



*Chapter Officer Retreat for Excellence*

September 18, 19 & 20, 2009  
Tumbling Waters Resort & Conference Center  
Clayton, Georgia



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**Registration forms (Due Friday, August 21) (Make check payable to and mail to GA TSA, PO BOX 27, Oakman, GA 30732)**

*Each student has to have the TSA Personal Liability, Medical Release Form and ropes course form completely. These forms are available for download on the Georgia TSA website. Each advisor should also have a copy for their records as well as a copy to turn it at registration.*

*Statesman Award Test – an outline for the test can be downloaded at [gatsa.org](http://gatsa.org).*



## Purpose:

The CORE program is designed to provide Georgia TSA local chapter officers with an opportunity to develop interpersonal and leadership skills, gain necessary knowledge and abilities to carry out the duties of their individual offices, and prepare a Chapter Program of Work for the upcoming year.

## Specific CORE Goals:

- Participants will develop an understanding of their personal characteristics and leadership traits.
- Participants will build teamwork and team spirit amongst their local chapter officers.
- Participants will gain knowledge, understanding and the ability to implement their officer duties.
- Participants, working together with their Chapter Officer Team, will develop a local Program of Work that is designed to ensure a successful year in Georgia TSA.
- Participants will have the opportunity to earn their Statesman Award.
- Participants will increase their understanding of the responsibilities of being a Georgia TSA State Officer.

## CORE Overview:

- **Meals** - All meals are included in the registration fee beginning Friday evening with dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, and concluding with Sunday breakfast. There are generous portions served at each buffet-styled meal. **Everyone needs to be on time for each meal.**
- **Lodging** - Lodging is included in the registration fee. Participants will be housed in Cabin-Style Lodges that will accommodate between 16 and 20 campers in bunk beds. Cabins have a large bath area. Each cabin has an advisor room that should be reserved for the advisors. **Participants will need to bring linens, sleeping bag, blanket, a pillow for their bunk bed, towels for their bathroom, and beach towel for swimming.**
- **Dress Code** - As part of their registration fee, all participants will receive a CORE t-shirt to be worn on Saturday. Acceptable dress for the retreat includes: nice shirts, khakis, blue jeans and shorts (that are in good taste; no low baggies or midriffs showing), and sneakers or loafers.
  - Shorts must be finger tip length when waist is at normal height, no cutoffs.
  - No bedroom attire allowed outside dorm rooms, including slippers.
  - No exposed undergarments.
  - All students should be within the school dress code.
  - Bathing suits for swimming must be with good taste. Skimpy bathing suits will not be allowed.
  - **There should not be any inappropriate advertising on clothing (i.e. alcohol, cigarettes, etc.).**
  - Advisors should ensure that students in their chapter are dressed appropriately.
  - GA TSA has the right to ask any student to change attire that is deemed inappropriate.
- **Attitude** - Having a positive attitude is of utmost importance in the learning process. Advisors are encouraged to bring students that display a positive attitude towards working and learning with others. Our agenda is focused on bringing chapter members together so that they can develop team spirit.
- **Registration** – Please see the registration form for information regarding registration.
- **Statesman Test** – an updated Statesman Test outline can be found on the Georgia TSA website.
- **Parking is limited** – Cars and busses that stay for the weekend must stay parked.
- **Questions** – Please direct any questions you may have to Terri Hancock, State Association Director at 770-778-6550 or [contactus@gatsa.org](mailto:contactus@gatsa.org)

**For more information about the location visit**

**<http://www.tumblingwaters.org>**

# Suggested Personal Supply List

The following is a suggested list of items to bring for your stay:

- ✓ Clothes for daily events
- ✓ Clothes for recreational activities (ropes course/swimsuit)
- ✓ Outerwear for cool weather
- ✓ Extra shoes, in case one pair gets wet
- ✓ Flashlight
- ✓ Alarm Clock
- ✓ Rain Gear
- ✓ Watch
- ✓ Bug Spray
- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Large Trash Bags for dirty/muddy clothes
- ✓ Personal Grooming Items
- ✓ Linens / Sleeping Bag / Blanket / Pillow
- ✓ Towel / Washcloth
- ✓ Camera / Batteries
- ✓ Money for the TSA store



*Upgrade for \$10 extra per student to the Odyssey Ropes Course (Low ropes are included in your registration fees.)*



**Do not bring any electrical devices like portable DVD players, CD players, Ipods, MP3 players, game boys, and other electrical devices of this nature. The cabins are not secured and GA TSA will not be responsible for missing items.**



***The CABINS  
Look Nice***



## Tentative CORE Agenda

### Friday, September 18

4:00 – 7:00 pm	Registration
4:00 – 7:00 pm	GA TSA Logo Store
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	First General Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>POW overview and officer activity</i></li></ul> True Color Beginnings - The Next Step - The Color of Your Future Becoming a better speaker – for returning CORE participants
11:30 pm	Lights out

### Saturday, September 19

7:30 am	Breakfast
8:30 am	Second General Session; Mobley Auditorium <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Goals for the Day, Parade of Chapter Presidents, Chapter Assignments</i></li></ul>
9:30 – 10:45 am	Group A – How to Run Your Chapter Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Chapters will not only learn how but have the opportunity to practice running their meetings using Robert's Rules of Order. (Chapter Officers and their advisors will attend these meetings together. Veteran chapters will lead these training sessions.)</i></li></ul>
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Group A – TSA Competitive Event Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Come learn about the TSA competitive events</i></li></ul>
9:30 am – 1:30 pm	Group B – Chapter Quality Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>POW creation for your chapter</i></li><li>• <i>Ropes Course / Recreation Time – Low ropes included if pre-registered, basketball, volleyball, soccer, softball,, hiking, canoeing</i></li></ul>
Noon	Lunch
2:30 – 3:45 pm	Group B – How to Run Your Chapter Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Chapters will not only learn how but have the opportunity to practice running their meetings using Robert's Rules of Order. (Chapter Officers and their advisors will attend these meetings together. Veteran chapters will lead these training sessions.)</i></li></ul>
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Group B – TSA Competitive Event Overview
2:30 am – 5:00 pm	Group A – Chapter Quality Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>POW creation for your chapter</i></li><li>• <i>Ropes Course / Recreation Time – Low ropes included if pre-registered, basketball, volleyball, soccer, softball,, hiking, canoeing</i></li></ul>
5:00 pm	Dinner <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Chapter Presidents or a representative is responsible for turning in the POW - Program of Work Project to a State Officer</i></li></ul>
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Statesman Award Test
7:15 – 8:00 pm	General Session
8:00 – 9:00 pm	Talent Show
9:00 – 11:00 pm	Dance or Movie
11:00 – 11:45 pm	Bonfire, Smores, Chapter Spirit Awards
Midnight	Lights out

### Sunday, September 20

7:30 am	Devotion with Ms. Carol Burke
8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 – 10:00 am	Officer Training Sessions and Advisor's Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>The state officer team will train individual chapter officers about their specific offices.</i></li></ul>
10:15 am	Closing Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Presentation of Statesman Award Recipients</i></li></ul> Chapter Team Showcase



# TSA Talent Showcase

**When: Saturday September 19, 2009**

**Where: TSA CORE Conference**

**What: TSA Talent Showcase**

**Who: Anyone or any group who like to showcase their talents.**

Singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, drama and poetry are just a few things that you can do.

Whatever it is you choose to present please make sure it is in good taste. We want to have good, clean fun so that we might be able to continue this in future years. Since we only have an hour, spots are limited, so please sign up early, and make sure your showcase is no more than 4 minutes in length.

If there are multiple people from your chapter who want to show their talent, group performances are encouraged. If you would like to participate, please complete the Talent Showcase Application and submit it by **September 5** to Mrs. Hancock by fax 706-625-5766 or e-mail a scanned copy of application with advisor’s signature to [contactus@gatsa.org](mailto:contactus@gatsa.org). There will be no onsite registration for the talent show.

## Talent Showcase Application

1. Language, dress, body movements, and lyrics must be appropriate and pre-approved by the participant’s Advisor.
2. Talent may not exceed 4 minutes.
3. Turn in your application and a copy of the lyrics (if applicable) by Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> to Terri Hancock, 706-625-5766 or scanned copy to [contactus@gatsa.org](mailto:contactus@gatsa.org).

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Signature Approving Performance: \_\_\_\_\_

Talent Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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Length of Performance: \_\_\_\_\_



# Chapter Team Showcase

**When: Sunday, September 20, 2009**

**Where: Georgia TSA Core Conference**

**What: TSA Chapter Team Showcase**

**Who: All officer teams who have been practicing parliamentary procedure**

Now is the time to show off your officer team. Start practicing now the official Opening and Closing Ceremonies for chapter team. Each team will be given 8 minutes to perform the opening and closing ceremonies. Each attending school will judge the performances and a PRIZE will be award.

**Bonus Competition:**

If your officer team is up to the challenge you can compete in the bonus competition where you will have 12 minutes to perform a mock meeting with opening and closing ceremonies, old business, and new business. In the business portion of your meeting you will need to include 2 motions and 1 amendment. Teams will be judged by each attending school and a PRIZE will be awarded that is not worth passing up.

Register for competition by marking the Chapter Team Showcase box on the CORE registration form.

# Georgia TSA CORE Registration Form

September 18-20, 2009

Tumbling Waters, Clayton, GA

**Registration Due: August 21, 2009**

Make check payable and mail to: Georgia TSA, PO BOX 27 Oakman, GA 30732

**Advisor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **School:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**School Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Advisor's Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Advisor's Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Officer Position	Participant's Name	Sex			T-Shirt Size					Ropes		
		M	F	S	M	L	XL	2xl	3xl	low	Ody	
Advisor												
Advisor												
President												
Vice President												
Secretary												
Treasurer												
Reporter												
Sgt-at-Arms												
Parliamentarian												
Historian												
Member-at-Large												
Chaperone												
Chaperone												

Chapter Team Showcase: Your chapter \_\_\_\_\_ **will** / \_\_\_\_\_ **will not** be participating.

**Registration fee includes:**

2 nights lodging, 5 meals, CORE t-shirt, Statesman Test, Low Ropes Course, and Basic activities

Registration Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$90.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
# of Participants  
 Chapter Fee:   1   X \$75.00 = \$75  
 Upgrade to Odyssey  
 Course (high ropes) : \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
# of Participants  
**Total Registration Due:** = \_\_\_\_\_

***TSA Personal Liability and Medical Release Forms and ropes course forms need to be submitted at the conference for all participants. These forms are available for download on the Georgia TSA website. Each advisor should also have a copy for their records.***

**REGISTRATION DUE August 21**  
**NO LATE REGISTRATION/NO REFUNDS**



RAMAH DAROM



## **WAIVER FOR USE OF CAMP FACILITIES**

**To be completed by all adults attending or parents of children under 18 attending a retreat at Tumbling Waters/Ramah Darom**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, individually and/or on behalf of my child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby release and discharge Ramah Darom and/or Tumbling Waters, its employees, agents, officers, directors and representatives, for loss, injury, damage, costs or expenses of any nature whatsoever arising out of my or my child(ren)'s use of Ramah Darom's property, facilities, activities, buildings, equipment or any other property.

I understand that part of the retreat experience involves activities and group interactions that may be new to our children, and that they come with uncertainties beyond what they may be used to dealing with at home. I am aware of these risks, and assume them ourselves and on behalf of our children. I realize that no environment is risk-free, and so we have instructed our children on the importance of abiding by the retreat's rules, and we and our children agree that they are familiar with these rules and will obey them.

I further acknowledge that I/we are being granted use of the facilities, and that I am signing this release and waiver as an inducement to Tumbling Waters and/or Ramah Darom for its permission to use the facilities, and that I have reviewed this document in its entirety and that I agree to and understand its terms.

It is agreed that any dispute or cause of action arising between the parties, whether out of this agreement or otherwise, can be brought in the court (Rabun County Clerk of Superior Court) located in of competent jurisdiction located in Rabun County, in the State of Georgia, and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

