

2008 Convention Cruise to Cozumel!

October 23-27, 2008 Galveston, Texas to Cozumel, Mexico 800-883-7327 (Special Needs/Requests)

CRITICAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION!

Registration attendee information must be filled out **ACCURATELY!**

The name you use with this registration form **MUST MATCH** your passport **PRECISELY!**

You could be denied entry on the ship if the legal name listed below and on your passport don't match **EXACTLY!**

Also required this year is attendee **DATE OF BIRTH** ... be sure to include that in the space provided below in the "Attendee Information" section.

Attendee Information (One form per attendee. Please print or type.)

 Special Assistance Required

TSPS Member# _____ (required for member discount) RPLS# _____ PE# _____ (firm name) _____

Name (first) _____ (mi) _____ (last) _____ (preferred) _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ email _____

Spouse/Guest Name (first) _____ (last) _____ (preferred) _____ Date of Birth _____

Name of Person(s) You'll Share a Cabin With if Other Than Spouse _____

Registration Type/Accommodations (please check one)

	Member Full Reg	Non-Member Full Reg	Member Paraprof	Non-Member Paraprof	Auxiliary Member Spouse/Guest	Non-Auxiliary Member Spouse/Guest
Inside Cabin	<input type="checkbox"/> 650	<input type="checkbox"/> 875	<input type="checkbox"/> 550	<input type="checkbox"/> 700	<input type="checkbox"/> *480	<input type="checkbox"/> 450
Ocean View	<input type="checkbox"/> 710	<input type="checkbox"/> 935	<input type="checkbox"/> 610	<input type="checkbox"/> 760	<input type="checkbox"/> *540	<input type="checkbox"/> 510
Penthouse suite	<input type="checkbox"/> 1165	<input type="checkbox"/> 1390	<input type="checkbox"/> 1065	<input type="checkbox"/> 1215	<input type="checkbox"/> *995	<input type="checkbox"/> 965

*Includes TSPS Auxiliary Dues & Registration

Attendee Registration **Total**

= _____

**For cruise-specific questions or special needs, contact
Cruise Holidays at 800-883-7327 or 512-419-7327.**

Spouse/Guest Reg **Total**

= _____

Events & Educational Sessions

Time	Name	Cost	Total
Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2008			
<input type="checkbox"/> 11:00 a.m.	Golf Tournament	No. of Tickets __ @ 80	= _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 p.m.	Skeet Shoot (ammo not provided)	No. of Tickets __ @ 45	= _____
Friday, Oct. 24, 2008			
<input type="checkbox"/> 11:30 a.m.	Mock Trial: Expert Witness or Defendant (4 CEUs)		
<input type="checkbox"/> 11:30 a.m.	Business Writing Worth Reading (4 CEUs)		
<input type="checkbox"/> 11:30 a.m.	Risk Management: Using the ALTA/ACSM Standards as a Tool (4 CEUs)		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 p.m.	Auxiliary - Wine Tasting & Ice Sculpting	No. of Tickets __ @ 20	= _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 4:45 p.m.	Awards & Installation of Officers	No. of Tickets __ @ No charge	
Sunday, Oct. 26, 2008			
<input type="checkbox"/> 8:00 a.m.	Texas GPS Real Time Networks (8 CEUs) (Includes 4 hr afternoon session)		
<input type="checkbox"/> 8:00 a.m.	Enhancements to the US National Spatial Reference System (4 CEUs)		
<input type="checkbox"/> 8:00 a.m.	Texas Laws Applicable to the Practice of Professional Land Surveying (4 CEUs)		
<input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 a.m.	Auxiliary - Annual Bus. Mtg. & Luncheon	No. of Tickets __ @ 25	= _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 p.m.	History of the GLO: Subdivision of the Public Lands (4 CEUs)		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 p.m.	Condominium Platting and Regimes (4 CEUs)		

Mail or fax this form to:

TSPS, 2525 Wallingwood Drive Ste 300, Austin TX 78746

Phone: 512-327-7871 Fax: 512-327-7872

or register online at: www.tsp.org

Payment

Check # _____ VISA MC AMX

Account # _____ Exp Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Total = _____



2008 CRUISE CONVENTION TIMELINE & TENTATIVE AGENDA

Get your passports NOW. Passport information and applications at: http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html

March-May	Register for convention and make cabin reservations
Wed., Oct. 22	Golf & Skeet Shoot Reception at Moody Gardens
Thurs., Oct. 23	Breakfast at Moody Gardens Boarding from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. depart Galveston Pick up convention registration materials after boarding
Fri., Oct. 24	Board meeting and Annual Membership Meeting TSPSA Event Concurrent education sessions Awards and installation of officers
Sat., Oct. 25	8:00 a.m. arrival in Cozumel. Spend the day shopping, on shore excursions, or enjoying the spa on board 4:00 p.m. depart Cozumel
Sun., Oct. 26	Concurrent education sessions TSPSA Annual meeting
Mon., Oct. 27	8:30 a.m. arrive Galveston 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon disembark and head for home

CRUISE REGISTRATION & CANCELLATION POLICIES

Information required for registration and cabin reservations:

- Date of Birth
- Passports (with legal names matching your cruise registration)

All special needs/requests, and cruise-specific inquiries should be forwarded to **Cruise Holidays** at: 800-883-7327 or 512-419-7327. Ask for Mike or Sundi. For single occupancy or 3rd & 4th person rates, call Cruise Holidays.

In the event of a cancellation, expect **two** separate cancellation fees. TSPS offers a full refund, less a **\$25** administrative fee, if cancellations made by **Sept. 23, 2008**. Telephone cancellations will not be accepted. No TSPS refunds **after Sept. 23**.

Cruise Holidays' Cancellation and Refunds Policy

<u>Days Prior to Oct. 23</u>	<u>Cancellation Charge (per guest)</u>
Up to 151 days	None
150 to 121 days	25% of total fare
120 to 31 days	50% of total fare
30 days or less	100% of total fare

2008 CONVENTION CRUISE TO COZUMEL!

It's almost here!

The most unique TSPS convention event in its 57 year history – a **Carnival Cruise to Cozumel, Mexico** – is a few short months away. But registration is ongoing right now!

Register for convention & your cruise accommodations (cabin) with one easy form. Go online to www.tsp.org, or fill out the attached registration form and fax to 512-327-7871.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE - MAY 19



Register now and receive the TSPS cabin rate! First step, however, is to secure your passport. Names listed on your cruise registration and your passport **MUST MATCH UP**. You could be denied entry to the ship if your paperwork is not clearly the same.

WHAT TO WEAR

Average high temperatures in Galveston in mid-October are in the **70s**, with average lows in the **mid 60s**. In Cozumel, expect high temps in the **mid 80s**, with lows in the **low 70s**.

Also, **room temperatures vary widely**, so a sweater or jacket is recommended for sessions. Bring comfortable shoes for strolling on deck & exploring Cozumel.

Business casual attire required for education sessions. Dinner attire ranges from resort casual to formal attire on various nights. No shorts or tank tops in sessions or in the dining halls.

Beach-wear is of course appropriate for Cozumel or excursions.



EVENTS & SESSIONS

October 22

Wednesday

11:00 a.m.

Annual Golf Tournament

This 4-man scramble at Moody Gardens Golf Course is open to TSPS members and sponsors. Leave hotel at 11:00 a.m., with lunch provided. Tourney begins at 1:00 p.m.

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Annual Skeet Shoot

Join TSPS members and friends for this popular annual event. Skeet Shoot registration ends May 19. Cost is \$45 (cost does not include ammo).

6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

TSPS Reception at Moody Gardens

Get reacquainted with old friends and colleagues, and strike up new friendships with your fellow shipmates at a reception at beautiful **Moody Gardens Hotel** in Galveston. Spend the night for **\$149**, then take a shuttle to the pier. Your vehicle will be in the hotel covered garage at no extra charge. Upon return, you will be met at the pier by the Moody Gardens Shuttle for a ride back to your vehicle.

October 23

Thursday

7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

Breakfast - Moody Gardens Hotel

11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Boarding for Convention Cruise to Cozumel!

You can pick up your convention registration materials after you board the Ecstasy.

October 24

Friday

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

TSPS Board Meeting

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Annual Membership Meeting

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

TSPSA Wine Tasting & Ice Sculpting

Start your trip off right with a wine tasting, and get educated on wines from South America. While enjoying your wine you will learn the secrets to ice sculpting.

11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Mock Trial: Expert Witness or Defendant - Jim Johnson, Mark Hanna, et al

Get a first-hand look inside the courtroom during this Mock Trial. Trial actors will discuss: state regulations and practice standards that apply to a surveyor/defendant or an expert witness in a surveying dispute; preparation requirements for expert witnesses or defending a prior survey; and how to present boundary surveys to a court or jury. (4 CEUs)

Business Writing Worth Reading - Milton Denny

Learn to produce Business Writing Worth Reading! This class includes info on proper communications in the modern business world, how your communications can be used against your company in court and how clients and associates judge your company by what you write. (4 CEUs)

Risk Management – Using the ALTA/ACSM Standards as a Tool

- Curt Sumner

Elements of successful client relations, through the effective communication of the expectations of both client and surveyor, will be unpacked in this relevant seminar. Also, the risk management and the use of ALTA/ACSM Land Title Survey Requirements in developing a scope of work will also be discussed. (4 CEUs)

4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Awards & Installation of Officers

October 25

Saturday

8:00 a.m.

Arrive in Cozumel

Spend the day shopping, on shore excursions or enjoying the spa on board!

4:00 p.m.

Depart Cozumel

October 26

Sunday

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Enhancements to the US National Spatial Reference System

- Dave Doyle

Join Chief Geodetic Surveyor Dave Doyle (National Geodetic Survey) for this timely session on enhancements to the U.S.

Naitonal Spatial Reference System, as well as the NGS 10-year plan with emphasis on anticipated redefinitions of the horizontal and vertical datums. (4 CEUs)

Texas Laws Applicable to the Practice

of Professional Land Surveying - Mark Hanna & Pat Smith

At each meeting of the Texas Legislature changes are made in legislation affecting land surveyors. This update will inform participants of the new changes that may affect their practice. (4 CEUs)

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (8 hours credit)

Texas GPS Real Time Networks - Stacey Lyle

Want a better understanding of the use of RTK GPS for Professional Surveying? If so, this is the course for you. Attendees will also learn how an RTK/VRS GPS solution is calculated and understand what RTK GPS solutions are available in Texas. Also, you'll peer into the future of GPS at the state and federal levels. (8 CEUs)

9:30 a.m.

TSPSA Annual Business Meeting & Luncheon

Since we are shaking things up a bit this year, help us ride this perfect wave of 2008 into 2009 with our Annual Business Meeting and luncheon. There will be endless food to choose from while our ship's comedian makes a big splash with all our laughter.

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

History of the GLO: Subdivision of the Public Lands - Milton Denny
Peer into the past as you examine United States Public Lands and how the government acquired them. You'll also gain insight into accuracy standards used on all original surveys in the United States and how all modern surveys are influenced by the original survey standards and equipment. (4 CEUs)

Condominium Platting and Regimes - Jim Johnson

Unwrap Texas' statutory framework related to condominium design, platting, documentation and recording with governmental approval in this informative seminar. Special attention will be given to practice standards, "better practices" related to platting and elevation depictions, and coordinating data and designs with the engineers, architects, attorneys and clients in a project. (4 CEUs)

October 27

Monday

8:30 a.m.

Arrive in Galveston

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Disembark and head for home



NEW VENUE

TSPS has earned a respected national reputation for the quality of the educational offerings and special events that make up its annual meeting. It's also recognized for the excellence of its convention venues.

But 2008 will surpass any TSA/TSPS Convention on record as the Texas surveying association sails south to the Western Caribbean aboard the beautiful **Carnival Ecstasy** cruise liner.

And the destination of this 4-day October cruise? The jewel of the Yucatan – **Cozumel, Mexico!**



Imagine packaging your annual CEU course commitment easily into an affordable and exciting cruise ... it doesn't get any better than this!

And your accommodations? The newly-renovated Ecstasy is 855' in length and cruises at 21 knots. With a guest occupancy of 2052, the ship carries a total staff of 920, all there to cater to your every whim!

Cabin options are as diverse as the entertainment and activities offered on board. TSPS members can choose from inside cabins or suites with balconies and beautiful ocean views!

But don't wait! The best accommodations will go quickly ... reserve yours today!

NEW OFFERINGS

Annual Convention provides TSPS members an opportunity to earn **CEU hours** and network with fellow surveyors through specific events and special activities. But 2008 Convention Cruise attendees have seen nothing like this before!

Enjoy live music, including 3 bands and an orchestra; spectacular Vegas-style shows; and comedy acts and international singers. A variety of clubs and lounges are available, and you can cool off in one of three pools ... including



a children's wading pool. A full casino, with table games and slots, is there for your enjoyment, and you can stay in touch while at sea in the Internet cafe!

Camp Carnival, a supervised year-round program for young cruisers 2-14 years of age, will keep your youngest ones busy and happy throughout their voyage. Club O2 for 15-17 year-olds caters to the high schooler on board, with fun parties, activities, sports and shore excursions.

And FOOD! Fine dining ... and 24-hour dining ... is yours to enjoy! From casual dining in the seaview bistro, to late-night buffets and 24-hour stateroom service, you'll won't go without while onboard the Ecstasy! There is much, much more to discover onboard the Ecstasy ... go to **www.carnival.com** for a virtual tour of the ship and complete list of ship activities!

And of course you'll have your pick of the best CEU classes, with top state and national speakers! It's everything the Texas surveyor could want!



NEW DESTINATION

Dive into the magic of **Cozumel**, the snorkeling and scuba-diving capital of Mexico!

Upon arrival in Cozumel Saturday morning, you can disembark into a **tropical world** of pristine waters and beautiful beaches, or spend your day shopping at the colorful local markets.



Organized excursions handle all the planning for you too. With an El Cid Snorkeling Day Pass, you'll enjoy a full day of snorkeling at a beautiful resort on the southern shores of Cozumel – transportation included. A buffet will be offered, with snorkeling gear and transportation back to the ship included in the pass.

Many other excursions are available, including:

- Sailing
- Kayaking
- ATV Beach Adventures
- Golf
- Theme Parks
- Jungle Treasure Hunts

And much much more! Visit www.carnival.com for more details on the dozens of possible day trips you can experience while visiting beautiful Cozumel.

And when you've had your fill of the onshore offerings, spend quality time pampering yourself in the Ecstasy's Spa. The perfect end to a perfect day!

Photos and some editorial content courtesy of Carnival Cruise Lines. Visit www.carnival.com for more details about your 2008 Convention Cruise!

TSPS Auxiliary



Spa Carnival - Renovated to include new private treatment rooms, updated exercise equipment and a host of cosmetic enhancements to the 12,000-square-foot facility.

In the spirit of **New Horizons, New Discoveries**, the TSPS Auxiliary is shaking up its normal routine with exciting on ship activities and entertainment to bring you **Serenity at Sea**.

Auxiliary members will sample some of the fine and unique wines from South America, while also learning the fine art of ice sculpting.

The Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon will carry the Auxiliary through the end of 2008 and into 2009 with good food and fun! The ship's comedian will make a big splash at the luncheon, which will include endless food to choose from

October 24
1:00 a.m.

Friday
Wine Tasting & Ice Sculpting

October 26
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sunday
TSPS Auxiliary Annual Meeting & Luncheon

Don't miss out, Auxiliary members! And encourage others to use this one-of-kind cruise convention to become a part of the best surveying association auxiliary in the nation! For more about TSPSA and its Serenity at Sea activities, contact Monica Kuehlem at monicakuehlem@hotmail.com.

NEW SPONSORSHIPS

Make Your Presence Known!

Make your presence known on the 2008 Convention Cruise! By sponsoring specific convention events or speakers, or by making a cash donation, you'll receive publicity through TSPS publications, convention mailings, cruise signage and more!

Contact TSPS Executive Director Anne Glasgow at 512-327-7871 for more details!

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Join TSPS as we explore **New Horizons** and make **New Discoveries** in an unprecedented year of firsts for your state surveying association!

Register Now Online at www.tspss.org for your favorite CEU classes and reserve your cabin on the beautiful Ecstasy cruise/liner from Carnival Cruises. Critical registration information included, so don't wait! **Sign up today!**