

# FLORIDA TSA



## WILD WEST



# STATE CONFERENCE INFORMER

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# PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



Howdy y'all! As you can probably tell, I'm getting way too excited for this year's state conference theme: **Florida's West Wild**. That's right, your state officer team has brought the Wild West all the way to Florida just for this conference.

Remember, this conference isn't just about competing. We've designed this conference with you in mind, so please take a moment to check out our events and meet some new partners along the way. From our hoedown to our escape rooms, feel free to go wild and enjoy the conference to your fullest extent.

As we saddle up for the wildest adventure yet, I leave you all these words of wisdom: **yee**, and I cannot stress this enough, **haw**. See y'all soon partners!



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# WHAT TO EXPECT



If this is your first rodeo, here are a few essentials to keep in mind. Don't forget to pack your clothes for three days, toiletries, official attire, deodorant, and a costume that matches the theme for our hoe-down! With those aside, we all know how wild our conferences can get, try to pack extra tape, super glue, paper, and other project materials for last minute fixes.

In addition to that, make sure you purchase our conference t-shirt that will feature our conference hashtag, **#yeehawTSA**. This needs to be purchased online through your advisors during registration.



Keep in mind that there will be other events throughout the conference that y'all will want to be a part of. From bank robbery getaways to line dancing, this conference is sure to have somethin' for every one of you.



For all our partners at home who can't join us for our award ceremony, Southeast High School Television will be live streaming it on their YouTube channel to ensure everyone can tune in!

# MIXER OVERVIEW



Top of the mornin' to ya laddies! I hope you're just as excited for this year's mixer as I am! Be sure to flaunt your top hats and four-leaf-clovers at this year's "Wacky Western-Ware" fashion show. Just kidding, it's western-themed, so bring your rootinest tootinest cowboy hats and boots, and strut your saddle stiffer to show those soft-hornes what your team is made of. Prove you're not a yellow-bellied yam and show off your talents at Florida TSA's "Wild Talents" talent show. Both winning teams will be granted the greatest honor on this side of town, they shall be crowned the "Yeehaw Youngins."

On top of these competitions, there will be a fair shake of fantastic festivities sprinkled about the frontier. Practice your coil-wrappin' skills in preparation for the "Lasso a State Officer" competition. Put on your detective hat and search for the infamous nibblin' yegg, Adonis Crowdaddy. Make sure to fetch up those feets in the "Train Light" competition. I can't wait to see all yall cow juicers there!

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★ **ADONIS** ★  
**LYSANDROU**

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# ACS FUNDRAISING



This year's fundraisers for the American Cancer Society are so dadgum amazing that they'll have you grinnin' like a weasel in a hen house. Unleash your inner Wild West Bandit in our exciting new escape room, Cash and Dash. Put yer' skills to the test as you try to escape with the mayor's precious dough (money), stay outta the Hoosegow (that's jail for all you youngin's), and leave those darn' sheriffs in the dust. Make sure to bring \$5, and always trust yer' gut. Oh, and you'll need your burglar's outfit too, of course.

But don't worry buckaroos, we're also bringing back our state shirts! For just \$10, or \$13 for extended sizes, show off your TSA pride. You're gonna be the talk of the town after you sport our new TSA merchandise. These should be purchased on your elec-troh-nic devices through your advisors during registration, but we'll have a limited supply for ya' at our frontier, in case of any last-minute purchases.



**\$10**

Throughout the Hoedown Mixer, we'll also be having smaller games, including lassoing yer' ace-high State Officers and catchin' runaway criminals. Don't miss the fun! So grab ya' lassos and saddle up cowboys and cowgirls.

You're about to face the showdown of a lifetime.

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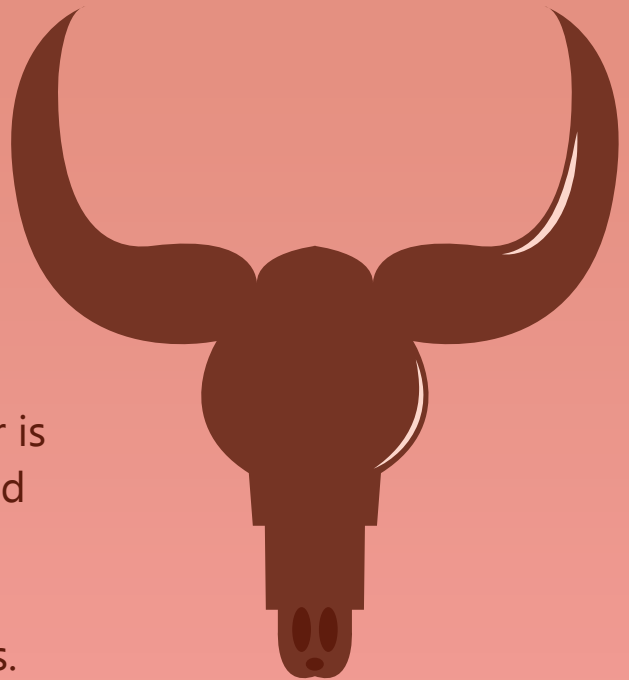
# SPIRIT WARS



Pull on your boots and get ready to ride because Spirit Wars are back and better than ever. As many of you may know, there should never be a dull moment at the Florida TSA State Conference, and we don't plan on this year being an exception. In the midst of competing in various events, join us for our exciting Wild West Spirit Events and Chapter Spirit Wars.

Team building is a huge part of TSA, and these competitions allow each chapter to showcase their problem solving skills. Preparation is completely irrelevant when your team's critical thinking is put to the test.

A new addition to the Spirit Wars this year is the State Spirit Stick, which will be awarded to the most spirited chapter. This lively enhancement to the competition sets the stakes even higher for contesting chapters. Along with our spirit trophies for the top three middle and high school teams, whichever deserving chapter wins the State Spirit Stick will have the opportunity to take it back to their school, decorate it however they find fitting, and bring it back next year to compete again.



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# THE HOEDOWN



Howdy partners! I hope you are all getting excited to journey into the Wild West at our State Conference. But what State Conference is complete without a hog-killin' hoedown. Join us at our **Hoedown Mixer** for a night of dancing and games. This Hoedown is the perfect time to relax and enjoy yourself after a long few days of competition.

In addition to our normal festivities we will be hosting some other awesome events. Be sure to show up for this year's talent show, **Wild Talents**, and show us something that'll knock our boots off! Gear up with your favorite cowboy hat and boots and encourage your chapter to partake in our exciting costume contest, **Wacky Westernware**.



**ATTENTION EPIC GAMERS!** Be sure to partake in the Florida TSA Annual Video Game Tournament. You will be competing head to head in Smash Brothers Ultimate to win a \$25 Amazon gift card and a very special \*limited edition\* trophy. Feel free to bring your own controllers! There will be a **\$3** entry fee with all profits going towards the **American Cancer Society**. Be there or be square! Sign ups and warm up time will start 30 minutes prior to the start of the Hoedown.

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★ **CHRISTIAN** ★  
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# CHAPTER SOCIAL MEDIA



Down here in the Wild West, we make sure that our partners are able to keep in touch as we compete! In case crucial information changes, make sure to follow the Florida TSA Remind by texting @fltsadel to 81010 on text and be the first to get updates for your showdown competitions. Also be sure to **follow FLTSA on Snapchat and Instagram**. These resources will allow you to keep in touch at States and as well as in our upcoming year with informational posts and conference countdowns! Keep in contact with us, and don't be afraid to email us with any questions:



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It's also important that you have an effective communication system within your chapter so that all members of your chapter are on the same page regarding important information and significant quick-changes. Some tools that are really helpful for **communicating with your chapter** include social media platforms like **Instagram and Twitter**, as well as mass texting platforms like Remind. If you'd like to know more, feel free to email our state reporter, Bunmi Soremi, at [bsoremi@gmail.com](mailto:bsoremi@gmail.com).



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