

Display Your Creativity!

Teacher assistants are encouraged to create unique tabletop displays at Conference! They are a great way to show off our instructional value and creativity, and share ideas with other TAs. Plus, the best displays win big! 1st Place wins \$100, 2nd Place, \$75, and 3rd Place, \$50. Enter now!

Who Can Enter? A single school, a local association, or even a district can set up a display.

How Should the Display Look? Displays may be elaborate or simple. Judges (selected from our group of presenters and other non-TA attendees) will evaluate all TA displays based on this rubric. Does the display...

- Emphasize teacher assistants' connection to the daily life of the classroom and school? (30 points)
- Highlight ways teacher assistants enhance student instruction? This may include examples of student work done with the TA, lesson plans, etc. (30 points)
- Feature ideas that can be used as a resource for other Teacher Assistants? (20 points)
- Show creativity and originality in working the conference theme into the display? (10 points)
- Follow guidelines provided by NCATA in the conference registration newsletter? (10 points)

Now is the time to get started on your display! Snap those pictures, save that idea, and bring your display to conference.

GUIDELINES FOR NCATA CONFERENCE DISPLAYS

(Please review carefully)

- Display space can be NO larger than 16 feet wide x 36 inches deep x 8 feet high. NCATA will supply up to two rectangular (8' x 30") tables per display. Displays may be no more than 36 inches from the wall, including the table depth. Two tables may only be set up end to end, creating one long 16-foot display. Hotel fire code prohibits setting up tables front to back.
- Absolutely NOT allowed: running water, kits, anything that could be hazardous to public health or the environment, dangerous chemicals, sharp objects, open flames, hanging materials on walls.
- Electricity is available with a \$25 pre-paid fee.
- Displays can lie flat or be freestanding (cardboard, pressboard, peg-board, etc.).
- Displays will be accepted in, but are not limited to, the following categories:
 - » Drawing/painting (water colors, acrylics, oils, pastels, ink, markers, finger paints, mixed media)
 - » Photography (color, black and white)
 - » Sculpture (carving, clay, wood, dried plant materials, paper mache, metal, wire, trash, mixed media)
 - » Crafts (embroidery, needlepoint, string art, macramé, weaving, trash art)
 - » Collage/mixed media (may incorporate any combination of categories or materials)
 - » Writings (poems, plays, books)
- Be sure to include the school name, location, and type of display. Use lettering to label the display or parts of the display.
- Seal any containers with water or other fluids and use drip pans to prevent leakage.
- Be sure to designate a display contact person who will receive setup and takedown information from NCATA. The display must stay up for the full time as outlined in the conference schedule.

Questions? Call State Historian ChevEll Blachnik (828) 446-5451) or email her at cblachnik@teacherassistants.org.

NCATA Display Info Form

MUST be returned by April 2, 2010

Organization or School Name _____

Address _____

County _____ District _____

Teacher Assistant Responsible for Display:

Contact Person _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Number of 8' x 30" tables (maximum 2) _____

Electricity (circle one): Yes No (Cost \$25)

Please make check payable to NCATA and mail to NCATA, PO Box 893, Lewisville, NC 27023.

Not mailing a check? You can fax your entry to NCATA at 336-218-6338.

Conference Memorial Service

Please share with our members the names of those teacher assistants who have passed away during the past year. They will be memorialized at our Annual Conference on Sunday, May 2, 2010. Please help us complete this list by providing the following information:

Name of Teacher Assistant: _____

District: _____

County/School System: _____

School: _____

Number of years as a Teacher Assistant: _____

Passed Away on _____

A one-sentence statement about this person:

Contact (submitted by): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Please send this information by April 23, 2010 to Linda Gales, lgales@teacherassistants.org or mail to the NCATA Office, PO Box 893, Lewisville, NC 27023.