

Texas Event Leadership Program

Supporting Leadership in the Events Industry

Texas Event Leadership Program is directed by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in the Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences at Texas A&M University.

Together with Texas Festivals and Events Association and Texas Association of Fairs and Events, our program provides in-depth training for event organizers as well as an invaluable network of professional event organizers and experts.

TELP is a benchmark program offering instructional modules covering up-to-date topics to address the professional development needs of the festivals and events industry in Texas. A certificate of completion from the program can be applied towards professional certification through TFEA and TAF&E.

Whether you are planning a new event, seeking to improve an existing event, or working towards a certificate, everyone is welcome.

Core Module Curriculum

- Activity Planning (Creative)
 - Board/Committee Relations
 - Business Plan
 - Community Relations
 - Current Trends
 - Emergency Mgt. (1-2)
 - Entertainment (1-2)
 - Exhibits (Competitive/Commercial)
 - Financial Planning
 - Fundraisers & Profit Makers
 - Insurance & Liability
 - Legal/Regulatory Concerns
 - Marketing/Promotion (1-2)
 - Management/Planning (1-2)
 - Site/Logistical Planning (1-2)
 - Sponsorship Basics (1-2)
 - Vendors
 - Volunteers
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Examples of Elective Modules

- Advanced Sponsorship
- Children and Family Games
- Creative Publicity
- Facility Maintenance
- Facility Usage (off-season)
- Livestock Exhibits
- Participatory Events
- Surveying Your Event
- Trends in Technology

Program FAQ

Q: How Can I Participate? A: Go at your own pace! There are two ways to participate:

1. Attend TELP sessions as desired without enrolling in the certificate program.
2. Enroll in the certificate program and complete the following requirements:
 - 24 core modules • 3 electives • 50 volunteer service points • Submit a written business plan

Q: When Are Modules Offered? A: There are several opportunities to join TELP throughout the year:

- January—Texas Association of Fairs and Events Annual Conference
- July—Texas Festivals & Events Association Annual Conference
- Regional “behind the scenes” workshops

Q: Are There Additional Program Requirements? A: Volunteer Service is required and can be met by:

- Serve as a speaker at an event seminar
- Serve on an event committee
- Serve as a mentor to another event planner
- Write an article for a newsletter or magazine circulating in the event industry
- Serve as a “mystery shopper” to offer an evaluation of an event

For more program information, visit the Texas Event Leadership Program website:

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