if you would like a fun, kick-back atmosphere to debrief for the day. Marche Burette's offerings will also be available until 8pm. For nicer dining, The Verandah restaurant at Racquet Park (5 min. ride by shuttle), has fabulous seafood, steak, chicken and continental fare.

Hotel Transportation:

Omni's Amelia Island Plantation is a 1350 acre gated resort community. Within the property, is a quaint shopping village with an ice cream shop, deli, convenience grocery, parks, spa, restaurants, walking trails, golf courses, and 3.5 miles of undisturbed beachfront. In order to access all the resort has to offer, there will be shuttles running non-stop around the property. There will be constant shuttles to transport students from the Sandcastle Villas to the convention center and back. If you would like to go to any other spot on the property, simply tell the shuttle driver where you would like to go. They will NOT take students out of the resort gates. In addition, a few competitions are being held at the Racquet Park Convention Center. There will also be a shuttle that will run directly between the hotel or villas and Racquet Park to ensure quick transportation between these locations. Please let the driver know that you will be headed to Racquet Park for a competition.

Result Posting:

The conference competition results will be posted electronically on channel 267 in the hotel, and on the monitors in the hotel lobby and conference center lobby. In addition, we will still have hard copies posted on the board in the conference center lobby. The electronic results will NOT be available in the villas.

Vex:

In order to run our Vex event, we are asking that each chapter participating give one volunteer to help facilitate the competition. We can't hold this event without your cooperation!

Questions: Contact Maureen Hudson, Conference Manager. **Phone:** 941-896-6664 or 941-773-4626, **Email:** fltsacm@gmail.com