

SPECIAL INTEREST SESSIONS 2026

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

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

Coin Rings

Apply metal working techniques to turn a quarter coin into a perfectly size ring for your finger. This activity is free. Donations to the American Red Cross will be accepted.

Time: Thursday, 1-3PM

Place: Outside, Grand Ballroom entrance

Community Service with the American Red Cross

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 making single tie baby blankets, and thank you cards for the ARC that will be donated to charity. Bring your friends and let's spread some love!

Time: Thursday, 2-3PM

Place: Matterhorn Lounge

Clash Royale

Are you interested in the game Clash Royale? Want to mega-knight your enemies? The PA TSA State Conference is hosting its first-ever clash tournament! Fight your enemies and put your skills to the test. You must bring your own device, and the winner will receive a prize.

Time: Thursday, 3-4PM

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, 4-5PM

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

Have you ever seen the tv show jeopardy? Do you like random fun facts? Come check out the Jeopardy Trivia special interest session! You'll get to compete in teams for a prize. The topic could be anything, so get ready! We're excited to see all of you there!

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, 9:30-10:30PM

Place: Exhibit Hall

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Time: Friday, 8-9AM

Place: Matterhorn Lounge

Learn about the American Red Cross with Ms. Ann Borysowski!

Do you want to learn more about the American Red Cross? Have you wanted to get more involved in your community? PA TSA will be hosting an American Red Cross Special Interest Session with special guest speaker Ann Borysowski to talk more about the organization and how to be more active in the ARC. She is a Senior Engagement Specialist at the American Red Cross Greater Region of Pennsylvania and specializes in youth volunteer programs in PA. Make sure to come out!

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

Building Challenge

Want to grow your problem-solving skills? Have you ever participated in the Technology Problem Solving competitive event? Without all of the rules and regulations, this competition is the perfect opportunity for anyone to compete solely for fun. Members will be given an hour to come up with a solution for the given challenge with the provided materials. First place gets a prize!

Time: Friday, 11AM-12PM

Place: Matterhorn Lounge

Basketball Tournament

Do you like sports? Ever dreamed of being LeBron James? You can start that journey right now at our first-ever 3v3 PA TSA basketball tournament. Show off your talents on the court through this bracket-style tournament, where the first-place winners receive a prize. Sign up using the QR code found at Stage Pass to register your team and get more information, all sign-ups are due Thursday at midnight!

Time: Friday, 10AM-11AM

Place: Basketball Courts – weather dependent

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, 12-1PM

Place: Matterhorn Lounge

Volleyball Tournament

Did you know that Seven Springs has volleyball courts? Have you ever wanted to play but never got the chance? Get ready to show off your skills in this round robin style volleyball tournament. All you need to do is show up, and we'll split you into teams. Whichever team wins the most games in the allotted time will receive a prize!

Time: Friday, 12-1PM

Place: Volleyball Courts – weather dependent

Being a Programmer in the AI World, TJ Cappelletti

Come and hear what it is like to be a programmer in the age of AI from someone with over 20 years of industry experience. Learn about the current state of the technology and its impact to developers. See first-hand demos on how AI is changing the industry and how you can better prepare yourself for the future. Come to ask questions on how best to prepare yourself for the future.

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Place: Matterhorn Lounge

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Place: Outside, Grand Ballroom entrance

Women in STEM

Are you interested in learning about what the day in the life of a STEM career is like? We're excited to welcome our two inspiring women in STEM who will be sharing their experience and knowledge: Mrs. Priya Elambaruthi and Dr. Marianne Infante!

Mrs. Priya Elambaruthi is the head of Technology for Chase Consumer Branded Credit Cards at JP Morgan Chase & Co. Dr. Marianne Infante is an occupational therapist and the director of Healthy Community Lifespaces, an organization working to strengthen community health in Pennsylvania.

Time: Thursday, 2-3PM

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 what it takes to make PA-TSA run.

Time: Friday, 3-4PM

Place: Grand Ballroom – side door near stage

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, 3-4PM

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, 4-5PM

Place: Matterhorn Lounge