

Cody's Corner

I hope that each of you had an exciting summer and I know that you were sad to see it end. Now it's time to concentrate on the books and homework. Cheer up though because there's always TSA and the

Fall Leadership Conference will be here in no time!

Your state officers met for five days in August to plan activities and train for the upcoming year. Each officer learned to be a better leader by working together to conquer an obstacle course and climbing wall. We've also been hard at work creating a Fall Conference that will put your deduction and leadership skills to the test. There will be a mystery that will require all of your family group's combined effort to solve. Not only have we worked on the Fall Conference, but the Reporter's Network and Council of Presidents are in full swing.

All of this work by your officers won't be of use unless you participate. Take advantage of the opportunities that have been given to you. Be bold and be a leader! Best of luck in the year ahead. Always give your best and success will find you.

Cody Corliss
WV TSA President

The More the Merrier

A strong membership is vital to any organization. Currently, TSA's membership is growing; however, it is important that we continue to expand. Increasing membership is a goal of this year's officer team, but we cannot do it without your help.

Each chapter must work to gather as many members as possible. The only way TSA as a whole can grow is to strengthen each chapter. Here are some helpful ideas:

- ✓ Throw a pizza party to introduce TSA to interested students.
- ✓ Hang up flyers promoting TSA in your school.
- ✓ Have announcements made when your chapter is having a meeting.
- ✓ Use a promotional TSA video.
- ✓ Visit schools without chapters.

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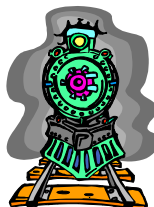
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**WV TSA...
Granting Wishes**

One of the goals that the state officer team would like to accomplish this year, is to begin a statewide community service project. Community service not only benefits others, but gives you a feeling of self-satisfaction. It is a unique part of your experience in being a member of TSA. Dedication to community service is something that has helped make TSA the great organization that it is today.

The charity that we have chosen to spotlight is the Make-a-Wish Foundation. We are asking each TSA chapter to collect pop can tabs, which will be collected at the fall and spring conferences. There will be a total kept for each chapter that participates, and the winner will receive recognition at spring conference. Updates on the project will be mentioned in the Spotlight on Service column in *TSA Connection*, and on the web page.

Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just stand there.



**1998-99
WV TSA
Conferences**

Fall Leadership Conference
October 29-31, 1998
Cedar Lakes, Ripley, WV

Spring Conference
April 8-10, 1999
Cedar Lakes, Ripley, WV

National Conference
June 24-28, 1998
Tulsa, Oklahoma



**ATTENTION
HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL**

High schools now have a new competitive events guide! The events are designed to better meet challenging high school curriculums. The guide is available through Mrs. McDaniel for \$25.00. Make sure advisors get one soon.

**Don't be disqualified
because you didn't
know!!!**

Extraordinary Events!

Every year there are events that don't have as many participants as we'd like. Here are a few that we hope you will enter.

MS Construction Challenge: Create a display that documents the use of leadership and technical skills to fulfill a community need related to construction.

MS Environmental Challenge: Identify and research an environmental problem that concerns your school or community. Implement a solution to the problem, evaluate the results and communicate your solution through a display and demonstration.

HS Electronics Systems: Design and build a product to solve an electronic problem. The product is evaluated on complexity, ingenuity, quality of the schematic and a written description.

Technological Systems: Create a model and documentation of a solution to a technological system problem. Finalists will demonstrate their team's approach to solving the problem within a limited time frame.

TSA on the Internet



In today's high-tech society, communication is easier than ever. It is important, as a national organization, that we take advantage of the new technology that can help us stay informed. For this reason your state officers, along with several other techno-savvy members, have worked diligently to get TSA on the Internet.

For three years now, WV TSA has had its very own home in cyberspace. The WV TSA web page is an excellent way to keep informed of events, news items, concerns, and ideas. National TSA also has a homepage which contains TSA news on the national level. We strongly suggest that you visit these sites as often as possible to keep up to date on current events.

On more of a personal level, WV TSA has created a listserv. The listserv is open to any TSA member or acquaintance that has an e-mail account. This set-up allows a person to send an e-mail through the listserv that all members will receive. If you are online, the listserv is a must. Communicating with the entire state delegation is as simple as checking your e-mail. If you would like to join the listserv, visit the WV TSA homepage and find out how to sign up.

Promoting TSA on the web has been a difficult task. As a solution for this problem, a WV TSA web ring has been created. If you are a fellow cyber-junkie and have a personal homepage, you can help spread the word about the greatest student organization ever. If you would like to be added to the web ring, please let me know. I may be contacted at: wvtsa-reporter@literati.com

Brooke Thomas
WV TSA Reporter

The Great Cedar Lakes Mystery Weekend

You are cordially invited to attend the 1998 WV TSA Fall Leadership Conference Mystery Weekend. It is being held Thursday-Saturday October 29-31 at Cedar Lakes. We need all of you to help solve the mystery and find the culprits before they escape. This will be a chance for you to test your leadership and teamwork skills to help

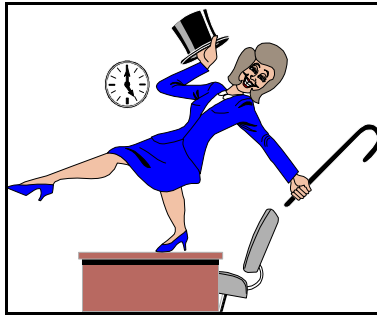


your family solve the mystery. You will be given clues throughout the conference to assist you. There will be a costume ball Friday night at the dance, so make sure to bring your costume. We hope to see you and hope you can solve the great **Cedar Lakes Mystery.**

John Ward
WV TSA State Treasurer

**Whether you believe you can
or believe you can't, you're
always right!**

Fashion to Flourish at Fall



Conference

Have you ever dreamed of being a model? At the Fall Leadership Conference, participants in the professional dress fashion show will get a chance to strut their stuff on stage during a general session. Their outfits will then be evaluated for proper business like attire. So, if life on the fashion runway appeals to you, bring your favorite outfit and come prepared to show it off!

Cody Corliss
WV TSA President

Heads or Tails?

God gave us 2 ends: one to sit
on and one to think with.
Success depends on which
one you use the most.

Heads - you win;
Tails - you lose!

Inter-Chapter Fun

One of the greatest things about being involved with TSA is the chance to meet new people. Friendships that are made within TSA can last a lifetime.

Many bonds are made at our conferences, but there's always the rest of the year. Opportunities to include other chapters are all around you. When your chapter has a car wash or other fundraiser, invite another chapter's members. They could volunteer to help, or you could split the profits.

Community service projects are also good times to involve other chapters, as well as social events such as picnics and parties.

You might consider an officer exchange. just imagine how many new ideas could be generated if your chapter officers could go visit another chapter! It would really be interesting to see how another chapter is run. Remember to host other chapters, and keep in touch with your new friends.

Make sure you report your event to Brooke Thomas, Reporter, so we can publish it in the next *TSA Connection*.

Monica Elkinton
WV TSA Vice President

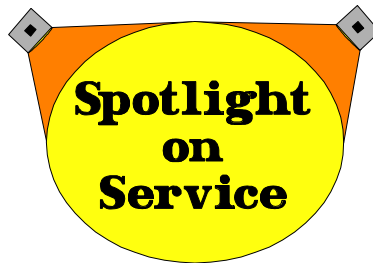
CHAPTER OFFICERS- GET INVOLVED

Council of Presidents and Reporter's Network offer great opportunities to chapters!

These two programs are designed to assist local officers and provide information to strengthen inter-chapter relations. The sooner you respond, the sooner these programs will become active and start to benefit you. If you are a local president or reporter, please take the initiative to fill out the forms in the Back to School Booklet.

It would also be greatly appreciated if reporters would keep us informed of your chapter's activities. It is your job to let us know when your chapter does something outstanding. Simply mail or e-mail any of the state officers information you would like to be published in state newsletter.

Brooke Thomas
WV TSA Reporter



Would you like to see your chapter's hard work in the community spotlighted in *TSA Connection*? Well, here's your chance. To emphasize the value of community service, we have created a new column dedicated to community service. This column will not only highlight the community service projects performed by chapters across the state, but it will also give you service project ideas to try in your own chapter. Here are a few projects completed by chapters last year:

- ★ Clay County High School painted an elderly woman's house.
- ★ South Middle School donated Christmas presents to needy children.
- ★ John Marshall High School visited nursing homes.
- ★ New Martinsville School cleaned up around their school.

Here are a few community service projects that you can perform at you school this year.


- ★ Volunteer to sing for, decorate, or visit a nursing home.
- ★ Read stories at a children's hospital.
- ★ Conduct a food, shoe, coat, or toy drive.
- ★ Adopt-A-Highway in your community.
- ★ Have an Angel Tree.
- ★ Work at the Salvation Army.
- ★ Collect Easter Baskets.
- ★ Volunteer to do odd jobs or house work for elderly people.
- ★ Plant flowers or landscape for a school or church.
- ★ Conduct bicycle repairs for the needy.

If you have any questions or ideas for new projects, send information to:

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**The most courageous
decision you
make each
day is to be
in a good
mood.**



1998 TSA National Conference

On June 20, over 3,000 TSA students from across the nation met in the beautiful city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for the 1998 National Conference. After some hotel complications, the WV delegation received their rooms at the Doubletree Hotel and began the conference with excitement.

The next three days were full of activities for everyone. TSA members were busy going to general sessions, competing in over 50 events, practicing, and sight seeing. On the final day of the conference, West Virginia had 41 students recognized at the awards ceremony for placing in the top 10, and 10 trophies were received for students receiving top honors. Cathy Hunt, 97-98 vice President received the William P. Elrod \$500 scholarship and David Kimble from Magnolia High School was recognized as an Outstanding Advisor. Everyone took home a valuable experience from the conference, and will be talking about it for some time to come.

Place	Competition	Winner(s)	School
1 st	Research and Design II	Brian Padovini	Morgantown HS
1 st	Tech Bowl - Written I	Ross Kite	South MS
1 st	Tech Bowl - Oral I	Shama Cash-Goldwasser Adam Hollowbaugh Ross Kite	South MS
2 nd	Chapter Team II	Jesse Browning Sally Cruikshank Roger Hanshaw Travis Legg George Lutz Amanda Sizemore	Clay County HS
2 nd	Manufacturing Challenge I	Stephanie Goddard Meghan Phillips Ashley Stermole	New Martinsville
2 nd	Tech Systems II	D. J. Bumgarner Brooke Thomas Merideth Snead	Woodrow Wilson HS
3 rd	Problem Solving I	Megan Backus Linsey Cruikshank	Clay MS
3 rd	RC Transportation II	Greg Morris Brian Padovini	Morgantown HS

3 rd	Cyberspace Pursuit I	Chris Grammar DJ McGlaughlin	Warwood MS
4 th	CADD - Beginning II	Jason Blackhurst	Dupont HS
4 th	Chapter Team I	Emily Belcher Shama Cash-Goldwasser Laura Duff Lily O'Brien Jim Rector Adelheid Schaupp	South MS
4 th	Structural Engineering II	Scott Forbes Steve Gais	Morgantown HS
4 th	Cyberspace Pursuit I	Jim Davis Drew Phillips Wesley Phillips	South MS
4 th	Technical Design Chal. I	Ross Kite Brenden Lewis	South MS
5 th	Extemporaneous Speech II	Cheryl Lough	Hundred HS
5 th	Inventions & Innovations I	Meghan Phillips Ashley Stermole	New Martinsville
5 th	Prepared Presentation II	Breinne Mullins	Clay County HS
6 th	Challenging Tech. Issues I	Shama Cash-Goldwasser Lily O'Brien	South MS
6 th	Promotional Graphics II	Stephan Hensley	Clay County HS
7 th	Aerospace Technology II	Ezra Schoolcraft	Clay County HS
7 th	Computer Construction II	Greg Morris Joe Buckland	Morgantown HS
7 th	Prepared Speech I	Leslie Pierson	Clay MS
7 th	Construction Challenge I	Adriane Metz Joey Subasic	Warwood MS
7 th	Graphic Design Challenge I	Lauren Kimbrew	South MS
7 th	Imaging Technology II	Cheryl Henthorne	Valley HS
7 th	Prepared Presentation II	Rusty Heath	Wheeling Park HS

7 th	Tech. Process Display II	Chris Underwood	Clay County HS
7 th	Technology Challenge II	Tim Basnett Robert Eller	Magnolia HS
8 th	Chapter Team I	Linsey Cruikshank Lindsay Legg Leslie Pierson Jessica Ramsey Megan Samples Jennifer Graham	Clay MS
8 th	Imaging Technology II	Matt Thorne	Morgantown HS
8 th	System Control Tech. I	Shawn Hardman Alicia Jones Brian Reed	Clay MS
9 th	Promotional Graphics II	Amanda Armstrong	Morgantown HS
9 th	Construction Challenge I	Emily Belcher Janeen Daken	South MS
9 th	Mechanical Challenge I	Ryan Clifton Jeff Cogar	Clay MS
10 th	CADD - Adv. Mechanical II	William Tinnel	Dupont HS
10 th	Research and Design II	Roger Hanshaw	Clay County HS
10 th	Electrical Applications I	Chris Grammar	Warwood MS
10 th	Environmental Challenge I	Christina Martin Kristen Smaltz	South MS
10 th	Mechanical Challenge I	Katie Benders Vincent Linberg	South MS
10 th	Manufacturing Challenge I	MacKenzie Graham Kristina Martin Kristen Smaltz	South MS