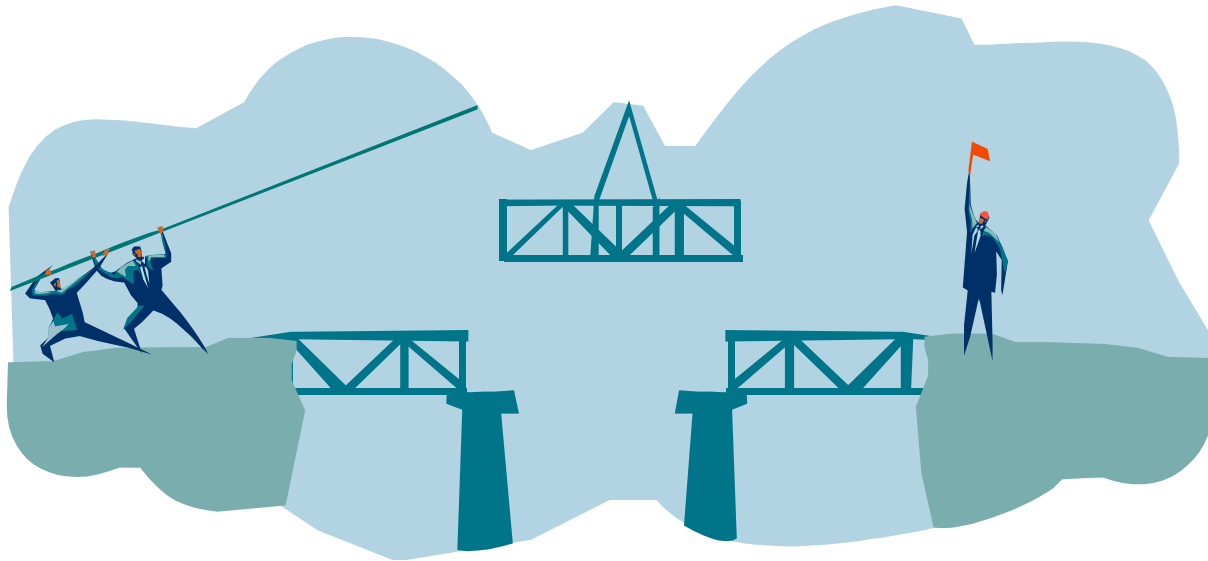


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Registration Packet

72nd Annual Nevada PTA Convention

Texas Station
Las Vegas, Nevada
April 26-28, 2012

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Dear Local PTA Leader and Members:

The Nevada PTA Board of Managers and I cordially invite you to attend the 72nd Annual Nevada PTA Convention April 26-28, 2012 at the Texas Station Gambling Hall & Hotel as we continue bridging the gap in education. Every member is important in the decision making process therefore all PTA members and leaders are encouraged to attend.

Excitement is building as the Convention Committee works hard on this year's program. The committee has worked hard to provide you with a variety of fun and exciting learning opportunities like:

- Educational workshops with outstanding presenters who are experts in their field. The workshops will be designed for:
 - Parents
 - PTA Leaders
 - Educators
 - Youth Leaders
- Special guest speakers who will inspire and refresh you.
- A town hall meeting with several superintendents of schools who will answer questions and give updates on their various districts.
- Legislative activities and votes on resolutions that help us determine our advocacy priorities.
- Networking opportunities with other PTA members and leaders
- Parent Resource Expo and PTA Store

This registration package explains all the new and exciting activities we have planned for you. Attendance and participation is vital to personal, local PTA, and council growth and development. Convention is the one place that allows us to gather fresh ideas, new information and recourses and network with others so we may continue our work for all children.

Make your plans now to attend Convention. The Nevada PTA Board of Managers and I look forward to seeing and meeting you as we continue to build the bridge to success in education.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kimberly Tate".

Kimberly Tate
President

Frequently Asked Questions

Why a Convention?

Convention is the place to gain knowledge to lead your PTA, develop your leadership skills, create successful PTA programs, network, and see what your fellow PTAs are doing. Convention is the time to celebrate the many successes of our PTAs and to enjoy our hard-earned rewards. Did you know that one secret to a successful PTA is Convention? Why? The experience of participating in exciting workshops, listening to terrific speakers, and conversing with other PTA delegates will leave you refreshed and renewed. You will walk away from Convention with ideas, information, and exciting possibilities for the rest of this year and all of the next.

Who Should Attend Convention?

Your PTA is entitled to send your President plus one voting delegate for every 25 members. Additional attendees are welcome. Invite everyone on your PTA board and your school administration to attend; the experience can change the direction of your PTA!

Is This a PTA Expense?

Convention is a legitimate PTA budget expense. Every year, Nevada PTA reminds all PTAs of the importance of sending the maximum number of delegates possible to Convention, and encourages you to budget accordingly. Even if you have attended Convention before, training is an ongoing process and an important component of success. Convention is your PTA professional development, and attending is the most valuable investment your PTA can make. You can't afford to miss it! Please let your Principal know that this is also an opportunity to leverage Title I Parent Involvement dollars, if your school qualifies.

What Takes Place at Convention?

A variety of activities that include workshops, general sessions, Parent Expo and social opportunities take place at Convention. Educational workshops on a variety of topics are scheduled. Workshops provide a great opportunity to improve your PTA, your leadership and parenting skills. General Sessions provide the opportunity for attendees to hear dynamic featured speakers, vote on proposed Nevada PTA resolutions, and participate in advocacy decisions that guide Nevada PTA. General Sessions are where the business takes place and the place for your PTA's voice to be heard.

Emerging Minority Leaders Conference

The Emerging Minority Leadership (EML) Conference is being held in conjunction with Nevada PTA's 72nd Annual State Convention. The EML Conference is designed to build the leadership skills of emerging ethnic minority leaders at every level of PTA as well as offer others working in minority communities useable information and resources to better engage communities of color.

Today's PTA leaders deal with difficult issues facing families, schools and communities, especially during these ever-changing economic times. The Nevada PTA Emerging Minority Leadership Conference strives to recognize the significance of diverse minority leaders, to create opportunities for these leaders to connect, and to galvanize their efforts. The vital mission of the PTA is to bring homes, schools and communities together to achieve the greatest impact for children. PTA is committed to developing a leadership base that is reflective of the diversity of America's schools and the Emerging Minority Leaders Conference is but one way to ensure that PTA moves closer to fulfilling our vision of making every child's potential a reality.

Convention registration entitles you to attend any of the three workshops dedicated to EML on Saturday, April 28th. **In addition, any each PTA that registers 4 people for the Full Three Day Convention may register a 5th person to attend the EML workshops for free.**

2012 Convention Schedule

Tentative

Thursday, April 26, 2012

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Registration
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Convention 101 / Workshop 1
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	General Session I

Friday, April 27, 2012

7:30 am – 9:00 am	Registration
9:00 am – 10:15 am	Workshop 2
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	General Session II
12:15 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch (<i>provided</i>)
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Workshop 3
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Region Caucus
5:15 pm – 7:00 pm	General Session III
7:15 pm	Dinner on own

Saturday, April 28, 2012

7:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration
8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Parent Expo Open
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Workshop 4 / EML Workshop 1
10:15 am – 11:15 am	Workshop 5 / EML Workshop 2
11:15 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch on your own / Expo
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Expo / Silent Auction or Vendor prize drawings
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Workshop 6 / EML Workshop 3
3:15 pm – 4:30 pm	Town Hall with Nevada's School District Superintendents
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	No Host Reception
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Silver Star Banquet / General Session IV

Helpful Hints

Register Today

Early registration discounts are available if you register and make payment by December 31st, 2011.

Book hotel rooms early and make transportation arrangements if necessary

A block of hotel rooms has been secured at Texas Station.

Texas Station

2101 Texas Star Lane

North Las Vegas, NV 89032

(800) 654-8888

Room Rates: Wed. Apr. 25 and Thu. Apr. 26: **\$35**;

Fri. Apr. 27 and Sat. Apr. 28: **\$55**

Call 800-654-8888 to make reservations, and be sure to ask for the Nevada PTA Convention rate. **To receive the special room rate, all room reservations must be made prior to April 12, 2012.** Texas Station does not provide transportation from the Las Vegas Airport; however, there are several rental car companies located at the airport's rental car center. You can visit the following website to view the airport's rental car brochure:

www.mccarran.com/pdf/SR25201RentACarBrochureWeb.pdf

Dress comfortably in business casual clothes

The program is full and you will be very busy. We recommend business or party attire for the Silver Star Banquet. Remember to bring a lightweight jacket or sweater for the changing temperatures in the meeting rooms.

Visit the Parent Resource Expo

On Saturday, be sure to visit the Parent Resource Expo. You will have multiple opportunities to visit with representatives from various community organizations and members of the business community. This is an excellent way for attendees to gather information on the many resources available to your school community and to meet vendors that provide a variety of services and fundraising opportunities for your PTA. It is a good idea to bring pre-printed labels with your PTA's name, address, phone, and email address. As you visit vendors, you can use these labels to give them your contact information.

Attend as many workshops and general sessions as possible.

Convention is a growth experience. There will be interesting and informative workshops where local and national speakers will address a variety of subjects to inspire you to continue your interest in children, education, and PTA.

Apply for awards

There will be awards presented celebrating a year of hard work by PTAs on behalf of children and the community. An awards packet that details all the awards your PTA can apply for will be available on Nevada PTA's website. **All Award applications are due to the Nevada PTA Office by March 12, 2012.**

Did your PTA have a successful membership campaign? Consider submitting an entry for the "Nick Poulakidas" Award. You can display your award entry on a science project board or in a binder. Your entry should be brought to Convention with you. This gives your PTA an opportunity to "show off" all your hard work as well as get ideas from other PTAs.

Other Important Information

Cancellations and Refunds

If you register in advance and find that you are unable to attend, you may transfer your registration to another PTA member. A written request for a transfer, signed by the original registrant and the local PTA/PTSA President must be provided to Nevada PTA. No refunds or consideration will be given for "no shows".

Delegate Cards

Delegate Authorization Cards needed for voting will be mailed to your PTA approximately three weeks prior to Convention. They must be signed by your PTA President and Secretary and turned in at Convention registration.

Distribution of Materials

Any and all materials to be distributed during the Convention must be submitted prior to the start of the Convention for approval by the President of Nevada PTA. This includes election material and any information relating to an emergency resolution. Materials shall be furnished to Nevada PTA to be kept on file.

Texas Station Amenities

www.texasstation.com

Hotel Amenities

Hair Dryers	In-Room Movies	Built-In Data Ports	Outdoor Pool
Iron / Ironing board	Gift Shop	Wireless Internet Access	
Dry Cleaning Service	Cardio Room	Slots & Casino Games	

Dining

Austin's Steak House – Austin's features USDA prime and choice steaks seasoned with a signature marinade and cooked over mesquite charcoal.

Grand Café - Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, the Grand Cafe offers a full menu of breakfast, lunch and dinner delights.

San Lorenzo - Enjoy a fine Italian dinner in an award-winning family restaurant.

Texas Star Oyster Bar - Texas Star Oyster Bar offers a fresh selection of seafood dishes.

Feast Around the World - The Feast Around the World Buffet offers a large variety of foods for all tastes.

Texas Station Food Court – The Texas Station Food Court features quick food selections including Fat Burger, Panda Express, Starbucks, Sbarro, Baja Fresh and Dairy Queen.

Kids Quest - where your kids can have fun, so you can too!

Kids Quest is a safe, professionally supervised active entertainment setting for children six weeks to 12 years old. With indoor play areas, the latest in interactive technology, quiet zones, and even specially designed infant and toddler rooms. Kids Quest is available 7-days a week, including evenings at an hourly rate. More information and rates can be found at www.texasstation.com.

Kids Quest features:

- Indoor playground with colorful slides, ladders, and tunnels
- Non-violent video games and CD-ROMS for kids of all ages
- Quiet Play Zones
- Karaoke Sound and Video Stage
- Nutritious Meals (for an additional fee)
- Tiny Tots Room
- Arts and Crafts
- Professionally trained staff, certified in CPR and first aid

Star Lanes - Texas Station's state-of-the-art, 60-lane Las Vegas bowling center.

Regal Cinemas Texas Station

2012 NV PTA Convention Registration

One registration form is required for each attendee. This form may be duplicated as needed.

(Please Print)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

PTA/PTSA: _____ Newly Formed PTA (since 4/11) Y N

I have been a PTA member for _____ years.

Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Check all that apply:

- This is my first PTA convention. I am a Nevada PTA Honorary Life Member.
- I am a local PTA officer I am a National PTA Honorary Life Member.

Position: _____

- I am a council officer

Position: _____

- I authorize Nevada PTA to use my image or likeness in promotional material for Nevada PTA and on its official website.

Registration Prices

Full 3-Day Registration (includes Silver Star Banquet)		Amount Enclosed
Before Feb. 28 th , 2012	\$100.00	\$ _____
After February 28, 2012	\$125.00	\$ _____
<i>**For each PTA that registers 4 people, a 5th person may attend EML workshops for free **</i>		
Emerging Minority Leadership (EML) Registration	\$100.00	\$ _____
One-Day Registration	\$ 50.00	\$ _____
One-Day Registration w/Silver Star Banquet	\$ 75.00	\$ _____
Youth Registration (6 th -12 th Grade)		
Includes Silver Star Banquet	\$ 50.00	\$ _____
Silver Star Banquet Only	\$ 35.00	\$ _____
	Total Enclosed:	\$ _____

Mail completed application and payment to:

Nevada PTA
6175 Spring Mountain Rd, Suite 1B
Las Vegas, NV 89146
(702) 258-7885 | (800) 782-7201 | Fax: (702) 258-7836
Please make checks payable to "Nevada PTA"

Would you prefer to pay by credit card? Contact Nevada PTA and request a Credit Card Authorization Form.