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Big Spring, Texas**

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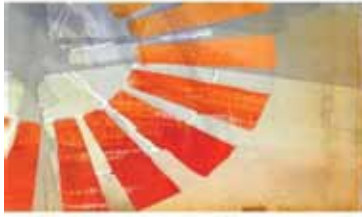
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(In conjunction with 78th Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo)

www.deaftexas.org



"Western Winds: Forward Thinker of the Future" 2011 TAD Conference Schedule

Welcome to the TAD 2011 Conference to be held June 16-18! This conference will be different from traditional conferences. This conference theme focuses on "Future Thinkers!" Our keynote speakers and workshops will focus on "thinking outside the box!"

We have Mark Gobble and Carrie Lou Garberoglio as our opening and closing speakers. Those two people were responsible for the recent event "TEDxIslay" held at ACC on May 15, 2010. The TEDxIslay event focused on Deaf speakers who are future thinkers.

Our next speaker is Howard Rosenblum. He is our newest Executive Manager for NAD office in Silver Spring, Maryland. We are thrilled to have him accept our invitation to speak at this conference.

We are excited to have newest workshops to present at this conference. The buzz word around Deaf leaders in California is "Deafhood" written by Dr. Paddy Ladd.

Dr. Donald Grushin, author of Dr.DonG 's videoclips on Youtube.com, has accepted the invitation to do a 3-hour long workshop on "Deafhood".

Marina Fanshteyn will do a presentation on "Financial Success Principles". She was one of the co-founders of Deaf Business Expo held in Houston in May 2010. We are waiting to hear on confirmation from other workshop presenters.

Our Young Adult Fest will be underway at the same time the TAD conference is held. DARS counselors can send young adults 17-22 to this workshop. We will have a Deaf Rapper as the entertainment for this special youth event. There will be more workshops coming up and we will announce them as we go! Come all!

Sincerely,

Kathy Weldon
2011 Co-Chair

Steven Meyer
2011 Co-Chair



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**Texas Association of the Deaf
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Texas Association of the Deaf (TAD) would like to invite you to attend the conference in Big Spring, Texas! This is a very special conference because TAD will celebrate it's 125th birthday. It was founded in 1886.

Registration

The registration includes early-bird combo tickets and at-the-door combo tickets. Individual day tickets and single event tickets are also available. To see more information, check out the registration form or visit www.deaftexas.org.

To take advantage of the Early Bird prices, send in your registration and payment by May 15, 2011! Any registrations postmarked after May 15th, will be assessed the “At the Door” rate.

Each combo ticket covers daily registration, admission to the President’s reception, the TAD delicious banquet and entertainment! Individual tickets for day attendance and individual events are also available.

About the Hotel

Hampton Inn & Suites
805 West I-20, Big Spring, Texas 79720
(432) 264-9800
Group Name: TX Association of the Deaf
Group Code: TAD 2011

The Hampton Inn offers the following amenities:

Each room has complimentary
high-speed internet access

On-site pool and gym

Wheelchair accessible

Complimentary hot breakfast

VP will be available during the conference

**Please register for the Conference
when you check in at the hotel.**

Conference Highlights—TENTATIVE AGENDA

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2011

TAD Board Meeting (2 - 4 p.m.)
Registration (1 - 6:30 p.m. at the Hotel)
Registration (7 - 9 p.m. at the SWCID MSC)
President’s Reception & Keynote
at the SWCID MSC Auditorium (7 - 9 p.m.)

FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2011

Registration in the Dorm Lobby (8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)
Exhibits at the SWCID Activity Center (8 a.m. - 5p.m.)
Keynote Presentation at the SWCID MSC (8 - 9 a.m.)
Workshop Sessions in the MSC Building (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
Big Spring Rodeo (7 - 10 p.m.)

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2011

Registration in the Dorm Lobby (8 a.m.- 3 p.m.)
Exhibits at the SWCID Activity Center (8 a.m. - 3 p.m.)
Keynote presentation at the SWCID MSC (8 - 9 a.m.)
Workshop Session (morning only)
Free Lunch served in the MSC Auditorium (noon to 1:30 p.m.)
TAD GENERAL MEETING & ELECTIONS in the MSC Auditorium (1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.)
TAD Conference Group Picture on the Pedestrian Plaza (4 p.m.)
Banquet and Entertainment at the HC Coliseum (6 - 11 p.m.)

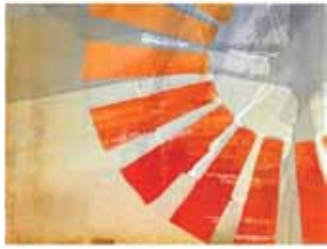
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Cancellation Policy

Refunds will be given only for registration fees only. All cancellations must be made in writing. Registrations may not be transferred.

A partial refund (50%) will be given until June 5, 2011.

No refunds after June 6, 2011.

Mail Registration and Payment to:

SWCID
TAD 2011 Conference
c/o Priscilla Cervantes
3200 Avenue C
Big Spring, TX 79720

**2011 Conference
Early Bird Registration Form**

ATTENDEE INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Voice TTY VP

E-Mail: _____

Special Needs: ASL interpreters will be provided during the conference. CART will be available for select programs. If you require additional accommodations, please contact Kathy Weldon at kweldon@howardcollege.edu or Von Rumer at (432) 264-3748.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

(For early registration, form must be postmarked by May 15, 2011
After this date, all registrations will be assessed the "At the Door" rate.)

Name Badge Information

Please PRINT CLEARLY the name that should be on the badge.

Combo Registration

Combo tickets include: Daily Registration, President's Reception and Banquet Night. All TAD Membership Fees are due at the time of registration. Please see enclosed application.

Combo Ticket	Early Bird by May 15, 2011	At The Door	Non Member by May 15, 2011	Non Member At The Door	Total
Regular	\$ 75.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 140.00	
Senior Citizen ¹	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 140.00	
Student ²	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00			

¹Senior Citizens must be 55 years or older, in accordance with TAD bylaws.

²High school and college students must attach a copy of student ID card.

Individual Event Registration

Choose ONLY if you are not purchasing combo ticket(s).

Individual Event	Early Bird by May 15, 2011	At The Door	Total
Daily Registration (per day)	\$30.00	\$40.00	
President's Reception	\$15.00	\$25.00	
Banquet Night	\$20.00	\$30.00	

PAYMENT INFORMATION

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|------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| 1. Combo | \$ _____ | |
| 2. Individual Event(s) | \$ _____ | |
| 3. Non Members | \$ _____ | |
| 4. Conference Donation | \$ _____ | Total: \$ _____ |

Payment can be made by Cashier's check or money order to SWCID-TAD 2011 Conference. If registration is paid by state agencies, please provide requisition and purchase order numbers.

For on-site registrations, only cash, money orders or cashiers checks will be accepted. No personal checks or credit cards will be accepted.



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SWCID Community College for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Persons

February 3, 2011

CALL FOR PAPER:

To Whom it May Concern,

SWCID Community College for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Persons will be hosting the Texas Association of the Deaf (TAD) on our Campus on June 16-18, 2011. The TAD is an organization for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing. It is a membership organization to provide information and education, to bring the view-point on various issues affecting the lives of those who are deaf or hard of hearing at all levels of the community. It has proven its commitment to address the needs of deaf and hard of hearing members for more than a century. TAD was an important part of seeing that SWCID was established more than thirty years ago.

The theme for the conference is **“Western Winds: Forward Thinkers of the Future!”**. Those attending will be deaf and hard of hearing individuals, professionals who work with those with deaf/hard of hearing individuals and deaf children.

We are calling for presenters who wish to do their topic during the TAD Conference. We ask that your topic focus be related to our theme of “Forward Thinkers and Current Concerns”.

If you wish to present your paper, please get in touch with us by email or by mailing us the presentation information form. We are looking forward to hear from you **by the deadline of April 11, 2011.**

Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information. You may email us at kweldon@howardcollege.edu, smeyer@howardcollege.edu or at the address below.

Sincerely,

Kathy Weldon
2011 Co-Chair

Steven Meyer
2011 Co-Chair

Texas Association of the Deaf
SWCID Community College for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Persons
3200 Avenue C
Big Spring, Texas 79720

PRESENTATION INFORMATION

You may delete the lines and just directly type on this form. Please save to your desktop and attach with a photo in an email to Von Rumer (vrumer@howardcollege.edu). Thanks!

Name: _____

Date/Time: _____

Bio (please provide at the bottom of the page)

Note: Presentation rooms will have LCD projectors. If you will be using PowerPoint for your presentation, please bring your own computer.

Presentation Title: _____

Abstract (100 words or less) for the Program

Book: _____

Presenter Biography

Note: The Program Committee reserves the right to edit for space in the program.



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 Old Windmills Gift Bag
 Two Complimentary Combo Registrations
 Free Exhibit Booth



WIND TURBINES (\$1,000 - \$1,999)

Half-page Recognition in Program Book
 Wind Turbines Gift Bag
 Two Complimentary Registrations
 50% Off Exhibit Booth



SWCID RATTLERS (\$500 - \$999)

Quarter-page Recognition in Program Book
 SWCID Rattlers Gift Bag
 25% Off Exhibit Booth



ROAD RUNNER (\$250 - \$499)

Recognition in Program Book
 Road Runner Gift Bag



Horned Toads (\$100 - \$249)

Recognition in Program Book
 Horned Toads Gift Bag



TUMBLEWEEDS (Minimum \$5)

Recognition in Program Book



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CALL FOR EXHIBITORS

The conference will have excellent exhibit space. There will be over 200 in attendance. This will include Deaf and hard of hearing individuals, families with children, teachers, and Audiologists. This is a great opportunity for you to have contact with these people and share information with them. **Please respond by April 11, 2011.**

Name (Title): _____

Company/Program: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Products/Services Exhibited: _____

Booth Signage to Read: _____

Badges (2) to Read: _____

Each booth space will consist of an 8' x 10' booth space and 2 chairs. If you need electricity, please bring an extension cord. Wireless access is available at no charge. Booth set up is June 15, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and take down is June 18, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Any other requests, please contact: Priscilla Cervantes at pcervantes@howardcollege.edu.

<input type="checkbox"/> For Profit	\$ 100	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit/State Agency	\$ 60	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Electricity (one-time charge)	\$ 25	_____
Exhibit Total		_____

Cashier Check or Money order payable to: SWCID—TAD Conference 2011
c/o Priscilla Cervantes
3200 Avenue C
Big Spring, TX 79720



**Texas Association of the Deaf
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FOR THE YOUTH (AGE: 17-22)**

June 16-18, 2011

SWCID Community College for Deaf & Hard of Hearing

Persons

Big Spring, Texas

RODEO

FUN ACTIVITIES

- ❖ **FREE REGISTRATION FOR FIRST 100 PEOPLE!!!**
- ❖ **FREE ROOM & BOARD!!**
- ❖ **FIND YOUR OWN WAY OF TRANSPORTATION**
- ❖ **BRING YOUR OWN TOWELS, SHEETS, & PILLOWS**

DEAF MAGICIAN

DEAF RAPPER

**EXCITING
WORKSHOPS!!**

DANCING

****YOUTH RAP SESSION****

SOCIAL

RISING STARS



Texas Association of the Deaf 46th Biennial Conference FOR THE YOUTH (AGE: 17-22) REGISTRATION FORM

ATTENDEE INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Video Phone (if any): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: Male Female

FOR MINORS ONLY:

Parent Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

*****Deadline for Submission of Registration Form is on May 15th, 2011*****

For more information, please contact:

Steven Meyer, Co-Chairperson at
smeyer@howardcollege.edu or
Roni McCarthy, Youth Contact Person at
rmccarthy@howardcollege.edu

Mail Registration Form:

SWCID
TAD 2011 Conference For The Youth
c/o Roni McCarthy
3200 Avenue C
Big Spring, TX 79720



Texas Association of the Deaf Membership Application Form

P.O. Box 1982, Manchaca, Texas 78652
Established in 1886

**PLEASE PRINT OUT THIS FORM AND FILL OUT OR FILL OUT
AND EMAIL TO US OR GO ONLINE TO DEAFTEXAS.ORG TO JOIN**

Today's Date: _____

Full Name:	
Organization/Department:	
Address:	
City:	State:
Zip/Postal Code:	
TTY Phone:	
Voice Phone:	
FAX Phone:	
E-mail computer address:	(No pager address, please.)
Total paid: \$	

Check which is applicable:

- Active Members:** \$20.00 for two years – Any person, 18 years old and up, who is a resident of the State of Texas*
- Associate Member:** \$15.00 for two years – Any person, 18 years old and up, who is a non-resident of the State of Texas*
- Retired Member:** \$15.00 for two years – Any Texas resident who is 55 years of age or older * ***Membership term lasts from conference to conference, but TAD board just waived this rule on January 22 and now extends membership to June 2013 if you join or rejoin as of January 31 until June 18, 2011!**

Payable to: **Texas Association of the Deaf**
P.O. Box 1982
Manchaca, Texas 78652

TAD is a 501(c)3 organization. All contributions are tax-deductible.
A returned check fee of \$30.00 will be charged to defray bank-processing fees
Thank you for your support of TAD!

For questions about TAD membership,
Contact Membership Chair, tadmember@gmail.com
Website address: deafTEXAS.org
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