



TexTESOL III Mini-Letter

Texas Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages

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It's Not Just About the Work ...

We hope you have taken the opportunity to register for the TexTESOL State Conference. After all it's not everyday that you can learn from such a long list of professional TESOL trainers, teachers, researchers and thinkers. Remember the event and the dates:

2006 TexTESOL State Conference

Focusing on the Ability to Learn

October 26 - 28, 2006

Austin, Texas

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- **NOTE:** The last date for late registration is October 15. After that you will have to register at the door-it will cost more but it's definitely better than missing the conference all together! Full-time students can now register for the conference at the flat rate of \$75.
- The Pre-Conference Workshops on Thursday, Oct. 26, will include a giveaway of the incredible documentary, The Lost Boys of Sudan, at one morning and one afternoon session. Make sure you reserve your spot! *Box lunches will be available for purchase at the Omni for workshop attendees.
- There are a number of networking opportunities at this year's conference – on Saturday afternoon (Oct. 28), "A Penny for Your Thoughts" Networking Hall gives you an opportunity to meet with other conference attendees to share experiences and learn from each other.
- TextTESOL business meetings are scheduled for Saturday. This is a chance to meet TextTESOL members from your own area and an opportunity to have a say in the direction of the field across Texas. Activities of the different affiliates will range from Board of Directors elections to meet-and-greet socials. Become a part of your TextTESOL affiliate!
- For the first time TextTESOL will have a bulletin board with job posting at the state conference. If you are looking for a special teaching opportunity or have one to offer, send it to contact@textesol.org

Help support TextTESOL by staying at the Marriott or the Omni. The hotels' lower rates were set with our conference in mind, so if possible, stay at the assigned hotels – it will be easier for you to attend all the special events and sessions, and will help us fulfill our contracts.

The special hotel rates have been extended to October 15.
Check <http://www.textesol.org/region3/accommodation.htm>



It's About the Play!

The end of October is a chance to have fun too! Make sure you make the time to meet your peers in a more relaxed atmosphere. Don't miss any of these fun events:



- **The All Conference Reception** at the Marriott Lonestar Ballroom on Friday, Oct. 27th, 6:30-8:30 pm is a chance to meet your counterparts from all across the state, to exchange business cards, listen to good music and maybe win a raffle prize.
- **The Awards Luncheon** at the Marriott's Lonestar Ballroom A&B will feature TESOL President Jun Liu presenting the TextTESOLers of the Year Awards. The award winners were chosen by their TextTESOL affiliates. Don't miss it on Saturday, Oct. 28th, from 12-1:30 pm and remember to reserve your ticket. Seating is limited.



- Saturday end of the day "**Giddy Up to Galveston Send-off**," at Sweetwater's at the Omni, is a fun way to strengthen all your new and renewed friendships. There will be raffle prize drawings and networking opportunities.
- A fun part of the conference is meeting the exhibitors representing a number of publishers. **Exhibit Hall** where you can see the latest in new publications will be open all day Friday and Saturday at the Omni. Rub elbows with publisher representatives at the All Conference Reception on Friday and the Send-off get together on Saturday.

