STASMO Summer Conference 2025



July 16-17

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Dear friends,

Our **13**th **Annual Summer Conference** is just around the corner! I've put together some reminders and last-minute information to help you prepare for the conference. The first section applies to school districts and vendors alike-

- 1. The conference sign in for both days is at the <u>Convention Center</u> (not the hotel). You will be issued a name badge which we ask you to wear on both days. On <u>Wednesday</u> the sign in is from 9-9:35 am and <u>Thursday 7:45-8:25</u> am. Copies of the ISD sign-in's will be available by request after the conference. Participating vendors will be sent copies of the final registrations after the conference or you may also take a picture of the sign in's. School district folks-remember to bring your <u>business cards</u>...
- 2. Meals/Snacks. There is a continental breakfast both mornings at the Convention Center for ISD's and vendors. Wednesday, Lunch is, "on your own". Given that many of our vendors will be looking for the opportunity to invite ISD folks to lunch I will send vendors the registration list by July 7th. Thursday, a catered lunch is provided for ISD's and vendors. Food and refreshments for both days is catered by Cobble Heads of Brownsville.
- 3. The President's Social takes place Wednesday evening at Breakaway Cruises on 33384 State Park Road 100, 4.7 miles south of the Convention Center. The Bay Cruise will depart at 5 pm and return by 7 pm. It is summer and there is a lot of activity at the Island- make sure and allow enough time to arrive 10-15 minutes before. There will be refreshments, wings and things available sponsored by MEG Engineering, LPS Green Technologies and A-1 Facilities. Sponsors will purchase two tickets for refreshments. Additional tickets can be purchased at Breakaways' front desk. Credit cards can be used at the front desk but once on board only cash is accepted.
- 4. Dress is "island casual..."

Vendors/Business Partners

You are invited to sit in on any or all the presentations, join us for the mixer and of course the catered lunch on Thursday. <u>During the lunch</u> on Thursday is when we recognize the scholarship students who were able to join us. This is also the time that we give our **Diamond** and **Gold level** sponsors a minute to address the group so please make your way over to the main room by 12:30 on Thursday.

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- 2. Door Prizes. Vendors are encouraged to bring in door prizes. Door prizes can range from gift cards to whatever...The door prizes will be awarded after the Trade Show to school district participants that visited each of our vendors. Our registration folks will take care of documenting the door prize contributions. They will go on/under a table in the main room. For now, you can call or email Luis Silva if you have any questions. Remember to include your business card on the door prize.
- 3. **Trade show layout.** The final Trade show layout will be emailed out by **July 7**th and posted on our registration site. This layout will be displayed at the site. We will label the tables in advance to avoid confusion. If you have any questions or concerns, please get with our Secretary Luis Silva.
- 4. You will be given access to the Trade show room starting at 9:30 am on Thursday...Loading in and out will be from the back of the building (loading dock), see picture (item #9) below. The intent of the timing is to schedule the setup period to minimize competing with the presentations...Table assignments will be posted. The tables are 8'x30". The Trade Show will run from 1:00 to 3 pm followed by the awarding of door prizes back in the presentation/theatre room. If you have any questions about shipping material to the Convention Center, please contact Mariana Estrada at 956.761.8383. Otherwise, ship your materials to, SPI Convention Center, 7355 Padre Blvd, South Padre Island, TX 78597 and indicate it is for STASMO.
- 5. **Parking**, general, see graphic below (yellow arrows). **Vendors** setting up for **Tradeshow** will need to come in from the back, see graphic *(red arrow)*. If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to call or email one of us.



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