

The FREE Enterprise - Newsletter

Are You Ready for the Economics Challenge?

Presented by **The Texas Council on Economic Education**

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President's Letter

Lately in many of my travels, I introduce myself as working with the Texas Council on Economic Education. I am usually bombarded with questions about our country's current economic situation. Obviously, we would like to be able to answer these questions. However, while we don't have the answers everyone wants, we can emphasize the necessity for understanding the economic decision making process. Consequently, we are scheduling a number of new training opportunities that I hope you take advantage of.

Economics Challenge

Spring is approaching and that means it is time for the Economics Challenge. I would like to ask each of you who teach economics to consider having your entire class(es) get involved. The first round is conducted online with no cost for participation. There are no published accounting or scores at this level except for the announcements of the state qualifiers. This allows recognition of all participating students without concern of their competitive placing. The teams that do well are invited to the state finals with a chance to advance to the national finals. Please consider entering your classes and call with any questions you might have.

Golf Tournament

This issue also has information about our fundraising event - the golf ball drop. You don't have to be a golfer or be present to win a large screen TV. Read about it and join in the fun. Of course, we invite you to bring a team of golfers to the tournament.

More Workshops

Finally, please watch our website for information about the workshops I referred to earlier. There will be one on Personal Finance and the Stock Market Game in Houston (June 18 & 19 with a dinner cruise).

We are working with the 11th District of the Federal Reserve Bank to develop a workshop in Amarillo and the Rio Grande Valley. Each will address regional economics. As always, our Centers for Economic Education will offer a series of local workshops.

I can't end this message without reminding you that we are working on sending a huge Texas teacher contingency to the Council for Economic Education's Annual Meeting in Washington DC next October. Make plans to join us.

I hope to see you at one of our programs soon!

Sincerely,

Tim Shaunty

President, Texas Council on Economic Education

Economics Challenge

Online Competition - **March 25, 26, 27, 2009**

[REGISTER FOR THE ECONOMICS CHALLENGE](#)

Are your economics students up for a challenge? Find out by registering your teams now for the 2009 Econ Challenge. There are NO REGISTRATION FEES involved.

The Challenge is about to begin:

- **Ongoing** - Teacher Registration Begins-Go to www.econchallenge.org and register.
- **March 25 - 27, 2009** - Online Competition Qualifying Round - Teams login and face the Challenge!
- **April 7, 2009** - State Finals in Austin-When we find the Best of the Best.
- **April 27, 2009** - National Midwest Regional Competition in Houston.
- **May 16-18, 2009** - National Competition in New York, NY - Win at Regionals fly free to Nationals.

Join hundreds of students across Texas in this great academic smack down.

Teachers - Register today and start creating your student teams.

Students - Study hard, the EconChallenge ONLINE will test you and your knowledge of Economics.

Every student and teacher in Texas is invited to compete in the EconChallenge. Teachers can create as many student teams as they'd like. We have a grant from the U.S. Department of Education through the Nebraska Council on Economic Education that covers all registration and participation fees.

Students compete in two divisions:

- David Ricardo Division - For students with one semester regular economics
- Adam Smith Division - For AP students and/or two semester classes

We have four regions in Texas: Dallas, Houston, Rio Grande Valley and San Antonio. The two highest scores from each Region, plus the next Seven highest scores statewide in each division will be invited to participate in the state finals in Austin on April 7, 2009.

Good luck to all our student competitors. The EconChallenge ONLINE! is a great way to flex your intellectual muscle and participate with students from across Texas in an exciting and fun competition.

[REGISTER FOR THE ECONOMICS CHALLENGE](#)

[DOWNLOAD THE ECOCHALLENGE BROCHURE](#)

[Where & When](#)

Qualifying Round is held online.

March 25, 26, 27, 2009

See the brochure or call us for details.

Teacher Appreciation Golf Tournament

April 25, 2009 - Pearland, TX



The Texas Council on Economic Education is proud to announce the 5th Annual Teacher Appreciation Golf Tournament benefiting Texas teachers and students.

Register for a full day of golf, fun and the chance to win a Big Screen TV! No skills are needed to win the TV or to participate in the tournament.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!

Register and Read More at - www.tcee.golfreg.com

You can register for the tournament as an individual or team AND purchase a golf ball for a chance to WIN a big screen TV in the golf ball drop. Registration Fee is \$65 and includes one round of golf, snacks, lunch and dinner.

What is a Golf Ball Drop?

The golf ball drop is an exciting fundraising tool used by the Texas Council. On the day of the tournament, a helicopter flies over a fairway and drops a bucket full of numbered balls. The ball closest to a pin placed on the fairway wins a big screen TV. Numbered balls are sold prior to the ball drop at \$25 each or 5 for \$100.

Fundraising Opportunity

Do you have a need to raise funds for your school or an event? You can help the Texas Council and your organization by selling balls for the Golf Ball Drop. We will give you \$5 for every ball you sell. Please contact Joe Garcia at the Texas Council if you would like more information.

Thank you for your support of the Texas Council. This is your chance to have some fun and relax with colleagues and perhaps win a big screen TV.

Where & When

Country Place Golf Club
Pearland, TX
April 25, 2009
11AM-?

Stock Market Game and Personal Finance Conference

June 18-19, 2009

Dinner Cruise

This two-day conference features some great content and workshops. This conference also includes a Dinner Cruise on Clear Lake. With the Texas Council, you can have fun and professional development at the same time.



Personal Finance and the Stock Market Game

Learn about these timely topics from expert trainers and teachers who have implemented the Stock Market Game into their classrooms. Find out how you can build personal finance into your curriculum to help address the TEKS requirements on personal finance.

Registration Fees

\$149*

The registration fee includes:

- Two days of workshops
- Computer lab access
- Dinner Cruise
- Breakfast
- Two lunches
- And a unique professional development opportunity

* a limited number of \$50 scholarships are available for Texas teachers.

[Click Here To Register](#)

[Click Here for the Brochure and Agenda](#)

Where & When

University of Houston - Clear Lake
June 18 and 19, 2009

TCEE Mission Statement

To collaborate with Texas Educators to provide programs and services that will enable students to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills using basic economic concepts.

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