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July 2016 Dinner Meeting

Date: July 21, 2016

Location: Texas Star Golf Course & Conference Center, Euless, Texas

Time: 5:30 – 6:30 Social Hour
6:30 - 8:00 Dinner and Presentation

Presentation Title: “What’s New in Alternative Disinfection?”

Presentation Synopsis:

This meeting will include four separate speakers at 15 minutes each. One engineering will introduce the topic of alternative disinfection, cover general options, and go through decision making factors. Then a representative will focus on the safety aspects of sodium hypochlorite. A second representative will then focus on the nuts and bolts of design for sodium hypochlorite and address things to watch for with various applications. Lastly, a UV/AOP representative will focus on the details of UV/AOP technology including what operators and designers should know in considering the technology as an alternative disinfection tool.

Speakers:

Scott Hardy, Hazen and Sawyer (Engineer)
Sean Laird, Electrolyte Technologies LLC (Sodium Hypochlorite Rep #1)
Jean-Paul Monali, ClorTec (Sodium Hypochlorite Rep #2)
Abigail Antolovich, Xylem (UV/AOP Rep)

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Leadership Message - by Brigit Buff

Attention WEATies~

The summer is in full swing! I hope everyone is enjoying their vacations and finding fun ways to handle the Texas heat. We wrapped up a great WEAT-NTS year and are looking forward to the next year with the changing of the guard from our officer elections at the last May Plant Tour dinner meeting. First off, I would like to welcome our newest officers (and newly promoted officers):

- ⇒ **Brigit Buff** – President
- ⇒ **Matt Jalbert** – President Elect
- ⇒ **Mark Perkins** – Vice President
- ⇒ **Phil Spitzer** – Secretary
- ⇒ **Grace Wike** – Treasurer
- ⇒ **Heather Wootton (Compton)** – Section Rep
- ⇒ **Eva Gorgi** – Past President
- ⇒ **Erin Flanagan** – Past Section Rep

Feel free to reach out to any of these wonderfully WEAT-passionate people if you have any questions or want to know how you can get more involved! Our new Executive Committee and Programs Committee have been using this summer to discuss this year's activity line up and are excited to share our calendar of events for the year with all of you! Be sure to check out this year's meeting and events in our updated calendar included in this newsletter issue so you can **SAVE THE DATES**.

Special events that you will not want to miss include the following:

- ⇒ **Bi-monthly Meetings:** The program committee, led by [Mark Perkins](#), prepared interesting topics for the bi-monthly meetings. Based on the success of our trial lunch meetings last year, we have decided to hold our November and January meetings at lunch time again this year. We also plan on our annual Plant Tour Dinner Meeting (location TBD) to be held in May with our officer elections. Final topics and locations will be posted on our website and news blasts as confirmed.
- ⇒ **Opstoberfest Cook-off:** In true German Oktoberfest style, we will be holding our annual BBQ this year in September (9/16). [Heather Wootton \(Compton\)](#), [Mark Perkins](#), and our "veteran" cook-off organizer [Monique Florez](#) are working hard on all the details to make this a fun family event, so bring out

your friends, family, and coworkers for an exciting day (and night). New this year is our Wild Game category!! Start brewing beer, prepare your smokers, hone your culinary techniques, and



sign up your team.....or just show up for the impressive buffet spread and camaraderie!

- ⇒ **February Seminar:** [Fred Holmes](#) and his team have been working on the February Seminar program to make it another booming success. This year's tentative topic is "What's New in Wastewater?". Information on abstract solicitation and sponsorship will be coming out soon, so be on the lookout and start brainstorming.
- ⇒ **Young Professionals:** Last year, we had a shake-up in the YP committee chairs, so our new YP leaders ([Charles Norman](#), [Elizabeth Holt](#), [Kaylee Dusek](#), and [Reyna Reyes](#)) are working hard on planning some great events to engage both the young and young at heart. Feel free to sign up to be on the YP email list or attend any of the YP events, no matter your age!
- ⇒ **Sponsorships:** Our great events and, even more importantly, our ever-increasing number of scholarships, would not be possible without the generous contributions from our membership and supporting companies. A huge **THANK YOU** to each of you that contributed in some way to WEAT-NTS!!! Sponsorships are now open for renewal for the 2016-2017 WEAT-NTS year. If you are interested in renewing (or adding) sponsorship for our organization, please contact our new treasurer, [Grace Wike](#).

A lot is happening in our section, and we look forward to seeing each of you throughout. We love the passion of the folks in our section and look forward to active participation and engagement of our membership this year. Stay safe and have a great summer!

WEAT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WEAT-NTS 2016 - 2017 Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location (*Tentative)	Topic/Speaker (*Tentative)
7/21/16 (Th)	July Dinner Meeting	Texas Star, Euless	“What’s New in Disinfection”, Various Manufacturers
9/16/16 (F)	OPStoberfest BBQ Cook—off	Knights of Columbus Hall, Arlington, TX	See flyer for info and registration
10/21/16 (F)*	Daryl Hall Golf Tournament		
11/17/16 (Th)	November LUNCH Meeting	TBD	TBD
1/19/17 (Th)	January LUNCH Meeting	TBD	TBD
2/14/16 (Tu)*	February Seminar	CityPlace, Dallas, TX*	TBD
3/16/16 (Th)	March Dinner* Meeting	TBD	TBD
3/17/16 (F)*	Sporting Clays Event	TBD	
5/18/16 (Th)	May Plant Tour Dinner	TBD	TBD
7/20/16 (Th)	July Dinner Meeting	TBD	TBD

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NORTH TEXAS SECTION OF THE
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July 6, 2016

Re: Water Environment Association of Texas – North Texas Section
Sponsorships for 2016 – 2017

Dear WEAT Colleague,

The North Texas Section of the Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT-NTS) is most dynamic and proactive organizations in the entire Water Environment Federation. This is possible in large part because of the substantial financial assistance provided by our supporting organizations.

With the help of our corporate we provide services and educational benefits to our professional membership, outreach to the environmental community, and financing to numerous students through our scholarship programs. The generosity of our sponsors has enabled the North Texas Section to award scholarships totaling over \$22,000 in the last 12 months, to provide substantial financial support for our operations challenge teams, support outreach programs like the Trinity River Trash Bash and local science fairs, and to bring quality educational and networking opportunities to our membership. Your support has been vital and is greatly appreciated. For this reason, we are diligent in making sure firms like yours are recognized for their commitment.

Please see the enclosed flyer for a description of the sponsorship categories. For your convenience, SquareUp is available on-line (<http://mkt.com/weat-nts>) for sponsorship payments. Sponsorship payments can also be made via mail (check) or by phone (credit) via the WEAT-NTS Treasurer, Grace Wike.

We hope you will be a supporter of WEAT-NTS. Please use the accompanying form to indicate your participation for the 2015-2016 year (July 1st 2016 through June 30th 2017). If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 817-719-0372.

Sincerely, WEAT – North Texas Section

Mark A. Perkins, P.E.
Vice-President, WEAT-NTS

NOTE:

If contributing by mail, please **circle** your level(s) of support on the attached flyer and send with your check payable to WEAT-NTS to Grace Wike, Treasurer, WEAT-NTS, c/o Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc., 8350 North Central Expressway, Suite 1400, Dallas, TX 75206 (214)765-8731



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WEAT-NTS offers three levels of sponsorships for the July 2016 – June 2017 year, plus multiple individual sponsorship opportunities.

Sponsorships will support:

- *WEAT-NTS and Darryl Hall Scholarship Funds*
- *Dinner Meetings*
- *Section Activities (Fall BBQ and Sporting Clays Tournament)*
- *February Seminar*
- *Young Professionals*
- *Outreach Program (Science Fair, Future Cities, Trinity River Cleanup, etc.)*

Other Individual Sponsorship Opportunities:

Classic Dinner Sponsor \$250

- For *One* Dinner Meeting
- Recognition of Classic Sponsors:
 - ✓ Announcement on front page of newsletter (name of firm)
 - ✓ Announcement in meeting reminder emails (name of firm)
 - ✓ Display of digital banner at meeting (if supplied) via PowerPoint
 - ✓ Verbal recognition of sponsors by President at the beginning of the meeting

Gold Sponsor \$1,250

- Recognition at **ALL** six meetings (includes Fall Cook-off) (*for the price of five*)
- Recognition of Gold Sponsor is the same as Classic Sponsor at **ALL** six meetings

○ Opstoberfest BBQ Cook-off Sponsor	\$250
○ Sporting Clay Station	\$150
○ WEAT- NTS Scholarship Fund (annual contribution)	\$100
○ Darryl Hall Scholarship Fund (annual contribution)	\$100
○ Newsletter Advertising (6 issues) and website link	\$150
○ NTS February Seminar	\$300
○ NTS February Seminar Table Sponsor	\$500
○ NTS February Seminar Break Area Sponsor	\$1,000
○ NTS Young Professionals Sponsor	\$100

Platinum \$1,950

- Recognition as a platinum sponsor at **ALL SIX** meetings, including the fall BBQ
- Recognition of Platinum Sponsor is same as Gold Sponsor, *plus:*
 - ✓ Company name included in all newsletters, meeting announcements, meeting reminder e-mails, and link on website
 - ✓ Display of digital banner at meeting (if supplied) via PowerPoint
 - ✓ Recognition of Platinum Sponsor by President at the beginning of the meeting
 - ✓ Includes February Seminar sponsorship, with signage and digital banner recognition at Seminar
 - ✓ **NEW!** Recognition as YP sponsor, with \$100 from sponsorship being earmarked toward local YP events

MARCH MEETING RECAP

By Heather Wootton

The WEAT-NTS May Dinner meeting was held at the Prairie House Restaurant in Aubrey, Texas on May 19th, 2016. This meeting was one of the farthest North meetings in WEAT-NTS history, but still drew a large crowd (left). To kick off our May meeting, two of the science fair winners were invited to speak on their winning projects. Center: Rebecca Fripp, Fort Worth Regional Science Fair, *Separating Oil and Water with a Spoon*. Right: Asher Khazi Syed, Fort Worth Regional Science Fair, *Nano is Hot*.



In addition to our monthly presentation, officer elections were held. Up for election this year was the president-elect, vice president, treasurer, and section representative. The nomination committee, made up of Buster Fichera with the City of Fort Worth VCWRF, Erin Flanagan with Freese and Nichols, and Jeff Sober with Garver, presented recommendations for each of the following positions:

Position	WEAT-NTS Member	Voted In
Treasurer	Grace Wike, LAN	Yes
Section Representative	Heather Compton, Garver	Yes
President Elect	Matt Jalbert, TRA	Yes
Vice President	Mark Perkins, Perkins Engineering Consultants	Yes
President	Brigit Buff, CH2M HILL	Automatic
Secretary	Phil Spitzer, NTMWD	Automatic (Term 1 more year)
Past President	Eva Gorgi, DWU	Automatic
Past Section Representative	Erin Flanagan, Freese & Nichols	Automatic

MARCH MEETING RECAP, CONT.

Jody Zabolio with the Upper Trinity Regional Water District, Samir Mathur with CDM Smith, and Dean Gorell with CDM Constructor's presented on the Doe Branch WRF and how a vision became a reality. Since the weather did not hold out for us we were led on a virtual tour of the plant. The presentation focused on the unique delivery of the greenfield Doe Branch WRF. Initially set up as a traditional design-bid-build project, UTRWD elected to convert to a CMAR delivery halfway through the design in order to achieve a number of critical success factors. Thank you Mr. Zabolio, Mr. Mathur, and Mr. Gorell for your support of WEAT-NTS.



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

By Kaylee Dusek

Recap of Young Engineer Welcome Event:

WEAT YP recently partnered with ASCE, EWB, and SAME for a young engineer welcome and networking social on May 20th at Sandbar Cantina (picture at right). The event welcomed recent college graduates to the industry while enjoying sand volleyball. Thank you to all who came out and made it a great event!

Two Steppin' Night Out:

A huge thank you to all who attended our joint event with AWWA for a two steppin' night out this month! We enjoyed an evening of great networking, music, and dancing at Cowboys Dancehall on June 30th.



SAVE THE DATE: We will be helping celebrate the 25th anniversary of this year's 90's themed Trinity River Trash Bash in Fort Worth on Saturday, September 17th. The cleanup will take place from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. with a party immediately following at The Shack located at 395 Purcey Street, Fort Worth 76102-1835. The fun and games will last until 8:00 p.m. with a firework show to follow. More information to come in the next newsletter!!



PWO COMMITTEE


By Eva Gorgi


WEAT-NTS's goal has been to increase operators' participation in the organization, create a professional network among metroplex utilities operators and maintenance staff, and expand operators' knowledge by providing innovative educational practices. Therefore, we decided to offer webinars, which will be targeting interesting topics for utility personnel.

Wednesday, June 29th, WEAT launched a first free webinar. Rick Hidalgo, the President and co-founder of Signature Automation, LLC, presented on SCADA and control systems and a title of his presentation was "The State of Today's Control System". This webinar provided the audience with a historical perspective of control systems in general and how they have advanced over the years. Additionally, it focused on some of the more common features that water sector clients are utilizing on their control systems today along with standards that are being promoted within the industry to enhance the user interface. Some of the discussed topics included a comparison of legacy systems to today's more complex systems; common network topologies; use of remote I/O; alarm philosophy and management; and the beneficial use of situational awareness style graphics.

This webinar attracted more than 50 single registrants and WEAT-NTS municipalities offered it to their staff. The webinar also has been approved for 1 hour of CEU credit through the TCEQ and all attendees, by answering three questions at the end of the webinar, could obtain a continuing education credit hour.

The State of Today's Control Systems


Moderator and Q&A Host,
Eva Gorgi, City of Dallas


**WEAT Electrical and Instrumentation Committee
Member and Webinar Presenter**
Rick Hidalgo, Signature Automation

Webinar and CEU sheet can be found at:
<http://www.weat.org/controlsystemswebinar.shtml>

Submit question here!

Water Environment Association of Texas

If you attended this webinar, we would appreciate any feedback. Also, if have any suggestions for future seminars, please let us know.

PWO COMMITTEE, CONT.

Control System Overview

Control System Definition:

“A control system is a device, or set of devices, that manages, commands, directs or regulates the behavior of other device(s) or system(s).”

Source: Wikipedia

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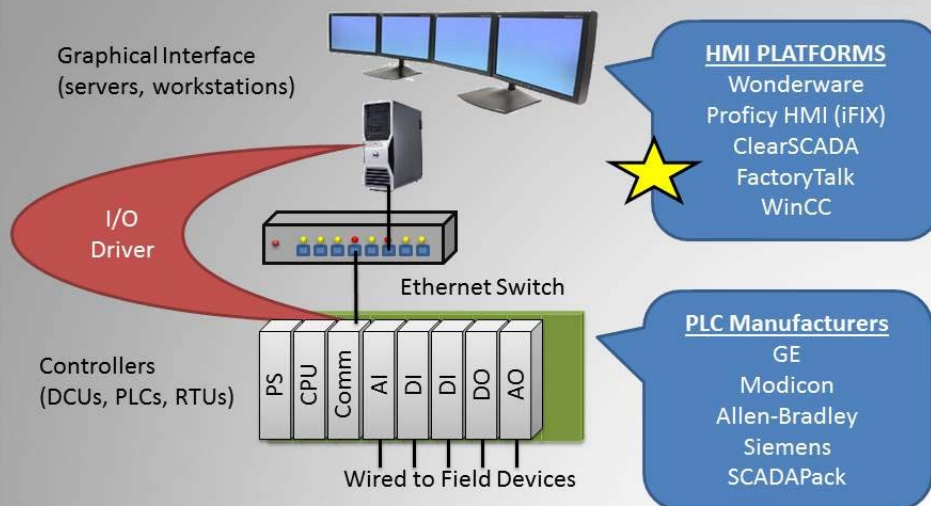


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The State of Today's Control Systems



Control System Basics

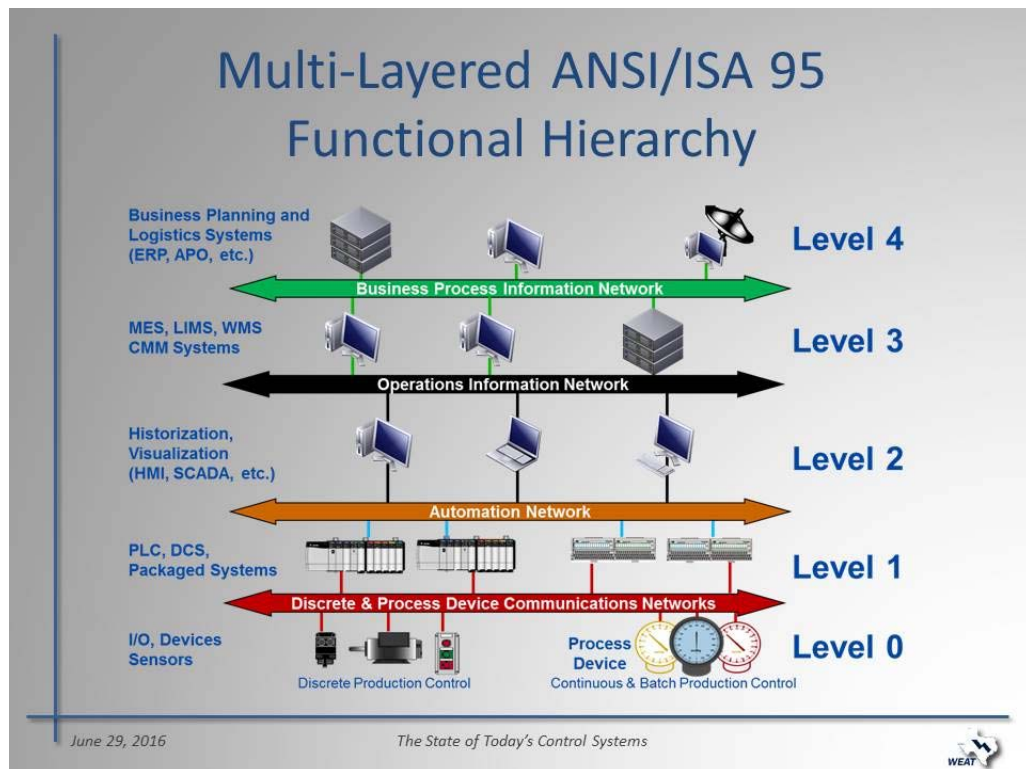
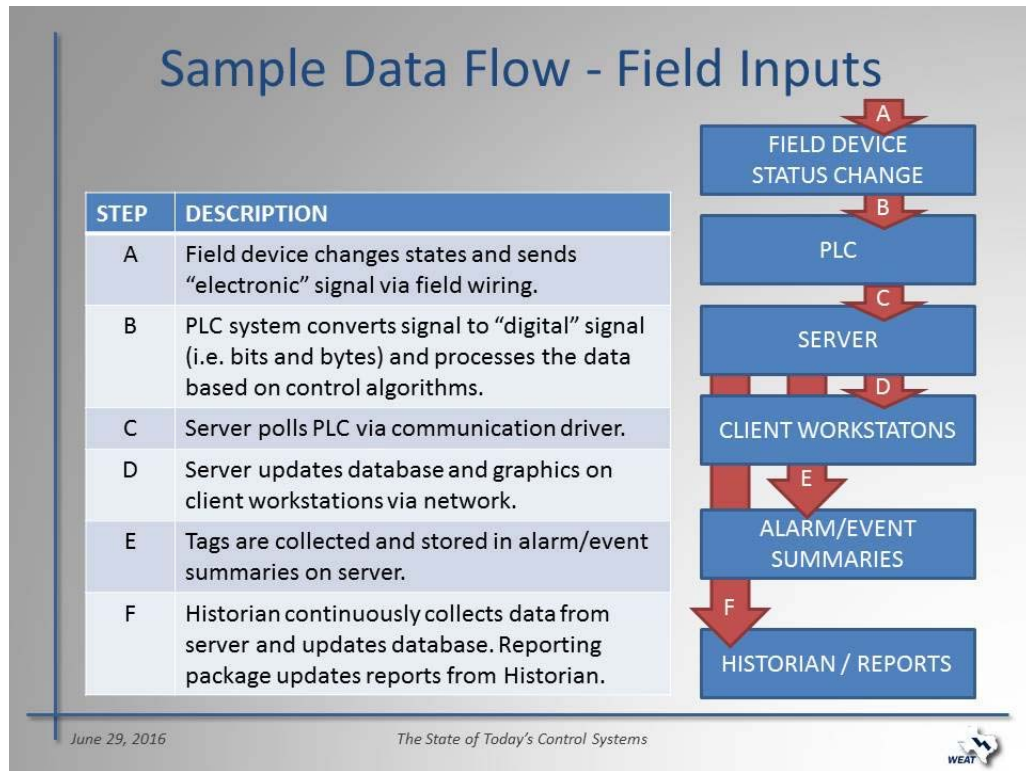


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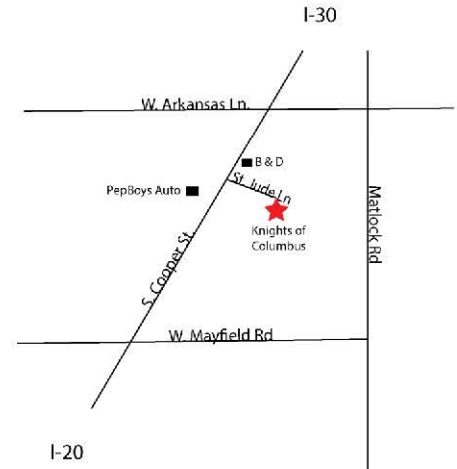


Opstoberfest

10th Annual Cook-Off

Friday, September 16, 2016

The Knights of Columbus Hall
2625 S Cooper Street
Arlington, Texas 76015



**BENEFITS THE NORTH TEXAS OPS CHALLENGE
TEAMS NATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

Schedule of Events

Teams May Arrive	8:00 AM
Social Hour	5:00 PM
Food Judging & Costume Contest	6:00 PM
Kid's Dinner Buffet	6:15 PM
General Buffet & Program	6:30 PM
Awards	7:30 PM

BYOB until 5:30pm!

Drinks (soda/water/beer)
must be purchased from
venue after 5:30pm.

Hard liquor is BYO all day!

Join us!

Members and Guest: \$20

City/Utility and Guest: \$10

Kids 15 and Under: Free

Email Mark Perkins at
mperkins@perkinsconsultants.com

Online payment and sponsorship: [WEAT Square](#)

Team registration is due by September 7th,
additional details on team registration are
included in the attached team information
packet.

Awards

- BBQ: Chicken, Beef, Pork, Wild Game
- Dessert, Beer
- Pitmaster
- Costume Contest
- Best Decorated Team Site
- Most Hospitable Team



WEAT-NTS 10th Annual
Operations Challenge Cook-Off
Friday, September 16, 2016

ENTRY FORM

(Please print or Type)

TEAM NAME: _____ Team Leader: _____

Team Leader Contact Information:

Company Name: _____

Work Number: _____

Cell Number: _____

Email: _____

Team Members:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Additional team members (4 members max per Utility and City sponsored teams):

Each team submitting a meat entry is required to supply a side dish (will not be part of the judged entry).

Please check all that apply:

Traditional BBQ

Entry Description

Beef _____

Chicken _____

Pork _____

Wild
Game _____

Homebrew Beer

Entry Description

1. Beer _____

2. Beer _____

Dessert

Entry Description

1. Dessert _____

2. Dessert _____

3. Dessert _____

For team registrations or questions, contact Mark Perkins at 817.719.0372 or mperkins@perkinsconsultants.com

You may pay for your team or sponsorship on-line at <http://mkt.com/weat-nts> or mail check (payable to WEAT-NTS) to:

Grace Wike
Treasurer – NTS WEAT
8350 North Central Expressway
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Dallas, Texas 75206



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WEAT-NTS 8th Annual Operations Challenge Cook-Off
Friday, September 16, 2016

Team Information Packet

General Information:

- Opstoberfest Cook-Off will be held at:
Knights of Columbus, 2625 S. Cooper St., Arlington, Texas 76015.

Registration of Cook-Off Teams:

- Teams must register by Wednesday, September 7, 2016. Please call Mark Perkins at 817.713.0372 or email mperkins@perkinsconsultants.com to register.
- There is no registration fee for Teams, but individual team members must pay the \$20 event entrance fee, except for Utility or City sponsored Teams:
 - For a Utility or City sponsored Team, the \$20 dinner fee is waived for up to four (4) members maximum. Every team member must be an employee of the utility (or a family member) to qualify for the waived fee.
 - Utility and City sponsored teams will also be reimbursed up to \$100 for the entrée entry and up to \$25 for a dessert entry. Bring your receipts to the registration table at the event for reimbursement.

Setup and Cleanup:

- Teams may arrive at the Knights of Columbus facility as early as 8am, Friday morning.
- Each team must provide their own needed equipment and supplies. Electrical hook-ups are available.
- The facility kitchen will be available for sink use only and must be cleaned after use. No facility equipment and/or utensils will be removed from kitchen area for any reason.
- Teams will be allowed to bring their choice of beverages, but after 5:30 pm all beer, bottled water, and soft drinks must be purchased at the bar (with exception of hard liquor).
- Teams are responsible for cleaning their own area and removing all equipment and trash by the end of the competition (10 pm).

Judging:

- All teams must check-in no later than 4:30 pm.

- We appreciate that some teams prepare multiple foods. To simplify the judging, please select no more than one item in each entrée or desert category for judging.
- Between 5:30 pm and 5:45 pm, each team should send a representative to the kitchen area to obtain a numbered card (B1, B2, etc., for beef entrées; C1, C2, etc., for chicken entrées; D1, D2, etc. for desserts; etc.) and matching numbered containers. At 5:45pm, a representative from each team should take their entrée/dessert in the assigned containers to the judging area.
- Judging begins promptly at 6:00pm. Late entrées and desserts cannot be included in the judging.
- While judging is underway, teams should cut up the entrée meat and bring the entrées/desserts to the designated serving tables. Meat should be cut up in the kitchen area or outside, not at the serving table.
- Food service for the buffet will begin promptly at 6:15 pm.
- A side dish must be provided by each team for attendees, but will not be submitted for judging. (Each team will be responsible for regulating dish temperature and serving.)
- The results of the judging will be announced after the food has been served.

Judging Categories and Awards:

Traditional BBQ

1. There will only be 4 categories for the "Traditional BBQ": Beef, Chicken, Pork and Wild Game.
2. Each team is allowed to submit only one (1) entry per category.
3. Must submit serving portions for 3 judges by 5:45pm, at designated area.
4. First, Second and Third place will be awarded for each category.

Homemade Dessert

1. Must submit serving portions for 3 judges by 5:45 pm, at designated area.
2. Store-bought desserts will not be included in the judging.
3. First, Second and Third place will be awarded.

Homebrew Beer

1. Must submit serving portions for 3 judges by 5:45 pm, at designated area.
2. First, Second and Third place will be awarded.

Costume Contest

1. Judging will begin at 6 pm at the stage area.
2. Best Adult Oktoberfest and best Kids Oktoberfest costumes will be awarded.

Contact Brigit Buff at 817.713.0372 or via email mperkins@perkinsconsultants.com or Grace Wike at treasurer@weat-nts.org for registration and any questions.

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