

SPECIAL INTEREST SESSIONS 2025

Selfie Scavenger Hunt

Are you looking for a fun way to get to know the PATSA State Conference? This easy Selfie Scavenger Hunt is a perfect way to break the ice at this year's conference. The scavenger hunt will be a challenge open to everyone that asks participants to take a selfie with the items, landmarks, or even people in the Scavenger Hunt. Complete the whole scavenger hunt for a prize!

Conversation Bingo

The state conference is a great way to make new connections. Pick up a conversation bingo card at stag pass and talk to new people throughout the conference using its prompts. Bring the card back to stag pass to earn a prize!

Create with Hammer and Stain

Stop by and create your own wooden sign that you can customize with your choice of paint colors. Multiple design options available. Portion of proceeds will go back to TSA.

Time: hours posted in Stag Pass

Place: Seasons #4

Karaoke Night

Are you in the choir at school? Do you just sing in the shower? No matter how awful your singing is, come to the Karaoke Night special interest session where you can relieve some stress and sing along to your favorite tunes. Get the chance to compete with your friends and other students. The person with the best performance will be honored with a prize.

Time: Wednesday, 7-8PM

Place: Exhibit Hall

College Readiness

Are you getting ready to apply for college in the fall or within the next few years? Have you already applied to college? Everyone is welcome to the college readiness special interest sessions where you can hear directly from college students and professionals who have been involved in TSA. Hear about everything from the application process to practical skills and habits to be successful as you move into your post-secondary education.

Time: Thursday, 10-11AM

Place: Matterhorn Lounge

Parly Pro (BARRC)

Do you like parliamentary procedure? Are you a beginner looking to learn the basics? Come to the Parly Pro interest session! This session is run by the Bylaw and Resolutions Review Committee and will consist of an informational presentation as well as an activity. It will cover both beginner and advanced parliamentary procedure content in one session.

Time: Thursday, 11AM-12PM

Place: Matterhorn Lounge

Escape Room

Are you someone who loves mystery, competition, and some serious fun? Come to the escape room where you'll have a chance to compete against other teams by solving problems and working together. It's a great opportunity to put your skills to the test.

Time: Thursday, 12-1PM

Place: Matterhorn Lounge

Game Room

Do you have a competitive streak? Have a need to crush your teammates in monopoly? Swing by the game room! Here you will be able to play against your friends and other TSA members in activities ranging from board games to video games. Good luck!

Time: Thursday, 1-2PM

Place: Matterhorn Lounge

Mario Kart Tournament

Are you looking for some competition with friends? Do you like racing? Make sure to come to the first ever State Conference Mario Kart Tournament! We'll be hosting a bracket tournament for individuals looking to show off their skills. Make sure to bring your A game...there will be a prize for the winner!

Time: Thursday, 2-3PM

Place: Matterhorn Lounge

Fundraising by NSP

Do you want to make the TSA more accessible and cheaper for the members of your chapter? Come to the fundraising session prepared by your NSP committee! They will share tips and tricks on how to effectively fundraise for your chapter.

Time: Thursday, 3-4PM

Place: Matterhorn Lounge

Cross Chapter Fundraising

Do you want to hear about NSP's newest initiative? The Cross Chapter Fundraising Initiative is a great way for chapters to work together for their fundraising efforts. This special interest session is a great way to learn more about this initiative and network with other chapters who are interested in fundraising.

Time: Thursday, 3-4PM

Place: Matterhorn Lounge

Committee Meet and Greet

Want to get more involved with Pennsylvania TSA year round? Did you know there are committees ranging from helping plan the state conference to reaching out to potential corporate sponsors? Learn and ask questions about the every committee and how to expand your membership in PA-TSA from members themselves.

Time: Thursday, 4-5PM

Place: Matterhorn Lounge

Community Service

Are you looking to support a good cause and make an impact? Get crafty at this year's community service session where we will be writing and decorating handmade cards for children battling cancer and other serious illnesses. Bring your friends and let's write letters of love!

Time: Thursday, 5-6PM

Place: Matterhorn Lounge

Women in STEM

Are you interested in learning about what the day in the life of a STEAM career is like? Join Dr. Taraif, associate professor of clinical pathology, and Dr. Shevade, water resources engineer and educator, as they share their journey in the STEAM field!

Time: Thursday, 6-7PM

Place: Matterhorn Lounge

Candidate Meet and Greet

Want to learn more about the State Officer Candidates? Come to the meet and greet! This is your chance to ask questions, learn more about campaign platforms, and talk one-on-one with each of the candidates.

Time: Thursday, 7-8PM

Place: Stag Pass

Scavenger Hunt – Seven Springs/TSA Trivia

Each group in the event will be asked to go on a scavenger hunt to find answers about the Seven Springs Mountain Resort and TSA. Groups can be 1-4 people. Prizes will be awarded to the participants with the highest number of correct answers and the quickest time. Your advisor will be contacted with your prize.

Time: Thursday, 7-8PM

Place: Matterhorn

Jeopardy Trivia Night – State Officer Team

Come check out the Jeopardy trivia night special interest session! We'll be competing in teams. If you have a team that you want to work with, that's great! But if you don't, we will find you a team! Trivia night will be conducted in a Jeopardy style format. We're excited to see all of you there! This... Is... Jeopardy!

Time: Thursday, 8-9PM

Place: Snowflake

State Officer Candidate Speeches

Come and listen to the PA TSA State Officer Candidates speeches about why they want to "Be Your Next State Officer." Speeches will be viewed as a group and if time allows, a live Q&A will occur where you can ask the candidates your questions. Two representatives must be present to be able to vote for your chapter.

Time: Thursday, 9:30-11:00PM

Place: Exhibit Hall

Outreach Corporate Gallery Walk

Sponsorships are a huge part of making TSA possible. If you or your chapter are looking for opportunities to get in contact with local tech companies, make sure to stop by the Corporate Gallery Walk! We'll have information from companies all over the state that are interested in partnering with you. We hope this will help get the ball rolling for everyone!

Time: Friday, 9-10AM

Place: Matterhorn Lounge

TSA Speed Networking

Want to meet like-minded TSA members from across the state? Join us for TSA Speed Networking, a fast-paced networking event where you'll get to connect with fellow competitors! Whether you're looking for new friends, project collaborators, or just a fun conversation, this is the perfect chance to expand your TSA network—one quick chat at a time!

Time: Friday, 10-11AM

Place: Matterhorn Lounge

Chapter Bonding Sessions

Do you want to test just how strong the bond is within your chapter? Come to the chapter bonding sessions and participate in a variety of fun activities, like human knot, with your chapter. The chapter that wins the most amount of activities at the end of the session will earn a prize!

Time: Friday, 11AM-12PM

Place: Matterhorn Lounge

Transition from MS to HS TSA

Middle schoolers, are you a little nervous about moving up to HS TSA? High schoolers, do you have some great tips for younger members? Do you have questions about TSA in general? Then come share and receive advice, and meet with your fellow TSA enthusiasts! This is a group discussion open to anyone!

Time: Friday, 12-1PM

Place: Matterhorn Lounge

Day in the Life of a Developer, TJ Cappelletti

Do you have an interest or considering a career in software development? Learn what it is like to be one from someone who has been developing software for over 15 years.

Time: Friday, 1-2PM

Place: Matterhorn Lounge

Tech Cave Tour

Have you ever been curious about all the tech necessary to run PA-TSA's state conference? From wi-fi access to the judging portal, to online submissions, to general sessions, it takes a lot! Come explore the Tech Cave and learn from our alumni just want it takes to make PA-TSA run.

Time: Friday, 2-3PM

Place: Grand Ballroom – side door near stage

STEELS in Action: Linking TE & Task Lists! – advisors only

When will we see a Crosswalk? The GASD Technology & Engineering staff dedicated time to work on a crosswalk between their POS Task Lists and the new STEELS standards. Focusing on the in-house programs that fall under engineering, communications, and agriculture, the team created a crosswalk that identified gaps and confirmed skills of task lists.

Time: Friday, 2-3PM

Place: Matterhorn Lounge

Minute to Win It

How well do you work under pressure? In this year's Minute to Win It, participants will compete in numerous minute-long challenges ranging from relay races, stacking cards, jelly bean tossing, and more. The participant who wins the most number of challenges will leave the session with a prize!

Time: Friday, 3-4PM

Place: Matterhorn Lounge

Code Your Own

Are you interested in computer programming and machine learning? At this session, members will learn the basics of Python and will have the opportunity to design their own ML algorithm at the end. The model with the most accuracy will receive a prize!

Time: Friday, 4-5PM

Place: Matterhorn Lounge

Brawl Stars

Gather your friends and get ready for the first-ever State Conference Brawl Stars Tournament! Battle it out in a bracket-style competition to prove your skills and claim victory. Whether you're a tank or a strategy mastermind, this is your chance to shine. There will be a prize for the champion, so may the best brawler win!

Time: Friday, 5-6PM

Place: Matterhorn Lounge

Minecraft Tournament

Come to the Minecraft special interest session where you can play survival or creative Minecraft with your friends and TSA peers. There will be a Build Battle event in which competitors will build a TSA-themed work that will be judged by a State Officer. The winner will receive a prize. A personal device is required with Minecraft that can run offline.

Time: Friday, 5-6PM

Place: Matterhorn Lounge