

SCHOOL BOARD OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

**SPONSOR'S APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO PLAN AN OFF-CAMPUS
FIELD TRIP OR ACTIVITY**

Southwest Middle School
School

4/10/2014
Date

To: Todd Scheuerer, Principal

From: Rebecca Allen, Teacher

Request is made for TSA, Technology Student Association
Group/Class

to be given permission for the following field trip/activity:

Instructional Objective: To attend the National TSA conference and competitions in Washington DC

Number of students involved: 25

Place/or Destination: Gaylord National 201 Waterfront Street National Harbor Maryland 20745 USA

Dates: From 6/26/2014 To 7/1/2014

Departure: Time 11:30 am Return Time 10:30 pm

Drivers of private vehicles have been informed of liability, have a current Level II background screen, will use an appropriate vehicle per Board Policy 8660, have a valid Florida Driver's License, and completed **Statement of Insurance on Private Vehicles** form.
 Yes No (check one)

Chaperones: Rebecca Allen, Keith Merrell, Bernadette Merrell,

Accommodations (If required): Gaylord National

It is understood that **Parent Permission and Responsibility Statements** (permission slips) will be obtained prior to starting the field trip/activity.

Approved: Todd Scheuerer
Principal

4/11/14
Date

FOR FIELD TRIPS OR ACTIVITIES INVOLVING MORE THAN TWO (2) DAYS MUST HAVE AREA SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL:

Approved: [Signature]
Area Superintendent

4/16/14
Date

Southwest Middle School

451 Eldron Boulevard, S.E.
Palm Bay, FL 32909-4044



MEMORANDUM

April 11, 2014

To: Dr. Mark Mullins, South Area Superintendent

From: Rebecca Allen, TSA Sponsor
Keith Merrell, TSA Sponsor

Re: Request to attend Nationals

The Southwest Middle School Technology Student Association placed 2nd overall at the 2013-2014 State TSA Conference and Competition in Orlando, Florida. The team qualified 25 students to attend the Technology Student Association National Conference in Washington D.C., June 26, 2014 through July 1, 2014.

Southwest Middle School is requesting 25 students, one female sponsor, and one male sponsor be permitted to attend this National Conference. Part of the plans to fly to Washington D.C. and part will drive up with their parents. The students will be responsible for the cost of the trip. The total cost per person is estimated at \$790.00. The district CTE department will cover the two sponsor's expenses.

Attachments:

- Sponsor Application for Off-Campus Field Trip/Activity
- TSA request to school principal
- Breakdown of costs/fundraising info/student list
- 2014 National TSA Conference Schedule

Todd Scheuerer, Principal

Brian T. Binggeli, Ed.D., Superintendent

Phone: (321) 952-5800 • FAX: (321) 952-5819



Dear Mr. Scheuerer,

I would like to take advantage of an important and unique opportunity to support STEM education at our school. This year, from June 27th to July 1st, in Washington D.C., our Technology Student Association (TSA) chapter can attend a premier educational event – the 2014 national TSA conference. STEM-based competitions will be offered, including Agriculture and Biotechnology Design, Construction Renovation, Engineering Design, Geospatial Technology, and Video Game Design just to name a few. I would like our chapter to attend this conference, as this is an opportunity to make an investment in our STEM initiative.

Some of the highlights of the 2014 national TSA conference include:

TSA competitions – Students may select from 33 middle school and 35 high school competitions, providing them with the opportunity to demonstrate the STEM skills and knowledge they have acquired during the school year. Students will return to our community having competed against the best in the nation while gaining expertise from peers nationwide.

TSA VEX Robotics Competition – This contest will be showcased at the conference, allowing middle and high school students who have prepared for this highly anticipated event to excel.

Junior Solar Sprint Competition (JSS) – With support from the Army Educational Outreach Program, this new middle school event supports the instruction of STEM in categories such as alternative fuels, engineering design, and aerodynamics.

Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science (TEAMS) competitions – This competition applies math and science to practical engineering challenges, giving students an opportunity to learn what it's like to be a real-life engineer. Groups of students compete in a written, oral, and problem-solving competition to determine the TEAMS Best in Nation participants.

Leadership Training – Free leadership training sessions designed for students and teachers are available.

The TSA/American Cancer Society Spirit of Service Awards program – TSA chapter members will receive grateful acknowledgement for their local-level involvement with – and fundraising for – the American Cancer Society, TSA's national service partner.

Awards and Recognition – Chapters, students, and teachers will be recognized for their many TSA achievements.

While we are in Washington, D.C., we have an opportunity to schedule a visit to Capitol Hill, giving our students the chance to witness Congress in session.

The 2014 national TSA conference has received **National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) approval** for student contests and activities that motivate students to be creative and demonstrate excellence. In addition to promoting student participation in STEM-oriented competitive events, the conference offers invaluable teacher exposure to the latest teaching and learning best practices. My participation in this program complements our school's objectives as well as my professional development goals. More information about the conference is available on [TSA's conference website](#).

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of our TSA chapter's participation.

Rebecca Allen

Southwest Middle School

TSA, Technology Student Association, Advisor

Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center
National Harbor, Maryland
June 27 - July 1, 2014
"The Spirit of Innovation"

June 27th – July 1st

Registration \$ 90.00 Due mid-March

Rooms \$200.00 Due in May

Travel \$300.00 By Plane April

Food/Taxi \$200.00 When we Leave

Approximate Total

\$790.00

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First Place

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| 1. Adi Basu-Datta | 11. Aidan Polak (2 nd) | 21. Chase Mowery (3 rd) |
| 2. Dylan Finsted | 12. Fares Jabari (2 nd) | 22. Brayden Moreno |
| 3. Dylan Geiger | 13. Luke Geiger | 23. Sarah Ferguson |
| 4. Nicholas Mumme | 14. Adrianna Boyce (2 nd) | |
| 5. Amber Fitzgerald | 15. Krista Steven (2 nd) | |
| 6. Anna Moore | 16. Veronica Stokes (2 nd) | |
| 7. Destiny Ortiz | 17. Victoria Vida (2 nd) | |
| 8. Kevin Tenczar | 18. Alexis Ambrosina (2 nd) | |
| 9. Mia Haferkamp | 19. Johnny Ellis (2 nd) | |
| 10. Jackson Carter | 20. Riley Snyder (2 nd) | |

Fundraisers this year to offset expenses

2 Chess Tournaments

2 Golf Tournaments

1 Dance

1 Car Wash

1 Movie Night

1 Pizza Sale

2 Beef O Brady's fundraisers

**2014 National TSA Conference Schedule at a Glance
(Tentative)**

THURSDAY, June 26, 2014

5:00PM— 11:00PM	TSA, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting	Chesapeake A
5:00PM— 11:00PM	National TSA Officers Meeting	Chesapeake B

FRIDAY, June 27, 2014

1:00PM — 8:00PM	Conference Registration	Potomac Lobby
2:00PM — 3:00PM	CRC Managers Meeting	Chesapeake A
3:00PM — 4:00PM	National TSA Officer Candidates Meeting	National Harbor 1
3:00PM — 4:00PM	Mandatory Competitive Event Coordinators Meeting	Chesapeake 5-6
4:00PM — 5:00PM	Advisors Orientation Meeting	Potomac Ballroom A
5:00PM — 7:00PM	State Delegation Meetings	Various Locations
5:00PM — 8:00PM	Competitive Events Check-In (for selected events)	Various Locations
6:30PM — 8:30PM	Competitive Event Check-In (for selected events)	Various Locations
9:00PM — 9:30PM	Required sign-up for presentation times	Various Locations
7:30PM — 8:45PM	Conference Kick-Off	<i>TBD</i>
9:00PM – 10:00PM	National Alumni Meeting	National Harbor 8
9:00PM — 11:00PM	State Delegation Meetings	Various Locations
12:00 Midnight	Curfew	

SATURDAY, June 28, 2014

7:00AM — 8:45AM	State Flag Representatives Meeting	Potomac Ballroom A
9:00AM — 11:00AM	Opening General Session (General Session I)	Potomac Ballroom
9:00AM — 5:00PM	Information Desk Open	Potomac Registration Desk A
11:15AM — 12:15PM	Advisor Update Meeting	Woodrow Wilson A
11:30AM — 7:00PM	Competitive Events (selected events submit 7-8 AM)	Various Locations
11:30AM — 6:00PM	Special Interest Sessions	Various Locations
12:30PM — 2:30PM	State Advisor Forum	National Harbor 3
1:00PM — 2:00PM	State Presidents Meeting	National Harbor 8
3:00PM – 5:00PM	Submit Middle School Display Events	Prince George's Exhibition Hall C
4:00PM – 6:00PM	Submit High School Display Events	Prince George's Exhibition Hall C
5:00PM — 6:00PM	Alumni/ Graduating Senior Reception	National Harbor 8
5:00PM – 6:00PM	TEAMS Orientation	National Harbor 12-13
5:30PM – 6:30PM	TSA Region 1-5 Meeting	Annapolis/Baltimore Rooms
6:00PM — 11:30PM	State Delegation Meetings	Various Locations
12:00 Midnight	Curfew	

SUNDAY, June 29, 2014

9:00AM — 11:00AM	Recognition Assembly (General Session II)	Potomac Ballroom
9:00AM — 1:00PM	TEAMS – Problem Solving Competition	Woodrow Wilson B-D
9:00AM — 5:00PM	Information Desk Open	Potomac Registration Desk A
11:00AM — 6:00PM	Special Interest Sessions	Various Locations
11:00AM — 7:00PM	Competitive Events	Various Locations
11:00AM — 7:00PM	Competitive Events (selected events submit 7-8 AM)	Various Locations
11:15AM — 12:15PM	Advisor Update Meeting	Woodrow Wilson A
1:00PM — 5:00PM	TSA Meet and Greet	Potomac Lobby
2:00PM — 6:00 PM	TEAMS – NEI	National Harbor 2
8:00PM — 11:30 PM	State Delegation Meetings	Various Locations
12:00 Midnight	Curfew	

MONDAY, June 30, 2014

7:30AM — 8:00 AM	Voting Delegate Seating	Potomac Ballroom A
9:00AM — 11:00 AM	Annual Business Meeting (General Session III)	Potomac Ballroom
9:00 AM — 2:00PM	TEAMS	Baltimore 1-5
9:00AM — 5:00PM	Information Desk Open	Potomac Registration Desk A
11:00AM — 6:00PM	Special Interest Sessions	Various Locations
11:15AM — 12:15PM	Advisor Update Meeting	Woodrow Wilson A
11:00AM — 7:00PM	Competitive Events (selected events submit 7-8 AM)	Various Locations
12:30PM — 3:00PM	TSA, Inc. Corporate Board Annual Meeting	National Harbor 2
1:00PM — 1:45PM	CRC/Students Forum	Chesapeake D
1:45PM — 2:30PM	CRC/Advisors Forum	Chesapeake D
3:15PM — 4:00PM	TSA, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting (new board)	National Harbor 6
5:30PM — 12:00AM	Washington Nationals Baseball Game	National Park
12:00 Midnight	Curfew	

TUESDAY, July 1, 2014

8:00AM — 11:00AM	Awards Ceremony (General Session IV)	Potomac Ballroom
12:00PM — 1:00PM	National TSA Officers Meeting (new officers)	Chesapeake E



THE STUDENT TEAM ASSOCIATION

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TEAMS Schedule - Tentative

TSA

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Reston, VA 20191-1540

Phone: 703.860.9000
Toll Free: 888.860.9010
Fax: 703.758.4852

[EMAIL US](#)

TEAMS Schedule (tentative)

Saturday June 28

5:00pm - 6:00pm

Information meeting

Sunday June 29

9:00am - 1:00pm

Problem solving competition. Each level will be assigned a 60 minute time slot during the competition period.

1:00pm - 1:45pm

Meet and Greet (optional) Universities, vendors and candidates for national TSA office provide information.

2:00pm - 6:00pm

NEI activity (recommended) An engaging, interactive activity where student teams develop solutions for addressing international fuel cycle issues.

Monday June 30

9:00am - 1:00pm

Oral competition. Each team is assigned a time slot during this time period.

Afternoon - Washington D.C. on your own (optional)

Evening - Washington Nationals vs Colorado Rockies baseball game (optional)

Tuesday July 1

8:00am - 11:00am

Awards ceremony

2014 Sponsors

