



San Marcos High School - PTSA School Year 2009-010

Dues \$5 per person

(Parent Teacher Student Association) NEEDS YOU!!

SMHS PTSA is a proud member of the Texas State PTA (www.txpta.org) and National PTA (www.pta.org)

~ Portion of each persons's dues is sent to the Texas chapter; check out member benefits as the above URLs ~

PTSA URL: <http://rattlers.net/smhspsta> PTSA Email: rattlerspta@yahoo.com

***To Join:** Please complete and return bottom portion of this form to the SMHS Admin Bldg or mail along with your check payable to "SMHS PTSA" c/o San Marcos High School, 2601 E. McCarty, San Marcos, TX 78666 **Questions??** Call Linda Delgado 512-557-7997 OR Carol Peters, Membership Chair 512-357-2627. Total Dues Included: \$ _____ (\$5.00 per person) Membership valid through October 15, 2010 (\$3 sent to Texas PTA and National PTA, \$2 kept at local unit)

Member(s) Name: _____

Member Type: (circle one) Faculty Student Community Regular (parent, guardian, staff)

Community Organization: _____

(Membership will be listed under both Organization & contact name. Put contact person's name in Member Name)

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ - _____

Phone #: Work: __ (____) _____ Home: __ (____) _____ Cell: __ (____) _____

Email: _____

Your high School student(s) names and grade level (if applicable):

Name: _____ Grade Level _____ Name: _____ Grade Level _____

- Area of Interest/Skills** (Please circle) SMHS PTSA (Board Committee chairperson, CIT, DEIC) • Teacher/Staff Appreciation • VIPS (volunteers in Public Schools) • Brown Bag Lunch-Topics/Speakers/Host; Scholarships/Awards • Newsletter • Membership • Foreign Language Skills (Spanish) • Mentoring/Tutoring/Counseling; Health Concerns • Public/Community Relations • Website • Texas PTA (Conferences, Delegate Board) • Area 13 PTA (Conferences, Delegate, Board Committee) • Youth Protection • Arts in Education Program • Environmental/Recycling Program • Legislative Actions • Parent Education Programs • Fundraisers

Special Skills: _____

Recommended by (who encouraged you to join): _____ (Awards given for referring others)

Texas PTA Member Benefits (see details at <http://www.txpta.org>):

1. **Maintains state headquarters** with a staff available for assistance and direction for Local PTA officers and members at: 1.800.TALK PTA; the Texas PTA Web site, www.txpta.org; or by writing Texas PTA, 408 W 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-2113.
2. Provides **leadership training** through seminars, workshops, conferences, summer leadership seminar and PTA Day at the Capitol (look under the "Events" pull-down menu and the "Other PTAs" choice under the "Contact/Talk" pull-down menu).
3. **Publishes various materials** available to Local PTAs: The Voice, Texas PTA Handbook, Flash Facts, Chairmen's Guides, membership promotions, Local PTA mailings and program resources. Many of these are available on the Web site (use appropriate links above). Offers scholarships for educators and students (look under the PTA Forms pull-down menu).
4. Provides an **annual state convention** for training and state business (look under the Events pull-down menu).
5. Sends **information** to Local PTA leaders on critical issues.
6. Provides **legislative representation** for the children of Texas (look under the Legislative News pull-down menu).
7. Important Benefits - EDGEducational Benefits Summary - Advantage Benefits Program - Lowes Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF). More details at Texas PTA <http://www.txpta.org>

National PTA Member Benefits .. All PTA Member units have access to (see details at <http://www.pta.org>):

- **Annual Resources for PTAs**, a reference manual containing the **National PTA Handbook**, as well as **tips on unit finances, legislative information, membership drives, leadership development, and marketing and public relations.**
- **Our Children magazine**, National PTA's flagship publication with parenting articles by experts on children's health, education, and well-being; and information on advocacy efforts; the latest news that affects children and youth.
- **Professionally designed public service announcements (PSAs)** to aid in membership recruitment.
- **National PTA Annual Convention** registration information and **National PTA's Membership Achievement Program**
- **A Back-to-School kit** containing recruitment ideas and other materials to get the year started.
- **Select resources** developed in collaboration with National PTA's partners and **Teacher Appreciation Week** ideas
- **Numerous resources** on parent involvement programs, fundraising, working collaboratively, and much more.
- **Discounts** and special offers from a host of PTA sponsors and community partners.

Individual members have access to a number of exclusive benefits too, including:

- **Online parenting resources**, including select articles from **Our Children magazine.**
- **E-newsletters** on parenting and legislative issues and **Leadership training** opportunities in-person and online.
- **Exclusive National PTA member benefits** and sponsor offers from companies such as Office Depot and Barnes & Noble.
- **Discounted member rate** for National PTA's annual convention, magazine subscriptions, and more.
- **The Member-to-Member Network**, connecting you to Congress when help is needed on issues important to children, schools, and families.