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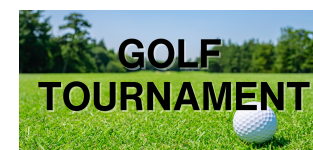
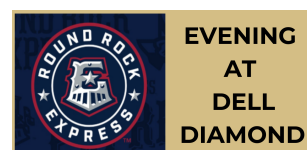
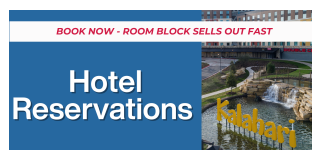
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As the year draws to a close, we extend our warmest wishes to each of you for a joyous holiday season filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments. We want to express our gratitude for your dedication and contributions to TREA throughout 2023. Your commitment to education and all students has made a significant impact on rural school districts in Texas. As we anticipate the arrival of 2024, we are excited to share a sneak peek into what lies ahead. The upcoming annual conference promises to be a highlight, featuring many new and exciting events and sessions. Our theme, "Empowered Educators, Thriving Students: The Impact of Your Choices," reflects our collective mission to advocate for and lead rural schools across the state. Together, we look forward to another year of collaboration, innovation, and positive influence. Thank you for being an integral part of the TREA Family, and here's to a wonderful holiday season and an even brighter 2024.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION | FORMS NOW OPEN

Conference Registration, Hotel Reservations, Golf Tournament, and the Night at the Ballpark Event & RR Express game are now open. Submit entries for the [Student Scholarships](#), [Of the Year Nominations](#), [Student Art Contest](#), and [Session Proposals](#) for Conference. We will offer the Research Symposium again on Wednesday and also engaging education sessions during conference. [Submit proposals](#) for the Research Symposium, Board Trainings or Continuing Education by using the call for presentations form. The scholarship link was emailed to Superintendents from current TREA member districts. If you didn't receive the scholarship link, click the graphic below to reach out to [Kasey](#). Information about all of these items is on their respective forms. Questions? Contact [Bonnie Walker](#).





UPCOMING EVENTS



TASA Midwinter | Austin
Convention Center | January 28-31



Sharing Rural Solutions
Sheraton Austin Georgetown
February 28 - March 1



TREA Annual Conference
Kalahari Round Rock | June 23-26

We are preparing for the upcoming *TREA Annual Members Appreciation Dinner* to be held during MidWinter. If you are a current TREA member or Diamond Sponsor and did not receive your invitation, contact [Bonnie](#) know.



No Kid Hungry reports on the 2022-2023 Texas Rural School District Cohort. [Click here](#) to read about success of its \$180,000 investment in six rural school districts across Texas!

Partnerships for Local Agriculture & Nutrition Transformation in Schools (PLANTS)

- Deadline: **January 22, 2024**
- 8 projects will be awarded grants between \$500K - \$600K.
- Projects must aim to transform school food supply chains and/or build relationships among community-based food system stakeholders and SFAs.
- [Visit the PLANTS grant webpage here to learn more and apply.](#)

Supporting Community Agriculture & Local Education Systems (SCALES)

- Deadline: **January 26, 2024**
- Up to 35 rural SFAs will be awarded up to \$150K grants.
- SFAs must be engaging in projects to increase local procurement.
- [Visit the SCALES grant webpage here to learn more and apply.](#)



UTeach Professional Development

- [TEA Reimbursements](#) for UTeach Blended Learning
- UTeach [Website Updates](#)
- UTeach CS is on the [State Approved Provider List](#)
- UTeach Blended Learning - [Get Started](#)

TREA Partners with DHEDF

The Mission of the Dee Howard International Education Foundation (DHEDF) is to develop (in collaboration with others) programming, resources, curriculum, and initiatives to engage primarily underserved Pre-K thru 12 students in STEAM learning based on the use of automotive and/or aeronautical project-based learning pathways.



All resources offered to our schools are at no charge to the schools, are delivered virtually, and are posted on private pages on our website accessible by our participating schools. Our role is to make resources available to the schools, what the schools use, and how they use them is totally up to the schools. Find out more on our [blog](#).



TCEQ | Art Contest

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's [Take Care of Texas K – 5 Kids Art Contest](#) starts **January 3** and the students that submit the best art can win a tablet or laptop. The contest theme this year is RECYCLING!

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