

2010 TEXAS FRENCH SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION

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Cher(e) Collègues,

Once again the time has come to register for the Texas French Symposium, to be held March 12 & 13, 2010 at Atascocita High School, Humble, Texas. Please read the 2010 revision of the Texas French Symposium Constitution to be fully informed of the rules of this competition. Earlier versions of the constitution are obsolete, and are not to be used. This year, the constitution is only available on the website. Link: www.texasfrenchsymposium.org/teacher.html The constitution will be listed with other registration packet documents. It is in pdf format, so it should be accessible to those with all computer operating systems.

Be aware that the registration process is complicated due to the complexity of the contest -- to avoid errors in registering, take the time to read all instructions. Please take special care in completing the Student Participation Agreement, as all information must be provided. We encourage you to e-mail us at: txfrenchsymposium@sbcglobal.net or call 281-999-7415 and leave a detailed message if you have questions in placing students or choosing presentation selections.

As stated in the invitation letter, **The theme** of this year's contest is: "**Le Tour de France**".

Changes to the constitution this year:

- An experienced student will not out live her/his advantage;
- All group events now have an entry limitation of 8 students;
- Substitutions of already enrolled students in some group events will be allowed during registration correction / proof sheet review;
- Photography now includes original computer produced photographs;
- The composition of a soccer team must include one girl player on the field of play at all times.

We encourage you to use the TFS website as a resource. You can find all registration packet forms (excluding the scantron form), sample ballots, judges instructions in English and French, and the latest edition of the constitution in the teacher tools or judges sections of the TFS website. We also encourage its use as an information resource for attendees and their parents.

In early January we will mail you a proof sheet of your students' registration. Please give this document careful scrutiny, as it is our computer's version of the information gained from your scantron forms and includes Board placement decisions of which you were informed. It is imperative that you check it carefully for spelling of student names, levels, entries, group events, and Texas French Symposium identification numbers. At that time you may replace a maximum of four students per school. These previously unregistered student(s) [substitutes] must compete in the same categories and levels as the student(s) they are replacing. You will not be allowed to add new students other than these substitutions. Also at that time, you will be allowed to switch group events from one already registered student to another within the enrollment limitation for each group, and level. More details about this will be in the registration correction letter which will accompany that mailing.

Each teacher who has registered students must agree to the following: Pay the \$15.00 teacher membership fee and; Be present during the entire two-day competition in order for his/her students to compete. You must be present in order for your students to compete. If there are extenuating circumstances which absolutely prevent you from attending, you may appeal to the Board for exemption. In addition, only students whose parent or guardian has signed the Student Participation Agreement will be allowed to participate.

Please return your registration materials by the November 17 deadline. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail or call. We're looking forward to seeing you in March!

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Toby J. Freeman, President, TFS Board of Directors