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The date for the PA-TSA Region 8 competitions is Saturday, February 13, 2010 at Richland Jr./Sr. High School. No returning chapter will be permitted to participate in the PA-TSA Region 8 competitions this year unless the chapter has officially registered with National TSA by January 15, 2010. This is a state rule in our By-Laws. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

There will be NO on-site registration. Students may drop contests, but no chapter may add contests or add students to contests. Following national and state registration methods, you must register your chapter for team events, but the individuals participating in the events will be declared at contest sign-in and not on the registration form. Be sure to check your registration form carefully before registering your contestants. The registration deadline is 11:59 pm, Friday, January 29, 2010.

- Registration is \$8.00 per student. Send the **2010 PA-TSA Region 8 Conference High School Chapter Registration Payment Form** and payment-in-full to *Jeff Seamans, Park Forest Middle School, 2180 School Drive, State College, PA 16803*. Make all checks payable to **PA-TSA REGION 8**. Payment-in-full **MUST** accompany the completed **2010 PA-TSA Region 8 Conference High School Chapter Registration Payment Form** and be **"IN JEFF'S HANDS"** by Friday, January 29, 2010. **(Yes, send the form, as well! We shall have it as a back-up in case of "TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES".)**
- Ribbons and certificates for first place, second place and third place. Qualifiers beyond third place will be based on the total contestants per contest. See the on-line **PA-TSA STUDENT HANDBOOK** for details.
- **Food and Beverages** will be available for purchase in the school cafeteria: **Grab & Go Breakfast - \$1.00** (muffin with the choice of milk or juices) and **Lunch - \$4.00** (choice of chicken patty and fries, chicken nuggets and fries, or slice of pizza and fries; including a salad, as well as fresh fruit). Other snack items will also be available for purchase.
- **High School Chapters** are reminded we will be following the rules found in the **HIGH SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY ACTIVITIES - THE OFFICIAL TSA COMPETITIVE EVENTS GUIDE 2009-2010 COMPACT DISC**.
- The **Architectural Model** competition will be **DRAWINGS ONLY** (all floor plans, a site plan and four exterior elevations). **NO MODELS WILL BE JUDGED**.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** There will be two (2) National TSA and two (2) PA-TSA Only **CAD** competitions held on-site at Regionals. Richland Jr./Sr. High School will provide PC computers with Autodesk and Solidworks software for these events. Questions concerning types of software can be directed to Tanner Huffman at thuffman@richlandsd.com. If your school uses a different platform and/or software program, you **MUST** bring your own equipment. E-mail Tanner Huffman if you are bringing your own computers. All CADD problems will be judged using the monitor screen only. Students must bring a USB drive to back up their projects while working.
- All entries for the **Cyberspace Pursuit** competition must be posted to the web, (with the site location emailed to Brandt Hutzel at bhutzel@richlandsd.com), no later than Friday, January 29, 2010.
- **Desktop Publishing** will be **PORTFOLIO AND DISK ONLY. THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE COMPETITION**.
- There will be NO INTERVIEWS for Display Events.
- All CO² cartridges for the **Dragster Design** and **Transportation Modeling** competitions will be supplied by PA-TSA Region 8.
- All entries for the **Electronic Game Design** competition must be submitted by mail and postmarked no later than Friday, January 22, 2010, to *Brandt Hutzel, Richland High School, One Academic Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15904*. Each individual game must be submitted on one DVD along with separate CD/DVD containing the portfolio in digital format – **(1) DVD and (1) CD (#1 game and #2 portfolio) are to be submitted for each entry.**
- All entries for the **Film** competition will be accepted for **"ON-SITE"** judging. Bring your properly labeled DVDs and portfolios to the conference. **DO NOT MAIL THEM!**
- All competitors for **Future Technology Teacher** shall submit a lesson plan including: handouts, a materials list and an assessment rubric. The top 10 finalists will present their lesson on-site.
- The **LENGTH FOR THE TRUSS STRUCTURE** in the **Structural Engineering** competition is set at **Twelve (12") Inches — The Tester Abutments shall be set at Ten (10") Inches. Structural Engineering MUST use CYANOACRYLATE GLUE and 3/32" x 3/32" BASSWOOD sticks for assembly. The 5/12 Slope Test Block (complete with hole) will be Supplied and Attached for Testing.**
- **Technology Bowl – Written (level II)** will be a **TEST ONLY. THERE WILL BE NO "HEAD-TO-HEAD" (Oral) COMPETITIONS THIS YEAR.**
- **ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE problem for System Control Technology (level II) WILL BE Sent Out TO THE CHAPTER ADVISOR(S) ON JANUARY 1, 2010** by Region 8 Coordinator, Ron Shealer.
- There will be only one (1) PA-Safety Illustration category – *Computer Generated*.