



**29th
ANNUAL
ATPE
STATE
CONVENTION**

HOMEROOM HEROES



THE TIME: APRIL 2-4, 2009!

THE PLACE: THE AUSTIN CONVENTION CENTER!

THE OCCASION: THE 29TH ANNUAL ATPE STATE CONVENTION!

THE DETAILS: WWW.ATPE.ORG/CONVENTION

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STATE PRESIDENT



Dear ATPE member:
Although Texas educators like you and me aren't regularly called upon to leap tall buildings in a single bound or thwart the path of meteors hurtling toward the Earth, we are obliged to dedicate our unprecedented "powers" to the children we serve.

We have stepped up to the call—embracing imaginations, hopes, dreams and desires. We're there in a flash when our kindergarteners skin their knees, when our third- and fifth-graders gear up for TAKS, when our middle school students battle their hormones and when our high school seniors nervously await college acceptance letters. In a sense, we *are* superheroes—who possess unlimited opportunities to shape the future. Please join me at the 29th Annual ATPE State Convention, April 2–4 in Austin, to celebrate the work of the approximately 600,000 "homeroom heroes" across Texas.

More than 112,000 of these homeroom heroes have entrusted their careers to ATPE, a member-owned, member-governed association. They're counting on the delegates who gather for the state convention to make sound decisions about ATPE's future. Please contact your local unit president and ask to be one of these delegates. Together, we'll build relationships and make decisions that ensure ATPE membership remains an important component of any Texas educator's professional arsenal.

Jerry Bonham

—ATPE State President Jerry Bonham, Mesquite ISD

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Only ATPE presidents can certify delegates to vote in the House of Delegates (HOD). Ask your local unit president to certify you as a voting or alternate delegate by **March 4, 2009**, so you can participate in the HOD. Only certified delegates are allowed to vote.

If you are only interested in attending as a voting delegate and will not be participating in other convention activities, ask your local unit president to certify you as a voting delegate for HOD only—your registration will be free! (HOD-only registrants who wish to visit the Exhibit Hall must pay a \$15 fee, which includes entrance for both Thursday and Friday.) If you would like to attend the convention as a nonvoting member, ask your president to register you as a nonvoting attendee so you may observe the HOD and participate in other convention activities.

Region presidents must certify region officers, including the region's director. The ATPE State Bylaws prohibit regions from sending alternates.

Presidents should visit www.atpe.org/convention/registration.asp to register/certify delegates. Call (800) 777-ATPE if you have questions.

REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fee for professional, associate, retired and public ATPE members is \$95 (\$105 after March 4). College student and teacher-trainee members can attend the convention for free. HOD-only registrants and nonmember guests may purchase Exhibit Hall passes for \$15 (includes entrance for both Thursday and Friday).

The registration fee does not include tickets to the Awards Banquet (\$35 for the first ticket and \$45 per additional ticket) or Friday and Saturday boxed lunches (\$15 each).

Some local units assist with their attendees' expenses; check with your local unit officers to find out what kind of assistance is available.

JUST \$95!

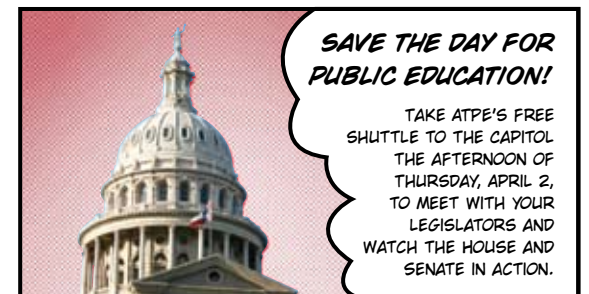
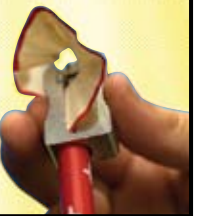


MEET A REAL-LIFE HERO!

CALLED A "MODERN-DAY THOREAU" BY *NEWSDAY*, KEYNOTE SPEAKER **RAFE ESQUITH** WILL SHARE THE STORY OF ROOM 56, HIS REMARKABLE INNER-CITY LOS ANGELES CLASSROOM WHERE CLASS BEGINS AT 6:30 A.M. AND READING SHAKESPEARE IS AN EVERYDAY OCCURRENCE.

SHARPEN YOUR SUPERPOWERS!

EARN UP TO 7 HOURS OF CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (CPE) CREDIT. (THAT'S AN HOUR MORE THAN OFFERED LAST YEAR!)



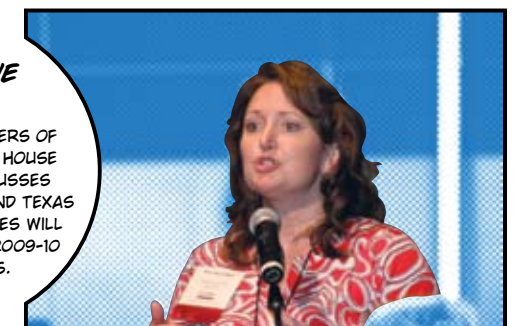
SAVE THE DAY FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION!

TAKE ATPE'S FREE SHUTTLE TO THE CAPITOL THE AFTERNOON OF THURSDAY, APRIL 2, TO MEET WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS AND WATCH THE HOUSE AND SENATE IN ACTION.



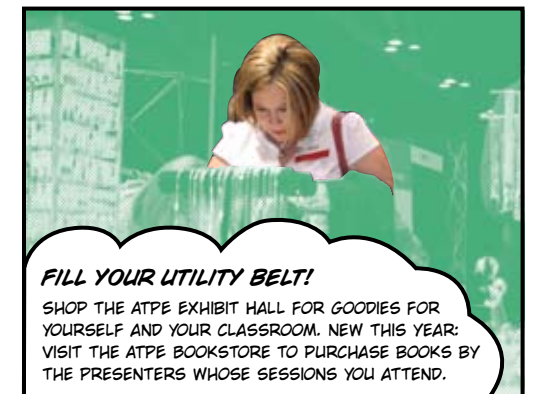
DEBATE THE ISSUES!

EXERCISE YOUR POWERS OF PERSUASION AS THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISCUSSES ISSUES FACING ATPE AND TEXAS EDUCATORS. DELEGATES WILL ALSO ELECT ATPE'S 2009-10 STATE OFFICERS.



CELEBRATE YOUR FEATS!

ENJOY A NIGHT IN THE BIG APPLE DURING THE **AWARDS BANQUET: ATPE TAKES MANHATTAN**. WE'LL PUT THE SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR FELLOW HOMEROOM HEROES AND UNMASK ATPE'S EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR.



FILL YOUR UTILITY BELT!

SHOP THE ATPE EXHIBIT HALL FOR GOODIES FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR CLASSROOM. NEW THIS YEAR: VISIT THE ATPE BOOKSTORE TO PURCHASE BOOKS BY THE PRESENTERS WHOSE SESSIONS YOU ATTEND.

AGENDA: THURSDAY, APRIL 2

NOON-4 P.M.	CAPITOL VISITS Meet with your state legislator and watch the House and Senate in action. Before you travel to the convention, call your legislators' offices to schedule meetings for the afternoon of Thursday, April 2. Once you arrive, stop by the Austin Convention Center to pick up Capitol maps and information and then catch a free shuttle to the Capitol.
3-9 P.M.	REGISTRATION
5-6 P.M.	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS (See below.)
6-9 P.M.	EXHIBIT HALL GRAND OPENING Shop for goodies; place bids on ATPE-PAC Silent Auction items; and enjoy entertainment, activities and complimentary snacks and beverages.
6-9 P.M.	PRESIDENTS' RECEPTION (by invitation) Stop by this come-and-go-style event to indulge in a decadent dessert (or two), receive a special gift and take part in a fun activity. (Hint: You'll enjoy this activity all weekend long, and you need to be sure to bring your creativity.)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

5-6 P.M. THURSDAY, APRIL 2

- SPEAKING TEENAGER: HOW TO CONNECT WITH STUDENTS IN 30 SECONDS OR LESS!
- 21ST CENTURY SOAPBOX® SHOWCASE: TIMELESS MOTIVATION FOR TODAY'S TEACHERS
- IDENTIFYING AND ACCOMMODATING DYSLEXIA IN THE CLASSROOM
- MAKING MEDIA MATTER
- WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM—IMPLEMENTING TAKS WRITING IN ANY SUBJECT AREA

Visit www.atpe.org/convention/pd.asp for presenter names and session descriptions.



AGENDA: FRIDAY, APRIL 3

7 A.M.-3:30 P.M.	REGISTRATION
8-9:30 A.M.	OPENING GENERAL SESSION—RAFE ESQUITH 1 CPE HOUR Called "a modern-day Thoreau" by <i>Newsday</i> , keynote speaker Rafe Esquith will share the story of Room 56, his remarkable inner-city Los Angeles classroom where class begins at 6:30 a.m. and reading Shakespeare is an everyday occurrence. Following the session, Esquith will sign copies of his books, <i>Teach Like Your Hair's on Fire: The Methods and Madness Inside Room 56</i> and <i>There Are No Shortcuts</i> .
8 A.M.-5 P.M.	EXHIBIT HALL
9:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M.	PREFILE MOTION TABLE
10 A.M.-12:15 P.M.	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS (See below.)
NOON-1:30 P.M.	LUNCH
NOON-1:30 P.M.	PAST PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL LUNCHEON (by invitation)
12:30-1:30 P.M.	UNIVERSITY STUDENT/SPONSOR LUNCHEON (by invitation) 1 CPE HOUR
12:30-1:30 P.M.	HOUSE OF DELEGATES REVIEW FOR FIRST-TIME CONVENTION ATTENDEES During this session, first-time attendees will learn how to participate in the HOD like pros.
1:45-3:45 P.M.	HOUSE OF DELEGATES Participate in the HOD, the heart of ATPE's member-owned, member-governed structure.
7:30-10:30 P.M.	AWARDS BANQUET: ATPE TAKES MANHATTAN Enjoy a night in the Big Apple. We'll shine the spotlight on your fellow home-room heroes with an evening of fine dining and entertainment. Attire is business dress or semiformal.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

10-11 A.M. AND 11:15 A.M.-12:15 P.M. FRIDAY, APRIL 3

- SPEAKING TEENAGER: HOW TO CONNECT WITH STUDENTS IN 30 SECONDS OR LESS!
- BULLYING DOES HAPPEN: DAILY, OFTEN AND EVERYWHERE IN SCHOOLS
- SOCIAL NETWORKING: NOT JUST FOR KIDS ANYMORE
- WHAT'S HAPPENING UNDER THE DOME?
- THE POWER OF ONE
- BOOK AND BRAIN READING FOR STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENTS
- SUCCESSFUL PARENT COMMUNICATION
- USING COMICS AND GRAPHIC NOVELS TO PROMOTE COMPREHENSION
- STRATEGIES FOR WORKING WITH ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS
- EFFECTIVE PRACTICES FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS
- THE HIDDEN CHAMPION

10 A.M.-12:15 P.M. FRIDAY, APRIL 3

- UNDERSTANDING YOUR TRS BENEFITS ... NOW AND IN THE FUTURE (2-hour session)
Please note: This session does **not** count as CPE credit.

SHARPEN YOUR SUPERPOWERS!

AGENDA: SATURDAY, APRIL 4

7:30-10 A.M.	REGISTRATION
7:30-10 A.M.	STATE OFFICER ELECTIONS
8-9:30 A.M.	REGION CAUCUSES
10 A.M.-5 P.M.	HOUSE OF DELEGATES
12:15-1:15 P.M.	LUNCH

UP TO 2
CPE HOURS

**MEMBER-OWNED
MEMBER-GOVERNED**

CAR RENTAL DISCOUNTS

Avis®—(800) 331-1212. Present AWD #A246100 and ATPE ID card when renting vehicle. Advance reservation suggested. Discount rates include 5 percent off promotional rates, 10 percent off SuperValue daily and weekly rates, and 5 percent off SuperValue weekend rates.

Alamo®—(800) 462-5266. Be sure to request ID number 93122 when making reservations. ATPE members receive unlimited mileage and discounts with Alamo®.

Enterprise Rent-A-Car—(800) 593-0505. Refer to Corporate Class #09AA224. Members receive up to 10 percent off standard daily rates at more than 6,000 neighborhood and airport locations across North America, and pickup is free.


**Discount valid for rentals reserved in advance at participating locations. Up to 10 percent applies to airport locations and up to 5 percent at neighborhood locations. Discounts may vary by location and time of rental. Discount does not apply to taxes, surcharges and optional products and services, including damage waiver at \$30 or less per day. Other restrictions may apply.*

ACCOMMODATIONS

Make reservations by **March 4, 2009**, to receive the ATPE discounted room rate. Reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis. You can reserve up to 10 rooms at once, but **it is important that you reserve only the rooms you need and release reservations for rooms that you won't use.** Holding extra rooms prevents other members from making reservations and could prevent them from attending.

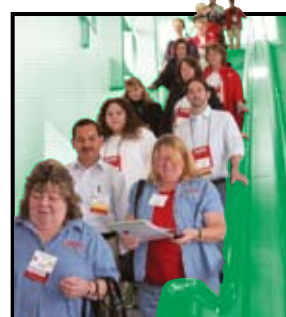
BOOKING YOUR ROOM

Reservations must be made through Passkey, the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau's online reservation system, and may not be made over the phone. If you contact the hotel directly, you will not receive ATPE's discounted rates. Access a link to Passkey at www.atpe.org/convention/housing.asp. If you do not have Internet access, please call ATPE Meetings and Conferences at (800) 777-ATPE to request a housing form.

 Do you have needs that require special accommodations? Call ATPE Meetings and Conferences at (800) 777-ATPE, submit a written request, or e-mail meetings@atpe.org by **March 4**.

HOTEL	RATE	PARKING	AMENITIES	ROOM TYPES
HILTON AUSTIN	\$177 single/double \$197 triple \$217 quad	\$14 self-park \$25 valet <i>Prices subject to change.</i>	One of Austin's newest and largest state-of-the-art, full-service hotels	King bed or two queen beds
COURTYARD MARRIOTT	\$162 for up to four people	\$14 self-park \$21 valet	Austin's newest downtown hotel; under the same roof as the Residence Inn	King bed or two queen beds
RESIDENCE INN MARRIOTT	\$172 for up to four people	\$14 self-park \$21 valet	Daily complimentary hot breakfast and complimentary evening receptions Monday–Thursday	One-bedroom suites with minikitchen, queen bed and queen-size pullout sofa sleeper

All hotel rates do not include a 15-percent bed and state sales tax.



WOW! WHAT A GREAT DEAL!

Times are tight, and we're all keeping a closer eye on our dollars and cents. The \$95 registration fee (\$105 after March 4) gives you access to a convention experience valued at more than \$500. Registration includes:

- Presentations by **informative and inspirational speakers**.
- Free transportation to the Capitol for **meetings with lawmakers**.
- **Networking** with your fellow educators from across Texas.
- **Up to 7 hours of continuing professional education (CPE) credit.** (That's an hour more than was offered last year!)
- **Time to relax** and bond with members of your local unit.
- A chance to **shop for goodies** in the Exhibit Hall.
- The **opportunity to speak your mind** on the issues facing Texas educators and ATPE as well as **elect ATPE's 2009-10 state officers**.

VALUE- PACKED!!



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