

# *Notes* of **Success**



99<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

May 3 – 6, 2012

Delegate Registration Packet

Sheraton Music City Hotel

777 McGavock Pike

Nashville, Tennessee

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Make your plans now to attend the 99th Annual Convention of the Tennessee PTA. Convention is an excellent training opportunity and a legitimate expense for your PTA/PTSA. Continuing education is an important part in creating a strong local unit and a strong voice for the children and families we serve. Come to Convention and bring several members from your PTA/PTSA – gather fresh ideas and go home both inspired and refreshed.

Wonderful opportunities abound at our annual convention. Keynote speakers to inspire you – workshops designed to meet your needs and requests – networking opportunities with members from across the state – recognitions for outstanding local unit contributions – all of this and more await you! Come be inspired by our speakers and discover new ideas and leadership tips from our outstanding workshop presenters.

Convention provides PTA/PTSA members the opportunity for leadership training, the chance to share great ideas with other PTA/PTSA members from across the state and the ability to advocate for your child and your school family. We will be honored this year to have Laura Bay, National PTA Secretary/Treasurer, joining us as our National PTA representative.

Friday's events include a Front Porch "Jam Session" Discussion on Education, multiple workshops and a chance to visit with the Exhibitors.

Saturday begins with a Healthy Start, continues with a Front Porch "Jam Session" Discussion on Family Engagement and that afternoon we will celebrate Student Achievements during the Arts in Education Celebration Luncheon. Saturday evening, we will be honoring YOU and your successes at our annual Awards Banquet.

On Sunday we will conclude our convention activities with something for everyone as we host a roundtable-networking event, a Youth Symposium and a MORE (Men Organized to Raise Engagement) Summit.

Please register with the hotel at: <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/tnpta> on or before April 6, 2012, to take advantage of the discounted rate.

The convention pre-registration deadline is April 6, 2012. Please mail your completed registration form together with your PTA check, made out to the Tennessee PTA, to the State Office.

Thank you for all you do, together we will make a difference in the lives of the children and families of Tennessee.

*Karen Davis*

Karen Davis, President

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## Tentative Schedule

### Thursday, May 3, 2012

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Pre-Convention Music Lessons (Workshop Sessions)
3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Pre-Convention Music Lessons (Workshop Sessions)
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Appreciation Reception (by invitation only)

### Friday, May 4, 2012

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Registration
8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Music Lesson I (Workshop Session)
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Prelude (Brunch/Opening Session)
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Music Lesson II (Workshop Session)
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Music Lesson III (Workshop Session)
2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Front Porch Jam Session (Discussion) – Education
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Music Lesson IV (Workshop Session)
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Registration
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Interlude with Exhibitors (Dinner)
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Ensemble Open (Exhibit Hall)

### Saturday, May 5, 2012

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Registration
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Operetta (Breakfast – Healthy Start/Lifestyles)
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Family Expo / Ensemble Open (Exhibits)
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Music Lesson V (Workshop Session)
11:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Arts in Education Celebration (Student Awards Luncheon)
2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Overture (General Meeting)
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Front Porch Jam Session (Discussion) – Family Engagement Best Practices
6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Reception for Past Presidents and TALL Members (by invitation only)
6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Registration (corsage pick-up)
6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Opera (Banquet)
10:00 p.m. till ?	After Party

### Sunday, May 6, 2012

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Encore (Breakfast and Roundtables) (see Page 8)
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## Registration Steps

### 1. Complete the Registration Form

Fill out the registration form included in this packet for each delegate. Your current 2011 - 2012 membership card must be presented at Registration to verify voting eligibility. Additional registration forms can be downloaded from [www.tnpta.org](http://www.tnpta.org).

### 2. Return the form to the Tennessee PTA

Payments for pre-registration and meal functions must be submitted with your registration form and fully completed Voting Delegate Card. Registration forms received without payment will not be processed.

- Early Bird Complete Pre-Registration forms must be received in the State Office on or before **March 1, 2012**.
- Complete Pre-Registration forms received **March 2 to April 6, 2012**, will be \$300.
- Final date for all Pre-Registration is **April 6, 2012**.
- All others will be considered On-Site Registrations.

### 3. Mail to:

Tennessee PTA  
1905 Acklen Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37212

Please contact the State Office, 615-383-9740 or 1-888-782-5712, if you have any further questions.

## Voting Delegate Card

All PTA members are invited and encouraged to attend convention. Each local unit will receive one Voting Delegate card for the President and one Voting Delegate card for every 50 members or a fraction thereof, as of March 1.

To be eligible for Voting Delegate cards, membership dues must be received in the Tennessee PTA State Office on or before March 1, 2012. Members are not official members until their names and dues are received in the State Office.

## Deadlines and Fees

### SAVE \$40 – Register as an Early Bird!!

Early Bird received by March 1 –

Only for Complete Pre-Registration \$260

### Complete Convention Pre-Registration

Received March 2 to April 6, 2012 \$300

- \* Convention Registration
- \* Friday Brunch and Dinner
- \* Saturday Breakfast, Awards Lunch and Banquet
- \* Sunday Breakfast and Roundtables

### Friday Pre-Registration

\$140

- \* One Day Convention Registration
- \* Friday Brunch and Dinner

### Saturday Pre-Registration

\$160

- \* One Day Convention Registration
- \* Saturday Breakfast, Awards Lunch and Banquet

### Sunday Pre-Registration

\$ 55

- \* One Day Registration (materials not included)
- \* Breakfast and Roundtables

### Student Awards Luncheon

Adult – per person \$ 18

Children – per person \$ 12

### Banquet

\$ 55

### Banquet - Table for Ten (see page 10)

\$550

### One Day Registration

\$ 50

(No meals will be included)

### On-Site Registration

Complete Convention Package \$375

Non-PTA \$475

Friday Registration \$190

Saturday Registration \$210

Sunday Registration \$ 80

### Student Registration

\$230

\* Convention Registration

\* Friday Brunch and Dinner

\* Saturday Breakfast, Awards Lunch and Banquet

\* Sunday Breakfast and Roundtables

### One Day Student Registration

\$ 25

(No meals will be included)

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## Hotel Reservations

The 99th Annual Convention will be held at:  
**Sheraton Music City Hotel**  
777 McGavock Pike  
Nashville, TN 37214  
(615) 885-2200

The negotiated rates are: *Single/Double: \$99.00*

To guarantee you receive our discounted rate, make your reservations by **Friday, April 6, 2012.**

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/tnpta>

### Reservation information:

Please identify yourself as part of the Tennessee Parent Teacher Association in order to receive the special group rate.

**Guarantee Policy:** Credit card guarantee required at time of booking.

Please plan to pay for your hotel expenses by using a PTA check and presenting your Tennessee Department of Revenue Certificate of Exemption to qualify for tax-exempt status.

## "Friends of PTA"

"Friends of PTA" may purchase a three-line advertisement to be placed in the 2012 Convention program.

The cost is \$25 per ad and is limited to three lines, not to exceed 25 words.

Individual and/or groups may submit their name(s) and a note of support for their PTA and/or leadership. Councils may consider placing a congratulatory ad for their President. Local PTA/PTSAs may wish to place an ad expressing their appreciation to their school, Principal, teacher(s) and/or support staff.

To purchase your ad, please send your name, telephone number, check of \$25, and your three-line ad to the:

**Tennessee PTA**  
1905 Acklen Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37212

**Ads must be received in the State Office on or before March 16, 2012.**

## Travel Information

### From East

Take Interstate 40 West to exit 216 (Donelson Pike/TN-255 North). Turn right onto Donelson and proceed on Donelson Pike for approximately .8 miles and turn left onto Elm Hill Pike (second traffic light after I-40 exit). Continue for approximately 1.0 mile and turn left on McGavock Pike. The hotel is located .6 miles on the left at the top of the hill. The Sheraton Music City entrance is the first left after crossing Century Boulevard.

### From North on Interstate 65

Take Interstate 65 to exit 90B (Briley Parkway East). Continue on Briley Parkway East to exit 7 (Elm Hill Pike). Turn left onto Elm Hill Pike and continue for approximately .5 mile and turn right on McGavock Pike. The hotel is located .6 miles on the left at the top of the hill. The Sheraton Music City entrance is the first left after crossing Century Boulevard.

### From North on Interstate 24

Take Interstate 24 to exit 43 (Briley Parkway). Follow signs to Briley Parkway East (Opryland). Continue on Briley Parkway East to exit 7 (Elm Hill Pike). Turn left onto Elm Hill Pike and continue for approximately .5 mile and turn right on McGavock Pike. The hotel is located .6 miles on the left at the top of the hill. The Sheraton Music City entrance is the first left after crossing Century Boulevard.

### From West

Take Interstate 40 East (toward Knoxville), to exit 215B (Briley Parkway North). Stay right and take exit 7 (Elm Hill Pike). Turn right onto Elm Hill Pike for approximately .5 mile and turn right on McGavock Pike. The hotel is located .6 miles on the left at the top of the hill. The Sheraton Music City entrance is the first left after crossing Century Boulevard.

### From South on Interstate 65

Take Interstate 65 to exit 82B (Interstate 40 East, toward Knoxville). Continue on I-40 East to exit 215B (Briley Parkway North). Stay right and take exit 7 (Elm Hill Pike). Turn right onto Elm Hill Pike for approximately .5 mile and turn right on McGavock Pike. The hotel is located .6 miles on the left at the top of the hill. The Sheraton Music City entrance is the first left after crossing Century Boulevard.

### From South on Interstate 24

Take Interstate 24 to exit 52B (Interstate 40 East, toward Knoxville). Continue on I-40 East to exit 215B (Briley Parkway North). Stay right and take exit 7 (Elm Hill Pike). Turn right onto Elm Hill Pike for approximately .5 mile and turn right on McGavock Pike. The hotel is located .6 miles on the left at the top of the hill. The Sheraton Music City entrance is the first left after crossing Century Boulevard.

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## Guest Soloist (Speaker) - Opening Session

### Laura Bay - National PTA Secretary/Treasurer



Laura Bay was elected and installed as the National PTA® Secretary-Treasurer at the June 2011 National PTA Convention. Prior to her election, she served a two-year term on the National PTA Board of Directors and on the finance and the field service committees. In 2007–2009 she also served on the organizational viability committee for National PTA. Laura is a passionate advocate for education and children’s issues and believes that PTA® is the organization which actively supports and promotes parent, teacher, and community involvement in child/education issues.

As the Washington State PTA president in 2007–2009, Laura focused on developing leadership potential at all levels of PTA and facilitated the search and hiring of a new executive director. Also, during her tenure as president she led the Washington State PTA in collaborating with other organizations in the successful passage of Engrossed House Joint Resolution (EHJR) 4204 – Simple Majority Initiative. She also provided testimony before state senate and house committees, led a rally on the capitol steps, and dedicated her time and energy in a statewide PTA campaign which led to the signing of HB 2261 (Basic Education Funding) with fellow education stake-holder organizations. Prior to serving as state president, Laura served on the Washington State PTA Board of Directors for six years as region director, secretary, and leadership director.

Laura and her husband Robert Bay have three adult children – Andrew, Matthew, and Celeste. She has worked for the Bremerton School District as an educator for the last 10 years and currently works in the district office as a coordinator for assessment and instruction. Laura and her husband make their home in Poulsbo, Washington where they enjoy time with family and friends.

## Guest Soloist (Speaker) - Healthy Start Breakfast

### Rebecca Rushing Johns-Wommack, Ed.D.



Rebecca Rushing Johns-Wommack, Ed.D. is currently the co-Chair for Tennessee’s *Action for Healthy Kids* and serves on the Tennessee Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (TAHPERD) executive board. She has an expertise in fitness, school health, child and adult learning, and wellness education. Rebecca has co-authored two books titled *Concepts in Fitness: A Balanced Approach to Good Health*, and *Discovering Optimal, Wellness to Change Your Life*.

Rebecca received a Bachelor’s degree from Middle Tennessee State University in Mass Communications in 1992. She received her second Bachelor’s degree from the University of Northern Colorado, where she majored in Kinesiology with emphasis in physical education.

In 1999 she completed her Master’s degree in Health from Middle Tennessee State University. She earned her Education Specialist degree in May 2002 and her Doctorate of Education in 2005 from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Rebecca served on the Governor’s Council for Physical Fitness and Health for the state of Tennessee from 2000-2007. She was appointed Chair of the council in 2004.

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## Guest Musicians (Speakers) – Front Porch Jam Session (Discussion) Education

### Invited Musicians (Participants):

Dr. Gary Nixon, Executive Director, Tennessee Board of Education; Senator Delores Gresham, Chairman, Senate Education Committee; Representative Robert Montgomery, Chairman, House Education Committee; Kevin Huffman, Commissioner of Education; Dr. Jesse Register, Director of Schools, Metro Nashville Public Schools; and Jamie Woodsen, President and CEO, SCORE.

## Guest Musicians (Speakers) – Front Porch Jam Session (Discussion) Family Engagement

### Invited Musicians (Participants):

Laura Bay, National PTA Secretary/Treasurer; Mr. John Aikens, Superintendent of Shelby County Schools; Karen Carson, Knox County Board of Education; Principal – TBD; and Teacher – TBD.

## Pre-Convention Music Lessons (Workshops)

Thursday, May 3

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- *Your Convention Roadmap*  
Maestro: TBD
- *Bridging the Gap – Local/Council/State*  
Maestro: Jane Chittick, Former  
Tennessee PTA Board Member

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

- *Goal Setting and Planning Your Year*  
Maestro: Lucy Spurgeon,  
Tennessee PTA President, 2001-2003
- *I'm a Local Unit Leader, Now What?*  
Maestro: Betsy Landers,  
National PTA President

# Tentative Music Lessons (Workshops) At-a-Glance

**Friday, May 4**

**Music Lesson I**  
8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

- **Cultural Competency**  
Maestro: Betsy Landers, National PTA President
- **All Pro Dads**  
Maestro: Dina Pontello, School Programs Specialist
- **Just Between Friends**  
Maestro: JBF Representative

**Music Lesson II**  
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

- **Title I**  
Maestro: Dr. Debra Owens, Ph.D, Chief Officer of Federal Programs, Division of LEA Support and Improvement
- **Outstanding Local Unit(s)**  
Maestro: Penny Paris, Immediate Past President, AL Lotts
- **Preventing Theft in Your PTA**  
Maestro: Laura Bay, National PTA Secretary/Treasurer

**Music Lesson III**  
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- **SSOFAA Laws – Why Because It Says So! (School Support Organization Financial Accountability Act)**  
Maestro: Rene Brison, CPE, CFE, Investigative Audit Manager, TN Comptroller of the Treasury, Division of Municipal Audit
- **Financial Literacy**  
Maestro: Jump \$tart Coalition
- **Developing Community Resources**  
Maestro: Brooke Pickard, PTSA President, Heritage Middle School

**Music Lesson IV**  
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- **Building Community Consensus**  
Maestro: David Mansuri, Director, Advocacy and Communications, SCORE
- **Understanding TVAAS (Tennessee Value Added Assessment System)**  
Maestro: Alene Arnold, Tennessee Account Executive for State and Local Government, SAS Institute
- **FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology)**  
Maestro: L J Robinson, Tennessee Regional Director, FIRST – Robotics

**Saturday, May 5**

**Music Lesson V**  
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

- **Family Nutrition**  
Maestro: Shunji Brown-Woods\*
- **Internet Safety/Cyber Bullying**  
Maestro: John Simi, Technology Specialist, Shelby County Schools
- **Teen Driving**  
Maestro: Bridgestone Americas

**Sunday, May 6**

**Encore (Roundtables)**  
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

- **Membership – Lora Barnett\***
- **Programs – Lucy Spurgeon, Tennessee PTA President, 2001-2003**
- **Student Programs – Debbie Waggoner\*/Joyce Watson\***
- **Treasurers/Resources – Timothy Duke\*/David Hampton\*/ Laura Bay, National PTA Secretary/Treasurer**
- **Presidents – Betsy Landers, National PTA President**
- **Family Engagement – Traci Farmer\*/Silvia Calzadilla\***
- **Communications/Public Relations – Scottie Summerlin\*/ Krista Wharton\***
- **Advocacy/Resolutions – Karen Carson\*/Sonja Currie\***
- **Healthy Children – Shunji Brown-Woods\***
- **Councils – Jane Chittick, Former Tennessee PTA Board Member**

**MORE Summit**  
*Men Organized to Raise Engagement*  
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

*All Pro Dads/Watch Dogs, etc.*  
Maestros: Larry Davis\* and Dwight Hunter\*

**Youth Symposium**  
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Maestro: Leah Adinolfi\*

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## Meal Function Menus

### Friday Menus

#### **Brunch / Opening Session**

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Music City Continental with  
Omelet Bar

#### **Dinner**

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Each served with:

Iceberg Wedge

Fresh Baked Rolls

Chocolate Decadence Cake with Berry Coulis  
Beverage

Main Course Choices:

Grilled Chicken with Wild Mushroom Compote  
Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Red Wine Sauce

OR

Maple Pecan Crusted Pork Chops  
Tennessee Sweet Potato and Brown Sugar Puree  
Corn and Country Ham Casserole

### Saturday Menus

#### **Healthy Start Breakfast**

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Music City Continental with  
Oatmeal Station

### Saturday Menus (continued)

#### **Student Awards Luncheon**

11:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Each served with:

Rolls and Butter

Beverage

Dessert is Assorted Cookies served Family Style

Adult Plate:

Meat Lasagna

Children's Plate:

Pasta with Meat Sauce

#### **Banquet**

6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Each served with:

Baby Spinach Salad

Seasonal Vegetables

Fresh Baked Rolls

Cheesecake with Fresh Fruit Compote

Beverage

Main Course Choices:

Sautéed Saffron Salmon

Jasmine Rice

OR

Chicken Picatta, Lemon-Caper Sauce

Linguini Pasta

### Sunday Menu

#### **Breakfast**

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Music City Continental with  
Belgian Waffle Station

**\*\* Should you have special medical or dietary needs please contact the state office prior to convention. \*\***

615-383-9740 or [ptastateoffice@tnpta.org](mailto:ptastateoffice@tnpta.org)

Saturday, May 5, 2012

Banquet

6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**"TABLE FOR TEN" Reservations**

NAME OF LOCAL UNIT/COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

You may reserve a "Table For Ten" for the Banquet by using this form - you must attach your check for \$550.00\*. Should you have less than ten in your party, please contact a local unit in your area and encourage them to share a "Table For Ten" with you.

**\*Please mark the name with a # of anyone who is receiving their banquet tickets through one of the convention package deals. Then subtract \$55.00 for each individual banquet ticket purchased through the convention package deals from the total "TABLE FOR TEN" cost.**

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|----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 6. _____  |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____  |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____  |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____  |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

**WE CAN ONLY RESERVE SEATING FOR A "TABLE OF TEN" - ALL OTHERS ARE OPEN SEATING.**

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## Registration Form

May 3 - 6, 2012

Nashville, Tennessee

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ONE FORM FOR EACH PERSON REGISTERING

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Local Unit PTA \_\_\_\_\_ National PTA ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply:

- |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| National PTA <input type="checkbox"/> Life Member           | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Achievement | <input type="checkbox"/> Council President    | <input type="checkbox"/> TALL Member      |
| Tennessee PTA <input type="checkbox"/> Honorary Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Achievement | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Unit President | <input type="checkbox"/> First Convention |

### REGISTRATION FEES / PAYMENT INFORMATION

Early Bird received by March 1—Only for complete Pre-Registration	\$260.00	\$ _____
Complete Convention Pre-Registration	\$300.00	\$ _____
Friday Pre-Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Pork Chops <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken	\$140.00	\$ _____
Saturday Pre-Registration	\$160.00	\$ _____
Sunday Pre-Registration	\$ 55.00	\$ _____
Saturday Student Awards Luncheon ___ Adults (per person)	\$ 18.00	\$ _____
___ Children (per person)	\$ 12.00	\$ _____
Banquet <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Salmon	\$ 55.00	\$ _____
Banquet - Table for Ten	\$550.00	\$ _____
On Site Registration - Complete Package	\$375.00	\$ _____
Non-PTA Complete	\$475.00	\$ _____
Friday Registration	\$190.00	\$ _____
Saturday Registration	\$210.00	\$ _____
Sunday Registration	\$ 80.00	\$ _____
Student Registration	\$230.00	\$ _____
1 Day Adult Registration—(No Meals)	\$ 50.00	\$ _____
1 Day Student Registration—(No Meals)	\$ 25.00	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

**\*\* Should you have special medical or dietary needs please contact the State Office prior to convention. \*\***

To take advantage of Pre-Registration offer, your completed Registration form, Voting Delegate Card and payment must be received in the State Office on or before **April 6, 2012**. Voting Delegate cards were mailed to every Local Unit in January.

Remit to: Tennessee PTA, 1905 Acklen Avenue, Nashville, TN 37212

**\*No refunds will be given.\***

If you are unable to attend after registering, you may transfer your registration to another member at no charge.

**Additional copies of this registration form can be copied or downloaded online at: [www.tnpta.org](http://www.tnpta.org)**

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## Preparing for Convention

Please join us in Nashville as we celebrate the Notes of Success for Tennessee PTA for 2012! We are working diligently to prepare a convention that will inform, enlighten, motivate and inspire you and we are also throwing in some activities that will be pure fun. So we invite you to start your preparations for attending. The earlier you get ready the more you can save and the more you will benefit from the experience.

There will be something for everyone at this year's convention. If this is your first convention, you will find there are workshops and events that are helpful and informative. And, if you have been to so many conventions that you can't remember when you first attended, you already know there will be something to interest you, as well.

Initially, you should check with your PTA members to see who will be attending with you. Then complete the Registration Form and mail it in with your payment. Next, be sure to make your hotel reservations to take advantage of the fantastic rates we have negotiated for you.

Don't forget that this is a great time to connect with old friends and to meet new ones, to find out how other PTAs do their thing, and to brag about how you do yours. We look forward to seeing you in May! The Tennessee PTA is committed to making this a great experience for you.

April Holdren - Event Planner

## Convention Check List

- Review the Convention Registration packet with your members so that they will know what will be offered at convention.
- Bring a local unit PTA check to pay for your accommodations along with your Tennessee Department of Revenue Certificate of Exemption.
- Select delegates and other members who will attend the convention representing your local PTA/PTSA or council.
- Be sure to bring your membership card!
- Meet the deadlines:

Early Bird Pre-Registration	March 1, 2012
"Friends of PTA" Ad	March 16, 2012
Hotel Reservation	April 6, 2012
Pre-Registration	April 6, 2012
- Set aside time for your convention delegates to report to your local unit/council when they return. This is a way to help members feel part of the action.
- Write an article about the convention for your members in your local unit newsletter and/or your local newspaper.
- Wear comfortable, business casual attire for convention events. Comfortable shoes are a must! Bring a sweater or jacket in case the meeting rooms are chilly. The Banquet attire can be business casual or semi-formal.
- Start now making plans to attend the 100th Annual Tennessee PTA Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, in 2013.



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