2016 Convention Preparation

What To Know Before You Go

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YAKIMA
WASHINGTON
103rd Annual Convention • May 20-22, 2016

https://wastateptaconv16.wordpress.com/

Registration, Reservations & Volunteering

- Register
  - https://wastateptaconv16.wordpress.com/
- Volunteer
- Make a hotel reservation
  - https://wastateptaconv16.wordpress.com/attendee-info/hotel/
  - Choose from: Howard Johnson, Red Lion Hotel & Holiday Inn.
- Free parking!

Keynote Speakers

Nathan Gibbs-Bowling
Washington's 2016
Teacher of the Year

Laura Bay
National PTA President

Onsite Registration and Meals

What To Do In Yakima!

Don't Miss These:

- General sessions
- Exhibitors
- Recognition area
- Coaching sessions
- WSPTA scholarship foundation raffle baskets
- President's awards presentation and celebration

Handouts

- Attendees will receive a link in their convention registration confirmation
- Options:
  - Order handout packets to be printed by FedEx (at a cost to the delegate)
  - Download to your own device
  - Print your own copies at home
  - Purchase a USB drive for $10
- Bring paper for note taking

Voting Delegates

- Local PTAs in good standing shall be entitled to have voting delegates for convention determined by the number of paid members at the end of January of the current year.
  - Up to 200 members: four voting delegates
  - One additional voting delegate for each additional 100 members
- Each council receives four voting delegates
- Presidents will receive an email with instructions

Voting Delegates

- A voting delegate has the right to speak from the convention floor and vote on the issues and candidates
- There may be one volunteer voting delegate per PTA or council

Attendee (Non-Voting)

- An attendee can do all the same things as the delegate – go to all the same places – but cannot vote on the issues or candidates
- They are encouraged to attend general sessions to learn more about the WSPTA and help the delegate decide on behalf of the local PTA or council
- A local PTA or council can send as many attendees to convention as it wishes

Agenda at a Glance

Friday, May 20

8:30 am Registration Opens
10:00 – 11:30 am Professional Growth & Development Sessions
11:30 – 12:30 pm Lunch Break
12:30 – 2:00 pm General Business Session
2:15 – 3:45 pm Class Session 1
4:00 – 5:30 pm Class Session 2
5:30 – 7:00 pm Area Meetings

Saturday, May 21

7:00 am Registration Opens
8:30 – 10:00 am Class Session 3
10:15 – 12:30 pm General Business Session
12:30 – 1:15 pm Voting Polls Open
12:30 – 1:45 pm Lunch Break
12:45 – 1:45 pm Optional Lunchtime Class Session 4
2:00 – 3:30 pm General Business Session
3:45 – 5:15 pm Class Session 5
7:00 – 9:00 pm President's Award Reception
9:00 – 11:00 pm No Host Bar and Dancing

Sunday, May 22

8:00 am Registration Opens
9:00 – 10:15 am General Business Session
10:30 – 12:00 pm Class Session 6
12:15 – 1:15 pm Lunch Break
1:30 – 3:00 pm Class Session 7

General Sessions

- Keynote speakers
- Annual report
- Awards
- Elections
- Door prizes
  - Must be present to win, or it's "TOO BAD!"

Classes and Roundtables

- Professional growth and development sessions
- Classes go late Friday Night!
  - Join us for area meetings from 5:30-7:00pm
- Classes offered

  65 classes

  8 roundtables

  3 coaching sessions

Professional Growth and Development

"STEM for Every Child"

Offered by: Museum of Flight

"Engaging Families, Resolving Conflict through Collaboration"

Offered by: Office of the Education Ombuds

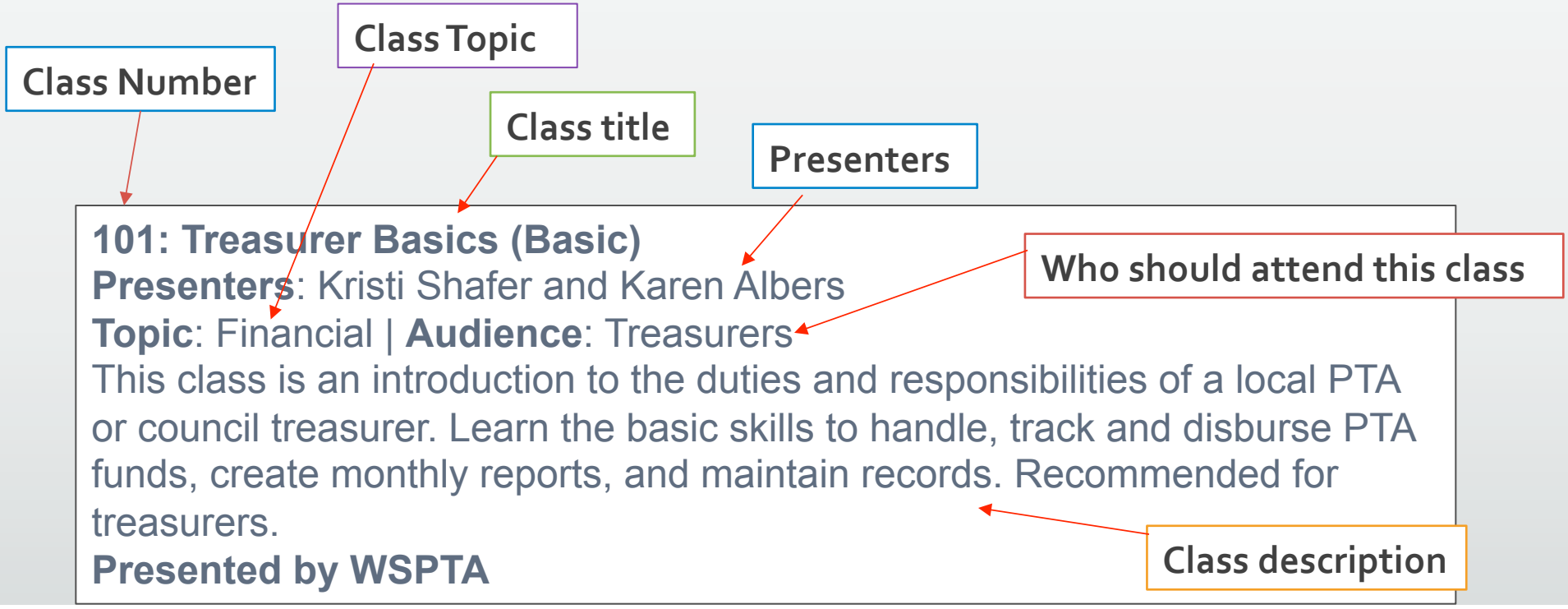
Class Categories

Advanced – for experienced PTA Leaders

Basic – basic information for newly elected PTA leaders

Foundational – information that builds on basics

Everyone – classes tagged are great for everyone!



Exhibitors

- New companies and organizations
- Fundraising and educational products
- Located in the Senator Alex Deccio Ballroom, section E.
- Open Friday and Saturday only
- No exhibitors on Sunday
- Closed during general sessions

What to Bring

- Copy of your PTA's **standing rules**
- Copy of your PTA's **budget**
- **Paper to take notes**
- Copy of your registration form
- Local PTA/council ideas
- Business cards
- Comfortable clothes and shoes
- Snacks for your hotel room
- Plan to get up early, stay up late and leave convention excited, full of ideas and tired!

When Convention is Over

- Report to your local PTA or council board of directors
  - What you did in general sessions
  - What you learned in leadership classes
  - Interesting projects you saw
  - WSPTA officers elected
- Use what you learned to make the coming year great
- Plan for the 2017 WSPTA Convention in Seattle!