

NATIONAL STUTTERING ASSOCIATION

28th Annual Conference

JULY 6★10 2011

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Worthington Renaissance
Fort Worth, Texas
www.WeStutter.org



Fort Worth, Texas — July 6-10, 2011

It's time to giddy-up and head south to the Lone Star State for the biggest party of our lives! That's right, we're going big, REALLY BIG! Fort Worth, Texas will be the home of the 28th Annual NSA Conference from July 6-10, 2011.

The conference will have moving, informational, and dynamic workshops, along with presentations from NSA All-Stars. During the closing ceremony, we come together to reflect on the week. We will hear from people who were truly affected by the conference. The kids will exhibit some of their favorite moments and you might hear from people experiencing this conference for the first time. The fun continues during the closing banquet, where everyone is dressed to impress! Bring your dancing boots!

Fort Worth is located 33 miles west of "Big D" - Dallas. The city is a throwback to the way Texas was meant to be seen. The downtown section is composed of stunning art deco buildings, while the whole city embraces its proud history of the West. The Renaissance Worthington is the only four-star hotel in Fort Worth. Your hotel room will be cosmopolitan, yet maintain the Southwestern charm of Texas. All of the amenities you could want at a conference will be available, such as plentiful conference space, fitness center, indoor pool, and high-speed internet access, all served "southern hospitality".

DON'T MISS Thursday, July 6th
Update of selected topics on the latest **RESEARCH** in stuttering

REGISTER ONLINE
www.WeStutter.org
(Click on Annual Conference)

SUPPORT GROUP LEADER TRAINING

Thursday, 8:00 am - 10:00 am
This year's program is designed as an open forum with discussion groups on chapter growth, leadership development, and more.

CONFERENCE CHECK-IN AND REGISTRATION

Wednesday, 12:00pm—5:00pm
Pick up your conference packet, and get settled into your room. You can join us for some early Wednesday afternoon/evening activities or get some rest. **Be ready Thursday morning as activities are beginning at 9:00 a.m.** and continuing morning, noon and night throughout the entire weekend.

SLP INFORMATION

This year we will be offering up to 1.6 CEUs for the conference, so you will be able to earn more CEUs than ever before.

ADDITIONAL CEU INFORMATION **This is being offered 0.4 CEU's**

Thursday, 1:00pm—5:00pm
Facilitating Change in the Attitudes & Thinking of Children, Teens, & Adults who Stutter
Presenter: Diane Games

GOING ONCE. GOING TWICE. **SOLD!**

Those simple words can mean only one thing---it's time to talk about the NSA auction. The LIVE auction is one of our largest fundraisers as well as a conference ritual. So when you pack, don't forget your credit cards. (Just a little NSA humor.)

Even better, the Silent Auction for smaller items is returning to the conference. It's another chance to bid on exciting treasures and help the NSA at the same time. Talk about a win-win situation!

WANT TO HELP? We thought so! The NSA is now collecting items for both auctions. Items of interest include: sports memorabilia, electronics, art, jewelry, and more. If you have any questions about the auction, items, or anything else, feel free to e-mail us at info@WeStutter.org or call us at 800-WeStutter (800-937-8888).

FAMILY/YOUTH

NSA Families will meet in the Lone Star State and it's sure to be BIG! The conference is 3 1/2 days packed with activities that will enrich the entire family. Wednesday afternoon to Saturday evening, families will meet other people who stutter. Through the various outings and presentations, they will learn valuable information, share, laugh, and be entertained. Family Programs staff will be sure families are comfortable with the conference schedule and have a chance to relax and engage all at once. It can be a mind altering experience where families get to know each other and learn that they are not alone with their questions and challenges.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Need help getting to the conference this year? Due to generosity of corporate sponsors and many of our members, we are pleased to announce that scholarships are available once again to provide financial assistance for adults/families who would like to attend our annual conference. If you would like more information regarding scholarships please tell us why at fflores@WeStutter.org.

NSA is very grateful to the generosity of many individuals and companies, which allows us to offer this financial help. If you or your company would like to make a donation, please email us at fflores@WeStutter.org for more information.

Reservation and Travel Information



Worthington Renaissance Hotel

SPECIAL NSA room rates: \$139 Single/Double/Triple/Occupancy + tax

Make your hotel reservations online with Renaissance NOW!

Be sure to mention NSA for our great rate.

Call, write, fax or email the hotel at: 817-870-1000 or 800-468-3571

Online Reservations available at:

<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/nsastutter>

Cut off date for this great rate is June 18th

Rooms are very limited in the summer. *If sharing a room, request a double room and please give the name of all parties staying in the room. This will help decrease the likelihood of double booking.* Need a roommate? Please complete Roommate Profile on reverse side [Don't hesitate. Reserve your room now!](#)

Traveling to Fort Worth: Internet travel sites such as Travelocity, Orbitz and Expedia are out there, so pick your favorite and make your reservations early! The airport closest to Fort Worth would be Dallas Fort Worth (DFW). The hotel is located 25 minutes away by taxi or shuttle. Be sure to try and fly in before 4:00pm or after 7:00 pm—that way you won't get caught in traffic.

Traveling on Continental Airlines: Discount varies depending on booking class but mainly will be 2% Enter code ZJQ6 and agreement code 748006. Travel dates can be anytime between July 5-13 To receive an additional 3% discount book online at www.continental.com and enter ZJQ6748006 in the code box.

Traveling on American Airlines: AA 5% off applicable fares...must use code 7471AQ. Travel dates can be anytime between July 5-13 when booking online at www.aa.com enter 7471AQ in the promotion box.

Driving to Fort Worth - We have negotiated a great rate for onsite parking at the hotel of \$10 per day. If you are a member of AAA, you can get a **free** Triptik (personalized driving guide).

Dallas Area Rapid transit For those who are flying into Love Field-Dallas, take DART (Dallas Area Rapid Transit) Green Line light rail toward Buckner. Go three stops, transfer at the Victory station to the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) and take that to the end, Texas & Pacific Station. For those flying into DFW, take the TRE from CentrePort/DFW to Texas & Pacific Station. Our hotel is about a mile and half from there. For further details or questions, e-mail Steven Kaufman at NSANation4evr943@aol.com.

Those flying into DFW: Trinity Railway Express (TRE), which connects Dallas and Fort Worth. The CentrePort/DFW TRE station can be taken to the last stop, which is the Texas & Pacific Station. Our hotel is a mile and a half away. Once you arrive you will need to catch a cab (\$7.00) to the hotel.

Shuttle Service: Super Shuttle has given us some great rates so be sure to take advantage of them! Enter **code ZZEZF** when booking shuttle. Pricing is as follows:

To/From DFW

Shuttle: \$15.00 pp one-way / \$28.00 pp round-trip

ExecuCar: \$68.00 pp on-way/ \$134.00 pp round-trip

To/From Love Field

Shuttle: \$34.00 pp one-way / \$66.00 pp round-trip

ExecuCar: \$88.00 pp one-way/ \$174.00 pp round-trip

**all the above rates include taxes and tolls, but NOT gratuities*

Make your reservation now ~ www.supershuttle.com enter code ZZEZF



Family/Youth Program

The NSA conference 2011 is going to be big! Invest time with your family to explore, learn, network and share stuttering with leading experts who specialize in working with children and adolescents who stutter, as well as with other families. Bring the whole family! Parents, children who stutter (ages 7 and older) and their siblings can participate in activities and workshops which will enrich the whole family.

Families who have experienced the NSA conference have said they wish they had known about us years before. This is a rare chance for you to take a break from life's busy days to focus on your child's stuttering and what you can do to help. Meet with some of the world's foremost stuttering specialists while sharing stories with others families. Children and teens could be reluctant to come for the first time but chances are, they'll want to come back. The simple act of meeting other people who stutter can be liberating!



In private sessions, parents' questions will be answered by meeting teens and adults who stutter. At the same time, children will explore their stuttering in a fun and safe environment. The NSA's family program staff has some BIG ideas for new activities to make everyone!

You are not alone in the lone star state! These three and a half days of activities will be in an environment where people who stutter are the majority. The conference will officially begin Wednesday with a meet 'n greet then off we go. Thursday morning's Family Orientation Workshop will familiarize you with the conference schedule while giving you a chance to become better acquainted with the Family Programs staff, the Teen Advisory Council and other families. This program will provide you with the opportunity to network with leading experts who specialize in working with children and adolescents who stutter, as well as with other families. Activities include parent/teen round table discussions, expert panels, therapy advice, teen lead workshops, pool time, all sorts of new hands-on/action packed activities for the kids, and much more!

Twenty Somethings

TWENTY SOMETHINGS The transition from teen to adult can bring all sorts of new challenges. Last year, we brought a special focus to the needs of Twenty Somethings. A dedicated committee of people put special thought into making people in their 20's feel welcome, included and enlightened. They mentor the younger generation. They learn from and inspire people who have lived with stuttering for longer.

We understand that you are past the "teen scene" and are not quite feeling the "adult crowd" just yet. We had this in mind as we planned our conference program. Workshops will deal with the issues that challenge most Twenty-Somethings like dating/relationships, job interviews, career choices, advertising your stuttering and many others. We have planned workshops, dedicated the Twenty Somethings committee to host social outings and other age-specific activities. No doubt that you belong at this conference! We heard what you wanted and planned it for you.

Come hang out with people your age who understand what you are going through, you'll be glad you did!

Wednesday July 6, 2011 1:00PM 5:00PM CEU (0.4)

Presenter: Diane Games, M.A., CCC-SLP, BRS-FD

Topic: Facilitating Change in the Attitudes & Thinking of Children, Teens, & Adults who Stutter!

Description: This course will discuss assessment tools, behaviors and treatment approaches for each age group in the attitudinal and cognitive aspects of stuttering. Information for the professional will include techniques for addressing these issues in treatment. Case studies will be utilized to demonstrate the ideas/concepts.

NSA is pleased to announce an all new First Timers program!

The first conference can be scary for someone who has never been, but without fail, they always end up being unforgettable!

If this is your first conference, we have just a few things in store for you to make sure that your experience will also be unforgettable and that you want to come back for more. We offer **daily workshops** that allow First Timers to meet 20 - 30 new people each day in a relaxed and fun environment. After the **Opening Ceremony** on Thursday evening, we have a **designated area in the bar** for First Timers to mingle with conference regulars as well as places in the lobby for those who prefer a quieter place to talk. There is a **First Timers Lunch** on site on Friday (*all expenses paid for by each attendee - not part of the conference fees*) which gives First-Timers an opportunity to continue socializing with your friends and make a few more new ones.

We GUARANTEE that when you attend your first conference, you will not only have a great time, but also learn new things about yourself and about stuttering, and make lifelong friends! So, what are you waiting for? Register, reserve your room, buy that airline ticket and come experience the four days that could change your life!

Thursday Night Welcome Reception

Join your fellow conference attendees as we kick off the 28th Annual NSA Conference in 'Lone Star' style!

Light hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar available. Circle the wagons and come together for a boot stompin' good time!

Annual Awards



What would a conference be without the chance to publicly acknowledge the efforts of members, volunteers, families, chapters and SLPs who do so much for the NSA and the stuttering community? Awards will be given out throughout the conference – some at the opening reception and some at the general sessions, so be sure to attend and find out who wins, it may be you!

Awards will be given to Member of the Year, Chapter Leader of the Year, Chapter of the Year, Parent of the Year, Special Youth Recognition, Regional Chapter Coordinator of the Year, and Speech Language Pathologist of the Year.

Saturday Night Banquet & Dance (Pre paid event! Ticket required)

Break out your fancy spurs, grab your partner and head to the closing hoedown, including a live auction and dinner of your Texas favorites. Please choose your entree selection from the list below, and check it off on the enclosed registration form.

All dinners include: Texas chop Salad w/bacon, blue cheese crumbles, tomatoes and chipotle ranch dressing, mashed red Skin Potatoes, Seasonal veggies, Texas Style breads. Desert will be Vanilla Cheesecake with Praline Crust & Peach Fruit Topping or German Chocolate Layered Pot Au Crème in a Martini Glass, Starbucks coffee or tea.

Adult Banquet Selections: Select one per person (\$38.00 each)

1. Braised Beef short ribs w/Bourbon BBQ sauce
2. Pecan Crusted Chicken
3. Black bean & grilled eggplant in corn meal crepe, with roasted tomato sauce

Youth Meal: (\$22)

1. Steak Fingers, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Berries and Brownie Triangles



Keynote Highlights

The NSA is honored to bring this opportunity to its members. Oscar-nominated Screenwriter, **David Seidler** had long wanted to pen the story of a stammering King George VI (Colin Firth) and the speech therapist (Geoffrey Rush) who helped him. Seidler is a person who stutters and he is coming to share his story with the NSA! Besides the Oscar buzz for *The King's Speech*, this film is gaining accolades from the stuttering community on whole.

A Londoner by birth, David developed a profound childhood stutter. As a result, George VI, the stammering King who had to speak, became a boyhood hero, role model, and inspiration for ***The King's Speech***.

David is the doting, excessively proud father of Maya and Marc, an avid fly fisherman, and hopes he can continue to be of service to the stuttering community which he is proudly part.

Registration Information

Choose to attend special events such as: Saturday night banquet or one of the exciting tours described in this brochure. Mark your selections on the registration form, total the cost along with your registration fee and send it in. Your conference fee will be based on the date you register, so save money by registering early!

You can also register online, go to www.Westutter.org and click on Annual Conference on the top right hand side

Adult Registration: This is for all adults who stutter, their family, friends.

Family Registration: This is for children who stutter and their families

SLP Registration: This is for SLP's that are requiring CEU credits

Fee includes: Conference materials, workshops, general sessions and Thursday Night Opening Celebration (hors d'oeuvres), kids social event and our teen social event. **Tours/banquet are not included in this fee.**

We have a great selection of tours this year for you to select from all price ranges. Many of them are available on a first come basis. There will be **NO** onsite tour sales so book yours now! Use this worksheet to select the tours you want, then check them off on the registration sheet included. Pre-payment is required for all tours.

Wednesday evening Tours Space is limited, so register EARLY!

Everything is BIG in Texas: and so are the options!

Our hope when selecting these tours was that they would give you a once-in-a-lifetime Texas experience. There is something available for every different price point, and we hope you enjoy the variety of options we have provided



Wednesday ~ *Texas Rangers vs Baltimore Orioles*

Spend a night out under the stars watching the 2010 American League Champions Texas Rangers! The NSA will be offering discounted tickets for baseball at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington. The Upper Home Run Porch has multiple seating areas, including tables and seats on the glass overlooking the playing field, three bar areas, and sports programming on over 100 televisions including several big screens. We will leave at 5 p.m. and return after the game's conclusion, around 9:30-10 p.m. **Price includes ticket & transportation. Price per person \$35**

Wednesday ~ *Six Flags Over Texas: TICKETS ARE LIMITED*

Get your adrenaline rush at Six Flags Over Texas. This amusement park has got a ride that can satisfy even the most demanding thrill-seekers, or just those casually interested in a night out with family. Dive Bomber Alley is calling all riders who dare to take a 15-story high speed plunge. Or if you want to have your breath taken away while getting a great view of Big D and Fort Worth, be on Superman's "Tower of Power" as you race up and then back down. Or if you're just all about the water, Hurricane Harbor has every type of ride that ends with a huge splash. We will leave hotel at 4:00pm and return at 10:00pm

Price includes ticket and transportation. Price per person \$35



Friday evening Tours Space is limited, so register EARLY!

Choose to attend We have a great selection of tours in all price ranges for you to select from. Many tours are available on a first come - first served basis. There will be **NO** onsite tour sales so book yours now! Use this worksheet to select the tours you want, then check them off on the registration sheet included. Pre-payment is required for all tours.

Friday evening tours (choose one)



Billy Bob's Texas is the world's largest honky-tonk. This place is huge (three acres!), with its own **indoor rodeo** arena for **professional bull riding**, a **Texas-size dance floor**, dozens of bar stations, **plus restaurants, arcade games**, a Wall of Fame with celebrity handprints, and a general store. It is also an amazing 10-time winner of country music's "Club of the Year." And come by and enjoy some authentic Texas cuisine-after all, you can't be a Texan (even temporarily) and not try some BBQ brisket.

Billy Bob's Texas has real **live bull riding (\$2.50 per person night of event)** INSIDE the huge entertainment center, with the best bull riders in the world competing weekly. No mechanical bulls here. You'll see the real thing: **real bulls, real cowboys** at Billy Bob's.

Price per person \$23 (Adults) Free (Kids under 9)

Stockyard Station: Transportation only \$7 per person, Additional tours fees below

There's no place in Texas like Fort Worth's Stockyards Station! Located in the heart of the Stockyards National Historic District, Stockyards Station exemplifies Texas by providing an exciting blend of old and new with Historic Walking Tours that visit the Texas Trail of Fame, The Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame and more, over 25 unique shops including a winery, art gallery and great restaurants that offer everything from ribs to enchiladas. While at Stockyards Station be sure to check out the pony rides, petting zoo, and take a ride on an authentic Stagecoach. Check it out www.fortworthstockyards.org.

Options include:

Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame: \$5 per person

Learn about the men and women who made significant contributions to the Western lifestyle in Texas. See the Sterquell Wagon Collection – world's largest collection of lifestyle wagons. Discover the Chisholm Trail Exhibit – includes rare, authentic pieces with some dating as early as the 1700s. The exhibit explores 4 areas of the famous cattle-drive route of the Old West and its special ties to Fort Worth. Check it out texascowboyhalloffame.org.

Cowtown Cattlepen Maze: \$5 per person

With over 5,400 square feet of frequently changed wooden pathways, resembling the cattlepens of the old west, the Maze is always a challenge! Maze runners are timed through the two-level course of twists and turns attempting to locate checkpoints and find their way out. Logical thinking or luck – determines your Amaze'n Time!

Other options for Friday evening: The Renaissance Worthington is truly the "Jewel of Texas." Located in the heart of downtown Fort Worth, you'll be within walking distance of the premier shopping and entertainment venue, **Sundance Square**. Complete with everything from a cosmopolitan specialty beer and tequila bar to improv comedy clubs, from hot dance clubs to Old West-style dueling piano bars such as the **Flying Saucer**, Sundance Square has everything necessary to experience the heritage of the Lone Star State. There are plenty of restaurants nearby to whet your appetite for anything you might have a Texas-sized hankering for, including **Risky's BBQ** for finger-lickin' good food and weekend karaoke, **Mercury Chop House** for out-of-this world beef, or **Cabo Grande** for authentic Mexican. If shopping is your thing, be sure to pick up the perfect boots or a piece of funky jewelry at the **Retro Cowboy**. If you don't feel like walking, just hop on Fort Worth's **free trolley**, Molly. Pick up is right in front of the hotel, and she will take you all around Sundance Square.

NSA 2011 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Mail your registration form to National Stuttering Association, 119 W 40th Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10018. Fax to 212-944-8244. This form is also available on our web site at www.WeStutter.org.

Name: _____ Day Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Email: _____

Check all that apply:

- I am a person who stutters.
- We are a family attending together (please register below using the 3-day Family package)
- I am an SLP OR _____ I am an SLP student
- I am under 18 years old.
- I am interested in volunteering at the conference. (Please complete Volunteer Profile on reverse side)
- I am a chapter leader. (Indicate chapter: _____)
- I have **not** attended an NSA Conference before.
- I need a roommate (Please complete Roommate Profile on reverse side)

Conference Registrations

Early Adult Registration: Before March 31, 2011 ___ \$144 Special 3-Day **Family Package** (entire family)
Regular Adult Registration: After April 1, 2011 ___ \$159 ___ Regular Registration \$195 ___ After 3/31 \$245
Late Adult Registration: After May 1, 2011 ___ \$176 **Twenty Somethings** (Specify age here _____)
Spouse/Guest/Student/Low Income/1- Day Pass ___ \$99 before 3/31 ___ \$143 after 3/31
___ \$65 (please circle one)

Speech Language Pathologist (Session listed below included in registration)

Before March 31st \$209 ___ after 4/1 ___ \$249

Continuing Education Seminar (0.4 CEU's offered) Wednesday 1:00pm – 5:00pm
If you are attending this session only, price is below otherwise included in registration price

SLP Price \$49

Excursions

Wednesday: Texas Rangers vs. Baltimore Orioles \$35 per person ___ (how many)

Wednesday: Six Flags over Texas \$35 per person ___ (how many)

Friday: Stockyard Station \$7 per person ___ (how many)

Friday: Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame \$5 per person ___ (how many)

Friday: Cowtown Cattlepen Maze \$5 per person ___ (how many)

Friday: Billy Bob's Adults (\$23) ___ (how many) Kids under 9 Free ___ (how many)

Friday: Grab a group of friends and check out Sundance Square (sign up sheet at registration table)

Saturday Night Banquet Options

Adult Banquet: \$38 per person

Braised Beef short ribs w/Bourbon BBQ sauce ___ (how many)

Pecan Crusted Chicken ___ (how many)

Black bean & Grilled eggplant in corn meal crepe, w/roasted tomato sauce ___ (how many)

Youth Banquet: \$22 Steak Fingers, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans ___ (how many)

Not joining us for dinner? Feel free to join us anytime after 8:30 for the 'hoedown' portion of the evening.

Method of Payment

Mail your registration form to National Stuttering Association at 119 W. 40th Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10018 or fax to 212-944-8244.

Check Visa MasterCard
 Card Number _____/_____/_____/_____ Exp Date ____/_____
 Cardholder Name (please print) _____
 Signature _____
 Subtotal \$ _____ Other Donation \$ _____ Total \$ _____

Additional Family Members Attending:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Age if child under 18 _____
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Volunteer Profile

Get involved, have fun, meet people and be a part of the conference team!

Please provide information about the volunteer:

Name _____ Age if under 18 _____

Interested in Volunteering? If so, let us know where.

	NSA Store		Family Programs
	Open Microphone		Kids Workshops
	Greeter		Other (Please specify: _____)

Roommate Profile

Please book your hotel room now and request two beds. We will be in touch soon.

If you need a roommate, please fill out the simple form below. The NSA office will contact you by June 15, 2011 with your roommate information. The NSA is not responsible for compatibility of roommate selected. We will do our best to make a suitable match for you. Filling out this form does not guarantee a roommate. If you find a roommate before we contact you, please let us know so we can remove you from the roommate request list.

Arrival Date: _____

Departure Date: _____

All rooms are non-smoking

How many roommates (not including yourself): 1 2 3

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Highlights you don't want to miss!

Wednesday: 1:30 - Meet and Greet (**Family Programs**); 12:00pm - **Registration opens**; 1:00 pm—5:00 **Continuing Education Seminar**; **Wednesday evening tours:** Six Flags over Texas or Rangers vs Orioles baseball game

Thursday: **Youth/Family** recommended orientation; **Research update**; **Dr. Dennis Drayna**; **Workshops** begin; **Chapter leader** meeting; **Opening Ceremonies**; **First timers** workshop (a must for all first timers); CEUs offered throughout the weekend

Friday: Workshops, **Workshops**, Workshops! **Friday night excursions.**

Saturday: **Keynote speech**; **Closing Ceremonies**; **Silent Auction** ends; **Banquet** and **Live Auction**; **Dance** the night away with all your new and old friends!

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook
(National Stuttering Association)
and Twitter (WeStutterNSA)!

