

FL TSA Advisor Training Workshop (ATW)
Wyndham Lake Buena Vista, FL
(Same hotel as Leadership Conference for Students)
November 3-5, 2011

Tentative Activity Schedule

Thursday, Nov. 3

7:30 am – 8:00 am	ATW Check in – Solar Conference Room
8:00 am – 9:30 am	Opening General Session (VIP Seating)
9:40 am – 10:15 am	Introductory Session – Solar Room
10:20 am – 11:15 am	Introduction to TSA
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Activities
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	View onsite student competitions
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Wrap Up – Q & A

Friday, Nov 4

8:15 am – 8:30 am	Opening Activity – Solar Conference Room
8:30 am – 10:30 am	View Student competitions
10:30 am – 11:00 am	TSA Information
11:10 am – 12:00 pm	Break Out Sessions New CRG Running for State Office Public Speaking / Presentations
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Observe Chapter Activities Speaker: Publicity / Marketing / Sponsors, Membership, Recruitment, Fundraising, Developing a Strong Base Speaker: Competition, Curriculum, Meetings, Fieldtrips, Conferences <i>On Line Chapter Registration</i>
3:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Chapter Team Demonstration
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Wrap up

Saturday, Nov 5

7:00 am – 8:30 am	Structural Testing
8:30 am – 11:00 am	Breakfast Meeting & Closing Session

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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 October 21, 2011, 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 21, 2011. 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 Justin Lauer, Florida TSA Executive Director at TSA@JustinLauer.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 (10 members - 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!

