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Summer School Bus Safety Conference

We are excited to bring you complete details of the 2018 KSPTA School Bus Safety Conference scheduled for June 5, 6 & 7 in Hutchinson, Kansas.

The Cottonwood Court Building located at the Kansas State Fairgrounds will once again be the setting for most of the activities with the exception of one event on Tuesday, June 5.

Mr. Jim Elliott and the employees of Collins Bus Corporation have graciously agreed to open their doors and will be offering factory tours & lunch to conference participants. More information on this conference event can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

A special presentation of the "Bully" documentary will show on our version of the silver screen on Tuesday evening. This event will feature pizza, soda, popcorn, and some of your favorite movie sweet snacks. More information on this event can be found on

page 2 of this newsletter.

The conference continues on Wednesday, June 6. Registration/check in runs from 7-8 a.m. All conference attendees must check in at the registration table to receive their conference ID and verify their eligibility if competing in the safe driver competition. Conference ID must be worn at all conference events. This ID is your admission ticket for the events for which you have registered. If you don't have your ID you will not be admitted into the event. Conference workshops will cover important topics that all school district employees need to know in regard to bullying and student suicide.

The safety competition will kick off on Wednesday afternoon with the written test. If you are attending the Conference, but not competing, we suggest you take in some of the unique sites Hutchinson has to offer during this time. Visit "Strataca" where you'll

travel 650 feet underground into an active salt mine and see a special gallery filled with authentic movie costumes and memorabilia. Or, visit the Cosmosphere. A national treasure in the Midwest is a Smithsonian affiliated museum and allows visitors to experience the thrill of space exploration. Visit their websites for hours and admission fees.

Thursday brings the always fun, always exciting safe driving competition. If you're not driving, sign up to be a judge or bring your lawn chairs and cheer on your favorite team in a tailgate atmosphere. Chris Cakes will once again serve breakfast from 7:15 to 9:15 a.m. Grill Master Matt Hayden will once again fire up the grill for lunch. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided for all those registered for the conference.

Thursday evening will be the annual association banquet and awards presentation followed by an evening of music, relaxation and fun.

Attention Safety Competition Drivers

You must bring your CDL, First Aid/CPR Certification, and Defensive Driving Certification to the Registration Desk. **You may not compete without it.**

Collins Bus Manufacturing Tour & Luncheon

Collins Bus Manufacturing is celebrating its 50th year of serving the school transportation industry and we're invited to the celebration.

On Tuesday, June 5, they are graciously opening their doors and offering factory tours to our conference attendees. Participants will be divided into groups of 10 to go on the factory tours beginning at 9:30 a.m. Tours will run approx. every 15 minutes and will end at Noon. You must check in no later than 11:00 to go on a tour.

You must pre-register for this event. All attendees will need to check in at the welcome table when arriving at the Collins facility. Collins Bus Manufacturing is located at 415 W. 6th Street, South Hutchinson. When programming your GPS, be sure to indicate the city is SOUTH Hutchinson.

Lunch will be provided.

Closed toe/heel shoes must be worn to this event. No recording devices/ videos are allowed during the tour.



Drivers competing in the safety competition will receive 10 points for participating in a Collins tour. **Competing drivers must sign in on the "safety meeting" roster that will be at the check-in table in order to receive their points.**

Pizza & Movie Night

Over 13 million American kids will be bullied this year, making it the most common form of violence experienced by young people in the nation.

The documentary film BULLY, directed by Sundance and Emmy-award winning filmmaker, Lee Hirsch, brings human scale to this startling statistic, offering an intimate, unflinching look at how bullying has touched five kids and their families.



ethnic and economic borders. It documents the responses of teachers and administrators to aggressive behaviors that defy "kids will be kids" clichés, and it captures a growing movement among parents and youths to change how bullying is handled in schools, on school buses, in communities and in society as a whole. Run time: 1h 39m

Pizza, soda, popcorn and other favorite movie snacks will be served beginning at 6pm followed by the featured presentation at 6:30 p.m.

BULLY is a beautifully cinematic, character-driven documentary. At its heart are those with huge stakes in this issue whose stories each represent a different facet of America's bullying crisis. Filmed over the course of the 2009/2010 school year, BULLY opens a window into the pained and often endangered lives of bullied kids, revealing a problem that transcends geographic, racial,

This event is for conference attendees only. Drivers competing in the safety competition will receive 10 points for attending. **Competing drivers MUST sign in on the "safety meeting" roster in order to receive their points.**

Vendor Fair

Vendors from all aspects of the school bus industry have been invited to participate in our Summer Safety Conference. This includes individuals and businesses ranging from school bus sales and leasing to drug/alcohol testing providers.

The vendor fair will be conducted simultaneously with the conference events, on Wednesday, June 6 in the Cottonwood Court Building. Because this particular building doesn't accommodate inside parking of display buses, those will be displayed in an area just outside the building.

If you are interested in participating in the vendor fair please contact us at kspta1970@gmail.com

Reminder: All conference attendees **MUST** wear their ID to be admitted into conference events.

Team T-Shirt Contest

Each year we are in awe of those who show their school spirit and bus driver pride by designing team t-shirts for the conference. New this year will be a team t-shirt contest. You may design just one side of the shirt or both. Here are additional guidelines/rules for the contest:

- 1) All entries must be original creations of the contestants
- 2) Entries should be eye catching and visible from a reasonable distance
- 3) T-shirt fabric must be free of any holes, rips or tears
- 4) Designs must be in good taste and may not contain profanity or any other inappropriate artwork.
- 5) Contest is open to all members of KSPTA
- 6) Those wishing to enter the contest must submit an official entry form by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 6. Forms should be submitted to staff at the KSPTA registration table.
- 7) Judging will be held following the KSDE Test Review on Wednesday, June 6 in the Cottonwood Court Building. Teams will "model" their shirts as part of the judging. Each team will submit on their entry form a brief description of their t-shirts which will be read while modeling their design.
- 8) Remember, this is meant to be a "fun" event
- 9) Entry forms can be found on page 4 of this newsletter or will be available for pick up when checking in at the conference. We can also email you a form upon request at KSPTA1970@gmail.com.
- 10) If you have questions about the contest, please email us at KSPTA1970@gmail.com.



Updates from KSDE School Bus Safety Unit

This Wednesday evening event is open to everyone, even if you are not participating in the safe driver competition.

In addition to reviewing the answers to the written test, Keith Dreiling, State Director of School Bus Safety and Dennis Tate, Assistant State Director of School Bus Safety will discuss current topics relevant to school bus transportation and answer any questions you may have for the School Bus Safety Unit.

Remember to wear your conference ID to be admitted into this event. Keith and Dennis always have some great door prizes to give away.

New this year, the School Bus Safety Unit will sponsor awards for any individual who scores 100% on the written test. These awards will be presented on Thursday night.

Costume Contest

You are a safety hero who comes to work every day disguised as a school bus driver or other transportation personnel. This will be your opportunity to reveal your true safety hero identity. New this year will be a conference themed costume contest. Contest will be held on Wednesday evening following the conclusion of the team t-shirt contest. Here are guidelines/rules for the contest:

- 1) All costumes must pertain in some way to the super hero theme
- 2) Costumes will be judged on accuracy, creativity and presentation
- 3) Costumes must be in good taste, free of profanity, any other inappropriate artwork, holes, rips or tears
- 4) Contest is open to all members of KSPTA
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Team T-Shirt Contest Entry Form

Team Name _____

School District/Contractor _____ City _____ USD # _____

First Time Conference Attendee? ____ Yes ____ No

Team Member Names _____

Tell us about your team and your t-shirt design (will be read while your team models their t-shirt during the competition on Wednesday, June 6.) Please Print.

Costume Contest Entry Form

Contestant's Name _____

School District/Contractor _____ City _____ USD # _____

First Time Conference Attendee? ____ Yes ____ No

Tell us about you and your costume (will be read while you model your costume during the competition on Wednesday, June 6.) Please Print.

2018 Heroism Award Nominations

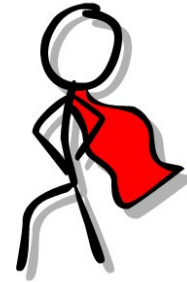
Members of the KSPTA Awards Committee are seeking assistance in finding Kansas school bus drivers who are deserving of special recognition for performing a heroic act on or off duty during the 2017– 2018 School year.

Qualifications:

- Must be a school bus driver employed with a school district or contractor in the state of Kansas. Meeting all requirements of a Kansas school bus driver. (First Aid, CPR, DDC, Physical)
- Performed heroic act on or off duty
- Heroic Act was performed during the 2017 – 2018 school year.

Please provide information on person receiving nomination such as length of employment, achievements, hobbies. Attach newspaper clippings-articles-photos if available.

Please complete the following form and return to kspta1970@gmail.com by May 18, 2018. May use a separate sheet of paper, if needed.



Name of Nominee _____

USD# or Company Name _____

Nominee's Position _____

Detailed Account of Incident (location, time, etc.) _____

Feel free to use a separate sheet of paper but must include all of the above information.

2018 Outstanding Service Award

Members of the KSPTA Awards Committee are seeking assistance in finding active members who are deserving of special recognition for their actions or efforts in promoting school bus safety. Entry must be submitted to kspta1970@gmail.com. May use a separate sheet of paper, if needed.

**KSPTA OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD
2017 –2018 NOMINATION FORM**

Name of Nominee _____

USD # or Company Name _____

Position _____

Reason the nominee qualifies for special recognition: _____

(Feel free to use a separate sheet of paper but must include all of the above information)

Submitted by:

Name _____

Position _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Deadline to submit nominees for any KSPTA award is May 18, Questions? Contact KSPTA at kspta1970@gmail.com

Remember.....

Anyone attending the driving portion of the conference on Thursday, June 7 must wear bus appropriate shoes. This means shoes must be fully enclosed (toe and heel). No flip flips or sandals of any kind will be allowed.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation with this.

Also, don't forget to bring a lawn chair. Chairs from the conference area are not permitted outside.



We LOVE our VOLUNTEERS

Want to get a reduced rate for attending summer conference? Volunteer to be a course judge during the driving portion of the Safety Conference. This is an **ALL DAY** commitment (6am until 4pm).

Individuals who volunteer to be a course judge will receive a reduced conference registration rate of \$50.

Want to be a judge but not attend the conference? Your volunteerism is much needed and much appreciated. Individuals who commit to just attend on Thursday, June 7th and serve as a course judge will receive complimentary breakfast, lunch and dinner (if they choose to attend the banquet). We only ask that you become a member of KSPTA. Membership dues are \$15. You will still need to fill out a registration form, indicate the meals you wish to have and include your membership dues.

Everyone must register for the conference, even if only judging on Thursday. Everyone must wear their conference ID at all times.

Lodging Information

One of the common comments on the post-conference evaluation is that you would like to see a “conference hotel”. Unfortunately, that is just not feasible when we don’t have the entire conference under one roof.

However, as school district employees, conference attendees may request the “state government rate” when making lodging reservations. The state government rate for the Hutchinson area is \$93.00. You ***MUST*** request the government rate when making your reservation. Please know that most hotels have limited rooms available at this rate. We suggest making reservations for your hotel accommodations immediately. In the event hotel space at the government rate is not available, room blocks have been established at the following hotels:

Comfort Inn & Suites - \$89.99 (reservations must be made by 5/22)
Hampton Inn & Suites - \$109.99 (reservations must be made by 5/22)
Holiday Inn Express - \$119.00 (reservations must be made by 5/11)

When making reservations in one of these room blocks, you must identify yourself as a KSPTA conference attendee to get this rate.

You may be able to find other accommodations and rates by going to websites such as Trip Advisor, Priceline.com, Hotels.com, Booking.com, etc.

Camping at the fairgrounds is also an option. Spaces are first-come, first-serve. The rate is \$30 per night and includes full hook-up.

Conference Agenda

Tuesday, June 5

9:30 a.m. Tours begin at
Collins Bus

Noon Lunch is served at
Collins

6pm Pizza & A Movie



**Do you have questions
about the conference?**

**Send us an email at
kspta1970@gmail.com**

Wednesday, June 6

7:00 a.m. Registration Begins
Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Vendor Show Opens

8:00 a.m. Welcome Address

8:30 a.m. The School Bullying Problem

10:00 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Preventing Student Suicide-
How You can Help

12:00 p.m. Lunch (visit w/vendors)

2:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker -
Dr. Steve Woolf

4:00 p.m. Break

4:15 p.m. Safety Competition Begins
Written Test

7:00 p.m. Test Review (KSDE)
T-Shirt/Costume Contest

Thursday, June 7

6:30 a.m. Drivers & Judges Report
Course Drive-thru

7:15 a.m. Pancake Breakfast Begins

9:15 a.m. Pancake Breakfast Ends

12:00 p.m. Tailgate/Hot Dog Roast

**Driving competition will continue
through out the day until everyone
has completed the course**

5:30 p.m. Doors open for Awards
Banquet

6:00 p.m. Banquet begins

7:30 p.m. Award Presentations