



Lone Star Liberty

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A Brief Schedule of Events

The Weekend for Winners will kickoff 6 p.m. Friday, September 16 with a reception at host hotel, Radisson Town Lake in Austin. (Registration will open at 4 p.m.) The reception will feature light snacks and the live music of Too Blue. (www.tooblue-austin-band.com)

Saturday's events begin bright and early at 8:30 a.m. You can choose Track 1, Track 2, or if you are under 12 you can choose the Children's Program. See the neighboring articles and page 2 for information.

At lunch you can go your own way or join us for a catered meal with speakers Michael Sullivan of the Texas Public Policy Foundation and Peggy Venable of Americans for Prosperity.

Afternoon workshops for all tracks end at 5:30 p.m. Take a break and then join us for a Dinner Banquet from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. State Chair Patrick Dixon will be Master of Ceremonies and there will be speeches by noted Libertarian authors Dr. Mary Ruwart and Michael Badnarik. There may even be singing!

Workshops on Sunday begin at 8:30 and run until 5 p.m. but you have the opportunity to join us for lunch at Noon with Penny Langford-Freeman, Political Director for Ron Paul.

Everything is open to everyone—so bring a friend. Those attending the conference are also welcome to take a break and visit the State Capitol or learn about the Congress Avenue Bats with our libertarian children. Registration and prices are on page 3. More information is on our website at www.lptexas.org.

Conference is Grass Roots Activist Training

The main track at the Weekend For Winners Conference is the Grassroots Activist Training being provided by the Leadership Institute. The Institute is providing professional trainers to come to Austin and provide two full days of workshops for anyone interested in effective politics.

The training covers all aspects of campaigning including fundraising, outreach, issue development, presentations, etc. Participants will also receive a CD-ROM resource book.

In order to help keep the costs down in bringing the training to Texas, it will be open to anyone, regardless of Party affiliation. As a result we are able to offer professional services for just \$100.

Because candidates need pictures, we have arranged for Jayne Allen, of Quintessence Photography, to offer onsite non-copyright digital photographs.

Track 2 Focus: Training, Issues & Outreach

The professional activist training that is being provided by the Leadership Institute is highly suggested for everyone, however, if you can only attend one day, or are a new to the Party interested in finding out more, or on a tighter budget Track 2 may be the place for you.

Track 2 runs the full two days of the Conference and includes presentations aimed at building party organizations, speakers on specific issues of interest to many libertarians, and presentations designed as outreach to newcomers.

Most of the training presentations are scheduled on Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon. Training on Saturday includes an introduction to party organization, the candidate nomination process, and conventions by our Executive Director Wes Benedict. Barry Klein, Public Policy Consultant and Founder of the Houston Property Rights Association will tell us how six people willing to invest three hours weekly can change the local political scene. Then he'll tell you how he did with just two people! And elected Libertarian Patrick Dixon will be on hand to talk about getting elected.

On Sunday, Wes will host a panel of County Chairs, who will share what works (or doesn't) to create an effective County Party. Next we will have a workshop on finding free or low-cost web hosting and creating a county or candidate website. Finally, Clyde Garland will show you how to use an Operation Politically Homeless Booth to grow the Party.

The outreach section of the program is scheduled for Saturday afternoon. At this time we'll hear from Michael Sullivan, of the Texas Public Policy Foundation, and Peggy Venable of Americans for Prosperity. Adam Groza, of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, will give us five reasons the LP is the Party for evangelical Christians. And Dr. Mary Ruwart, will teach us about libertarian philosophy.

Those interested in issues should plan to attend Track 2 on Sunday morning. At this time we are scheduled to hear from Genie Hayes about the FairTax. We may also have a speaker on drug issues. Finally, Michael Badnarik will give a talk about on Rights and Privileges.



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Where to Stay For Conference

The Radisson Hotel and Suites on Town Lake, 111 East Cesar Chavez, is the host hotel for the Weekend for Winners Conference.

The hotel is offering a discounted rate of \$89 for a single or \$99 for a double room on a space available basis. Reservations can be made at 512-478-9611 or by calling their national reservation line at 800-333-3333. They will also take reservations online at www.radisson.com/austintx, type in special code "WINNER" for the discounted rate. Parking for those staying at the hotel is \$2 a day. Others will need to pay the conference rate of \$5 per entry.

The Radisson has a breakfast buffet each morning at the TGIF and there is also an onsite Starbucks.

Staying onsite is the simplest and most efficient thing to do—and it helps keep costs down for the Party.

However, if you can not book the Radisson there are several other hotels in walking distance including the Hampton Inn and Suites, which offers rooms starting at \$85. You can reach them at 512-472-1500. The nearest economy spot to stay is probably the Super 8 Austin Central, which is a short drive from the Radisson. Yahoo Travel reports the Super 8 as having an average rate of \$45 a night.

Badnarik's Post Conference Party

Michael Badnarik is hosting a Grand Opening of the Campaign Headquarters for his 2006 run for US Congress District 10 immediately following the Weekend for Winners Conference.

The Opening and celebratory Ice Cream Social is scheduled to run from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday, September 18 at the headquarters located at 6633 Highway 290 East, Suite 102

in Austin.

The campaign purchased a three-quarter page ad in this month's LP News to announce his candidacy and invite supporters to the event.

The District 10 incumbent is freshman Rep. Michael McCaul, who is a strong supporter of the USA Patriot Act and responsible for a program that has prosecuted more than 1,000 people for firearms possession.

Children's Program Will Include State Capitol Tour

Kid's attending what may be the first-ever Libertarian Conference to include a special program just for children can expect two-days of organized activities including a guided tour of the Texas State Capitol and a lesson on the Constitution from former LP Presidential candidate and author Michael Badnarik.

"It's not baby-sitting," says program leader Laura Coker-Garcia. "I've been working with a group of libertarian educators to address some of the deficits in the curriculum at most schools. Schools aren't teaching enough economics, they aren't teaching the Constitution, they don't teach logic, they don't teach about the legal system and juries. Even home-

schoolers have a hard time, because the resources just aren't there. The conference is an opportunity for me to introduce kids to some of these areas in what I hope will be a fun way."

The Children's Program at the Conference will run both days starting at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 5:30 on Saturday and 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The day begins with an introduction to libertarian philosophy based on the writing of Ken Schooland, Economics Professor and author of *The Adventures of Johnathan Gullible*. After storytime and a snack children will watch a popular animated movie with strong themes of individuality set in a totalitarian society. After pizza and soda or juice we will walk over to the

State Capitol for a guided tour. Interested adults are welcome! After returning to the hotel and another snack and story we'll learn about the Constitution and the Judicial system and then for fun we'll learn about bats from Bat Conservation International.

On Sunday we're concentrating on Economics. We'll view *Greed*, a John Stossel ABC News Special and play economics games. We'll also make treasure boxes. After our boxed lunch we'll learn about voting, political parties and symbols. The children will also get a chance to suggest a mascot for the LP.

The cost is \$40 for both days, or \$25 for one day. Contact Laura@libertyworks.org for information.

Weekend for Winners!

September 16-18, 2005 —Austin, Texas

Order Form

Package Prices	Price	Quantity	Amount
Grassroots Campaign School with meals	\$190	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Grassroots Campaign School (no meals)	\$100	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Conference Track Two with meals	\$125	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Conference Track Two (no meals)	\$40	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Children's Program	\$40	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Meals Only	\$90	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

A La Cart Prices

Friday Reception	\$15	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Saturday Lunch	\$30	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Saturday Banquet	\$50	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Sunday Lunch	\$30	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Conference Track Two single day	\$25	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Children's Program single day	\$25	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Total Price			<input type="text"/>

Attendees: _____

Ages of any children participating: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Credit Card Type: _____ Card #: _____

Name on Card: _____ Expiration: _____

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Events of Interest to Texas Libertarians

Sept. 3 (Sat.) Noon, Brazos County LP Meeting, C+J BBQ, 1010 S. Texas Ave., Bryan. Jeff Frazee will speak about his work this summer as an intern for Ron Paul. Call 822-6033 for directions or contact Chair Chris Jagge at c_jagge@msn.com.

Sept. 3 (Sat.) 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. LP booth at the Texas Liberty Jamboree, San Antonio. At Raymond Russell Park, Pavilion #2. Various speakers including a variety of talk show hosts and at 2 p.m. Ron Paul. For more information visit www.txLJ.com. To volunteer for our outreach contact SLECT District 25 Rep. Mike Burris at burris_m@sbcglobal.net.

Sept. 4 (Sun.) 4 p.m. Harris County LP Meeting, Contact Chair Jeff Daiell at jeffdaiell@yahoo.com for information.

Sept. 6 (Tues.) 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. Travis County LP meeting, Mekong River Restaurant, 215 E. 6th Street, Austin. For information contact Chair Rock Howard at rockmh@austin.rr.com.

Sept. 10 (Sat.) East Texas Libertarians Meeting, Up a Creek Coffee House, 608 State Hwy. 110 N. in Whitehouse. Contact Eric Rathbone at rillifare@excite.com for information.

Sept. 13 (Tues.) 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. An Examination of Texas' Economic State, Crappito's Cucina Italiana, 2400 Midlane St., Houston. Dinner and Primer by Stephen Moore, Senior Economics Writer for the Wall Street Journal sponsored by the Texas Public Policy Foundation. Event is free, but reservations are required by email to info@texaspolicy.com. Call 512-472-2700 for information.

Sept. 14 (Wed.) 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. An Examination of Texas' Economic State, El Jaro de Arturo's, 13421 San Pedro, San Antonio. See above for information.

Sept. 14 (Wed.) 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. An Examination of Texas' Economic State, Midland Country Club, 6101 N. Hwy 349, Midland. See above.

Sept. 15 (Thur.) 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. An Examination of Texas' Economic State, Texas Public Policy Foundation office, 900 Congress Ave. Ste. 400, Austin. See above.

Sept. 15 (Thur.) 7 p.m. How to Run for Office Panel, College Station Convention Center, College Station. Local Party Chairmen including LP Chair Chris Jagge will talk about running for partisan and non-partisan office. Presented by the League of Women Voters.

Sept. 15 (Thur.) Ethics Compliance Institute, The Crossings at Lake Travis, Austin. The Professional Advocacy Association of Texas presents invited experts and officials from the Texas Ethics Commission, the Travis County Attorney and DA's offices, campaign law attorneys and the State Capitol press corps, among others who will present ethics updates from the 79th legislative session, ethics information for PACS including court decisions, formation, expenditures and IRS reporting. Break-out sessions on ethics enforcement, lobby law, conflicts, contingencies and reporting issues, and media perceptions. More information and registration materials are coming soon at their website at www.texasadvocacy.com.

Sept. 16-18 (Fri.-Sat.) Weekend for Winners! in Austin. Radisson Town Lake, 111 E. Cesar Chavez St. Conference events will include a main track of campaign and candidate workshops provided by the Leadership Institute, www.leadershipinstitute.org. Other events include speakers Dr. Mary Ruwart, Michael Sullivan, Peggy Venable, Michael Badnarik, and Penny Langford-Freeman; a second track of workshops; social opportunities; and a complete two-day children's program. See this month's issue or our website at www.lptexas.org for information and registration materials.

Sept. 19 (Mon.) 7 p.m. Brazoria County LP Meeting, Family Buffet Restaurant, Hwy 288 in Angleton. Contact Chair George Harper at gharper@brazoriainet.com.

Nov. 11-13 (Fri.-Sun.) Cornforth Seminar, Houston. Legal issue seminar by Richard Cornforth. \$150 per person or \$200 per "married couple." See www.richardcornforth.com/seminars.

Dec. 3 (Sat.) 1 p.m. SLECT Meeting, Dallas. Location to be determined. Contact Chair@lptexas.org for information.