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❖ **A vocational education competition for area high schools** ❖

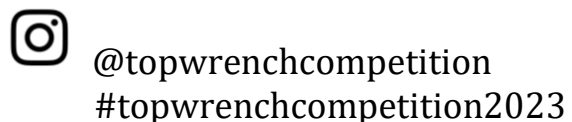
Featuring:

- **Static Engine Challenge**
- **Computer Control Car Challenge**
 - **Pit Crew Challenge**
- **Welding/Fabrication Contest**
 - **Technical Welding Contest**
 - **Live Welding Contest**
 - **Custom Paint Contest**
 - **Valve Cover Race**
- **Classic Custom Automobiles & Interactive Displays**

All schools compete for prizes and scholarships!

Contact:

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TOP WRENCH COMPETITION DETAILS:

- Top Wrench Competition will be held at The Crown College, 2307 W Beaver Creek Dr, Powell, TN 37849.
- Opening ceremonies will begin at 8:30 AM on April 4. Please make every effort to arrive on time! Closing ceremonies will be held at 2:00 PM.
- All schools that wish to participate will have to register with Maria Richardson no later than: FEBRUARY 15, 2024. Call 865.380.0856 or email: topwrenchtn@gmail.com
- T-shirts will be provided for all participating students and teachers. T-shirt sizes need to be submitted no later than FEBRUARY 15. (If orders are not received on time, then t-shirts will not be provided).
- Each school is authorized *only one team* per event for Pit Crew Challenge, Engine Start Challenge, Computer Control Challenge and Valve Cover Race.
- Each school is authorized *up to 5 entries* in the Custom Paint and all 3 Welding Contests.
- All attending students, chaperones and participants will be required to sign the attached RELEASE, WAIVER AND CONSENT FORM. On competition day, you **MUST** turn in your consent form at the Registration Table upon entering the event.
- Each school needs to provide student chaperones for the day. There should be one chaperone (a teacher or parent) per 12 students.
- Meals will be served on location at a cost of \$6.00 per person.

***COMPETITION RULES ARE ATTACHED.
THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE:***

www.topwrenchcompetition.com

TOP WRENCH STUDENT RELEASE, WAIVER AND CONSENT FORM

I, as parent or legal guardian of _____, a minor, do hereby consent that my child or legal ward be permitted to participate in Top Wrench Competition and Crown College campus tour, located at 2307 W Beaver Creek Dr, Powell, TN 37849.

In consideration of my child's or ward's participation in the Top Wrench Competition and Crown College's campus tour, I hereby fully release Top Wrench and Crown College, their officers, employees and agents from any and all claims for injury or damages which may result from their event participation and campus tour at Crown College.

I further hereby waive any right to bring any claim, lawsuit or action at law or equity against Top Wrench and/or Crown College or any of their officers, employees or agents arising out of the competition events or tour of Crown College campus.

I acknowledge that my child's or ward's participation in these activities is voluntary, and knowingly assume all risk involved.

I also grant Top Wrench and Crown College my permission to photograph and/or videotape my child during Top Wrench activities. These photographs/videos may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, flyers and social media. I also understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

Signature _____

Date _____

Print Name _____



**TOP WRENCH TEACHER/VOLUNTEER/CHAPERONE RELEASE, WAIVER AND
CONSENT FORM**

I, _____, do hereby consent that I am participating in Top Wrench Competition and Crown College campus tour, located at 2307 W Beaver Creek Dr, Powell, TN 37849.

In consideration of my participation in the Top Wrench Competition and Crown College's campus tour, I hereby fully release Top Wrench and Crown College, their officers, employees and agents from any and all claims for injury or damages which may result from my event participation and campus tour at Crown College.

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Signature _____

Date _____

Print Name _____



TOP WRENCH COMPETITION RULES:

ENGINE START CHALLENGE RULES:

Team size shall consist of no fewer than 2 students and a maximum of 5 students.

1. The competition judges will start the engine prior to each team's start time. This will demonstrate that the engine does run. The competition judges will give a safety briefing prior to each school team attempt.
2. Tools will be provided in the competition area; however teams may bring their own tools, if shown to the judges prior to the first team competition start time and the tools are left in the area for all schools to use.
3. Each team that successfully starts the engine will run the engine for 5 seconds.
4. The engine will be static-timed.
5. The ignition system is the only system bugged. The system starts at the battery and ends at the plugs. The ignition switch wiring and spark plugs will not be tampered with.
6. Each team will have 10 minutes to "de-bug" the engine. The team with the most time left on the clock wins the competition. In case of a tie, the judges will be rating each school for spirit, teamwork, knowledge and sportsmanship.
7. If no team starts the engine in the time allotted, the judges will determine the winner based on school spirit, teamwork, knowledge and sportsmanship.
8. All teams will be presented a bug to overcome. Each team might not necessarily be given the same bug, but each bug will have similar complexity.
9. Spare parts will be available (not necessarily new or good).
10. Engine specifications will be posted in the competition area.
11. Questions concerning the rules of the competition will be discussed prior to the competition.
12. ALL TEAMS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR SAFETY EQUIPMENT and the team will be stopped if an unsafe act occurs.
13. The judges' decision is final!
14. No hints from instructors or audience are allowed during the competition.

Only the competing team of no more than five people will be allowed in the competition area at any time. (Classmates of the competing team will be allowed to silently observe.)

*** EVERYONE ELSE STAY CLEAR! ***

Helpful Information:

- Skills should include basic knowledge of electrical circuits, electrical testers (volt meter-continuity tester), engine fundamentals, troubleshooting and testing.
- The fuel system will not be bugged.

COMPUTER CONTROL CHALLENGE RULES:

Team size shall consist of no fewer than 2 students and a maximum of 5 students.

1. Competition judges will give a safety briefing prior to each school team attempt.
2. The vehicle will have immediate code-generating bugs introduced into the computer system prior to each team attempt. Bugs will take no longer than 13 minutes to repair.
3. Tools and test equipment will be provided in the competition area; however teams may bring their own tools and equipment, if shown to the judges prior to the first team competition start time and the tools and equipment are left in the area for all schools to use.
4. The competition vehicle's hood will be secured by a judge before the school team may enter the engine bay area.
5. Students will extract code information and disseminate the same prior to lifting the hood.
6. Once students believe they have corrected the code generating condition(s), the codes may be cleared and the engine started to ensure the code does not return.
7. If the code does not return, the competition is over and time will be stopped.
8. The team with the least amount of time to correctly repair the condition wins.
9. If no team clears the codes successfully, judges will determine the winner based on school spirit, teamwork, knowledge and sportsmanship.
10. Bugs (codes) will be of the same nature taking the same time to correct but may not be the same issue for each attempt so as to prevent cheating and allow competitions to be observed.
11. The judge's decision is final.
12. No hints from instructors or audience are allowed during the competition.

Only the competing team of no more than five people will be allowed in the competition area at any time. (Classmates of the competing team will be allowed to silently observe.)

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Helpful Information:

- To prepare students for the computer control car competition, gasoline automobile electronic engine controls should be studied. Also study how to pull codes, identify, inspect, remove and replace electronic components, clear codes and run the now codeless engine to prove corrective actions were successful.

PIT CREW CHALLENGE RULES:

Team size shall consist of no fewer than 3 students and a maximum of 5 students.

1. Competition judges will give a safety briefing prior to each school team attempt.
2. All teams will use the tools and lug nuts that are provided.
3. Clock starts when the first team member crosses the start/finish line.
4. Clock stops after the last team member and all equipment (wheel, impact wrench and jack) is across the start/finish line. Do not be concerned about the lug nuts that have been removed.
5. Judges will make sure all lug nuts are on and tightened. If a loose or missing lug is found, the team will be allowed to correct the problem. Rules #1 and #2 will apply and the time will be added to the previous time.
6. In the event of equipment failure (stripped lug nut, impact wrench or jack failure) the team will be allowed to restart after the problem is corrected. Extra lug nuts, studs and tools will be in the area and used as needed.
7. A team will be disqualified if any team member performs an unsafe act.

VALVE COVER ELIMINATION RACE RULES:

Valve Cover Racing is similar in concept to the commonly known "Pinewood Derby," utilizing gravity-powered racers competing in head-to-head eliminations on a two-lane track. There is a ton of information on the internet about how to build a valve cover racer. Be creative!

Team size shall consist of 1 student.

1. Must use small block Chevrolet valve cover.
 - Must be short type only.
 - Can be steel or aluminum.
 - Must be stock in appearance (no wings, etc).
 - Maximum width 8 inches including tires or wheels.
 - Maximum weight 5 pounds.
 - Original mounting flange cannot be modified.
 - Must use 4 wheels.
 - Skateboard wheels, Hard Drive Disks and CD are examples that can be used as wheels.
2. One racer per school.
3. Each valve cover must pass tech inspection.
4. Scales will be provided. Be prepared to add or remove weight.
5. Each valve cover will be allowed three runs to tune before eliminations.
6. No lane hopping or interference with competition.
7. First infraction - rerun; second infraction - disqualification. Which means one rerun for entire event.
8. If judges rule a tie, then reruns will be conducted until a winner is decided. Reruns will be in opposite lane.
9. Must finish on wheels and in own lane.
10. Entrants are responsible for staging their own Valve Cover entry.
11. Unsportsmanlike conduct will result in disqualification (& heavy shame).
12. To continue with the Top Wrench theme, show school spirit and have fun!!

CUSTOM PAINT CONTEST RULES:

Students demonstrate painting techniques on mailboxes, hoods, door panels, fenders, or an entire vehicle which would also be entered into the car show.

Team size shall consist of 1-2 students.

1. Projects need to be new. Do not submit a project used in a previous Top Wrench competition.
2. Mailbox must be metal and have smooth sides (no ripples).
3. Any colors may be used (solid, metallic, pearl, candies, three stage, etc).
4. Airbrush may be used.
5. No obscenities, school logos, alcohol, tobacco, pro-drug, racial or gang-related content allowed.
6. Dipped paint applications and graphics shall not be utilized.

Custom Paint will be judged on these areas:

- A. (50 points) - **Quality of work performed** (no runs, sags, dirt or any other imperfections)
- B. (25 points) - **Creativity** (how well project was planned out and artwork)
- C. (25 points) - **Correct procedures taken to complete project** The steps taken to complete project must be printed out on 8.5" x 11" paper and displayed with the entry in a folder/binder. The binder must include a statement signed by the student's instructor affirming the student completed the project 100% on their own. [Sample binder outline included in this packet].

LIVE & TECHNICAL WELDING CONTEST RULES:

Live Welding Contest and Technical Welding Contest Rules will be sent by email to participating Welding Teachers.

WELDING/FABRICATION CONTEST RULES:

Students demonstrate welding techniques on an original project.

Team size shall consist of 1-2 students.

1. Projects need to be new. Do not submit a project used in a previous competition.
2. Project dimensions are limited to approximately the size of a shoe box. Project should be no larger than 18 inches long, 12 inches high and 12 inches wide.
3. Project must be made of steel (new and old material are acceptable).
4. All welds must be exposed. No paint.
5. Project must show at least 3 types of weld: butt, corner, edge, lap, tee.
6. Project theme must be auto-related (no weapons, knives, spears, etc).

Welding/fabrication contest will be judged on these areas:

- D. (50 points) - **Quality of work performed**
- E. (25 points) - **Creativity**
- F. (25 points) - **Correct procedures taken to complete project**. The steps taken to complete project must be printed out on 8.5" x 11" paper and displayed with the entry in a folder/binder. The binder must include a statement signed by the student's instructor affirming the student completed the project 100% on their own. [Sample binder outline included on following page].

Binder Outline for Custom Paint and Welding/Fabrication Contests:

- A. Student Name, Grade and School**
- B. Instructor's Name**
- C. Materials used to create entry**
- D. Equipment used to complete entry**
- E. Basics steps utilized to complete entry**
- F. Signed statement by instructor:**

I, _____(Teacher's Name)_____ verify that my student, _____(Student's Name)_____ completed this project 100% on his/her own.

Top Wrench Groat Morris “Mark” Callaway III Welding Student Scholarship Fund Application Information

What is it?

This fund was set up in honor of Mark Callaway, a welding student at Byington-Solway, who passed away on Dec 9, 2021. He loved welding and liked extra projects and was always willing to help other students. This fund will award yearly scholarships for high school seniors who are preparing to study at a technical school welding program.

Who is it for?

These yearly awards are for East Tennessee High School Seniors who have already enrolled in a post-graduate technical school welding program. They also must have attended the Top Wrench Competition in the year the scholarship is awarded.

What do students get?

This year, chosen applicants (at least one) will receive a set of personal protective equipment that is required for all students entering a post-graduate technical school welding program.

Can I qualify to apply for this scholarship?

In order to apply, the following criteria must be met. The applicant must:

- Be a High School Senior attending a high school located in East Tennessee
- Be enrolled in a welding class during their Senior year of high school
- Already enrolled in a post-graduate technical school welding program
- Attend a Top Wrench Competition during the year the scholarship is awarded

WELDING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION PROCESS

****Students must apply by February 15, 2024****

Scholarship will be announced and awarded at the Top Wrench Competition on April 4, 2024

Submit these 3 required application documents to Maria Richardson at topwrenchtn@gmail.com :

1. The *one-page application document* (Word docs preferred). See instructions below.
2. A teacher recommendation letter.
3. A document (or screenshot of an email) showing you have applied for a post-graduate technical school welding program.

*The above 3 documents can be attached as Word docs, .pdfs or screenshots.

Write a *one-page application document* including the following information:

-Name

-High School Name

-Welding Instructor Name

-Name of post-graduate technical school welding program to which you have already applied

-Write an explanation (no more than 200 words) of why welding is meaningful/important to you, and why you want to pursue it as a career.



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The first TOP WRENCH Competition was held in 1991. Though many things have changed, the basic principles of the program remain the same:

- ❖ **Safety**
- ❖ **Building life skills**
- ❖ **Developing problem solving skills**
- ❖ **Initiating creative thinking**
- ❖ **Teamwork**
- ❖ **Communication and team building skills**
- ❖ **Career opportunities**
- ❖ **Building trust**
- ❖ **Paying attention to the details**
- ❖ **Responsibility**
- ❖ **Stress the importance of a drug free lifestyle**
- ❖ **Have Fun!**