

February 22-25

## **Material & Registration Packet**

Order Form - <https://forms.gle/87JjUYADmK3hwHF26>

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**TEXAS ACADEMIC DECATHLON  
2024  
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**TEXAS ACADEMIC DECATHLON  
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**Texas Academic Decathlon Competitors:**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

You are a winner! In this packet, you will find all the materials you need to take your next step in competing in the Texas Academic Decathlon Thomas E. Moseley State Finals, scheduled for February 22-25, 2024, in San Antonio, Texas.

**ESSAY – ONLINE – URGENT - <https://forms.gle/gdYAjtvxKgesdwKP8>**

The essays will be written online using a secure server managed by Enlyght (the same company USAD uses). **I MUST have your roster sent to me electronically by February 1 (hard copies to follow).** Coaches will need to secure a computer lab for their exclusive use on February 13, 2024, between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. CST for practice AND February 14, 2024, between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the actual writing of the essays. A school administrator MUST proctor the exam. Detailed instructions will be sent to coaches as soon as I have received all team/student information.

**CONTEST VENUES**

The University of the Incarnate Word is host to the 2024 Texas Academic Decathlon, which will host ALL events.

**HOTEL –**

***We will NOT have an official hotel this year.***

Here is a list of options provided by UIW:

Drury Inn & Suites

<https://www.druryhotels.com/locations/san-antonio-tx/drury-inn-and-suites-san-antonio-airport>

The DoubleTree by Hilton San Antonio Downtown

[https://www.guestreservations.com/doubletree-by-hilton-san-antonio-downtown/booking?gad\\_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQiAy9msBhD0ARIsANbk0A\\_ZiCv\\_1hUH7j\\_iTIZV53wtMFu3NrV-2Vdwnk30sIE0DEiZqCQ6k2kaAm29EALw\\_wcB](https://www.guestreservations.com/doubletree-by-hilton-san-antonio-downtown/booking?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQiAy9msBhD0ARIsANbk0A_ZiCv_1hUH7j_iTIZV53wtMFu3NrV-2Vdwnk30sIE0DEiZqCQ6k2kaAm29EALw_wcB)

Wyndham Garden San Antonio Riverwalk

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham-garden/san-antonio-texas/wyndham-garden-san-antonio/overview?CID=LC:46q62bu8edfbx3y:21563>

**REGISTRATION**

Please note that all remaining credentials and team lists must be sent to our registration office by Wednesday, **February 7, 2024**. We recommend that an overnight express mail service be utilized to ensure that your documents arrive by the due date.

*The Texas Academic Decathlon is sponsored in part by the University of the Incarnate Word, Texas Education Agency, and HEB.*

All coaches **MUST** plan to arrive at the UIW SEC Ballroom Thursday evening for registration (**there is NO Friday registration – NO EXCEPTIONS**). Coaches will need to attend the **Coaches' Briefing on Thursday evening at 8:15 p.m.** Teams should plan to arrive at the UIW Skyroom by 8:00 a.m., Friday. The first event of the Decathlon, the **Art test**, will begin at **8:55 a.m.**

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**We will NOT provide transportation for teams to any venues.**

## **TEAM MEALS**

Each school is responsible for ALL of their meals. UIW cafeteria meals for Friday and Saturday may be purchased for \$12. The meal is a buffet and includes a beverage. You **MUST** preorder your meals for each day using the order form here or through the Google document.

## **AWARDS BANQUET**

The Awards Banquet will be held on Sunday, February 25, 2024, at 8:45 a.m. at the UIW Skyroom. *Team (nine students/two coaches) tickets will be covered by the state office.* Guest tickets for the Awards Banquet will cost \$35 per person. Guests will be charged \$10 for open seating (no food). *ALL guest tickets MUST be ordered through the school. I will accept checks from either the school or the coach(es) ONLY.* Indicate the number of banquet tickets that your team will require (including all guests) on the enclosed **Awards Banquet Reservation Form**. Return this form, along with your check(s), by **February 7, 2024**. No Purchase Orders will be accepted. Tickets for the Awards Banquet are on a first come-first served basis. There will be **NO** refunds after February 16, 2024. **Banquet tickets will be numbered for seating at specific tables.**

*Appropriate attire for this event would be the same as your students wore for the interview/speech events. Please remember there are school administrators, Texas and USAD board members, and parents present.*

## **MEMORABILIA**

Contestants and coaches (eleven total per team) will receive **complimentary** lanyards, souvenir pens, and lapel pins. T-shirts will be ordered on the attached form or electronically.

Again, congratulations to your team for advancing to the Texas Academic Decathlon Thomas E. Moseley State Finals. Feel free to duplicate any of the materials in this packet for your administrators, teachers, and parents to support the team by coming to this event.

If you have questions, please contact me.



Dr. Kevin Salfen  
Associate Dean, College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences  
University of the Incarnate Word

## **Attachments**

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# **TEXAS ACADEMIC DECATHLON**

## **THOMAS E. MOSELEY STATE FINALS**

### **Student Dress Code**

The following student dress code will apply to all Texas Academic Decathlon contests. Team uniforms for both boys and girls are optional.

Boys: Shirt and slacks; preferably a suit.

Girls: Dress, suit, skirt/slacks and blouse.

Distracting apparel, including hats or any kind (except those worn for religious reasons), excessively baggy, torn or ragged denim and/or jeans, shall be considered inappropriate. If a test proctor, meet official, or coach observes violations of the dress code, the student should be given the opportunity to comply with the dress code prior to competition in an event. Once a student has been allowed to compete in an event, he or she may NOT be disqualified because of dress code violations.

Failure to comply with dress standards may result in disqualification from the event, the entire competition, and/or the awards' ceremony. The decision of the competition coordinator is final.

### **Code of Student Conduct**

The Texas Academic Decathlon competition expects all team members to conduct themselves in a proper manner while attending the Texas Academic Decathlon event. This includes all of the travel, hotel, and sightseeing associated with their participation in the event.

Appropriate conduct of team members is the sole responsibility of the team coach/school administrator who has the legal responsibility of chaperone for his/her team members at all times. Students should be under the supervision of the coach/school administrator during all activities.

Inappropriate conduct includes but is not limited to:

1. Being in possession of any weapon
2. Damage to or vandalism of any property
3. Appropriation of memorabilia from the competition site premises
4. Use of alcohol or illegal drugs by students regardless of age
5. Use of water pistols, water balloons or other creative missiles at the competition site
6. Fighting, loud noise, or any other behavior which is disruptive to others at the competition site

Financial liability for all damage incurred by actions of a team member shall be the sole responsibility of that team member and his/her parents. Failure to comply with the Code of Student Conduct may result in disqualification from the event, the entire competition, and the awards ceremony.

In case of any incident, the Executive Director of the Texas Academic Decathlon shall convene a panel of three board members to discuss the matter and determine the appropriate action. Appropriate action may include individual and/or team disqualification.

**TEXAS ACADEMIC DECATHLON  
2024 SCHEDULE**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024**

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Team Registration	UIW SEC 2030
8:15 p.m.	COACHES' MEETING	UIW SEC 2030

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024**

Westin/University of the Incarnate Word

8:50 a.m.	Arena Test Doors Open	UIW Skyroom
9:05 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	Art Test Instructions	UIW Skyroom
9:20 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.	TEST #1 – ART	UIW Skyroom
9:50 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Economics Test Instructions	UIW Skyroom
10:05 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.	TEST #2 – ECONOMICS	UIW Skyroom
1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Speeches/Interviews/Team Photos	UIW

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024**

UNIVERSITY OF THE INCARNATE WORD

8:50 a.m.	Arena Test Doors Open	UIW Skyroom
9:05 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Literature Test Instructions	UIW Skyroom
9:20 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	TEST #3 – LITERATURE	UIW Skyroom
9:30 a.m.	COACHES' MEETING	UIW Skyroom Lobby
9:50 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Math Test Instructions	UIW Skyroom
10:05 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.	TEST #4 – MATH	UIW Skyroom
10:35 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.	BREAK	UIW Skyroom
10:55 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Music Test Instructions	UIW Skyroom
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	TEST #5 – MUSIC	UIW Skyroom
11:30 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.	Science Test Instructions	UIW Skyroom
11:35 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.	TEST #6 – SCIENCE	UIW Skyroom
12:05 p.m. – 12:10 p.m.	Social Science Test Instructions	UIW Skyroom
12:10 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.	TEST #7 – SOCIAL SCIENCE	UIW Skyroom
12:40 p.m.	LUNCH	
2:00 p.m.	Auditorium Opens for SQ Audience	UIW Skyroom
2:30 p.m.	Teams line up for Super Quiz	UIW Skyroom
2:45 p.m.	SUPER QUIZ	UIW Skyroom
5:30 p.m. (approx.)	Coaches' Meeting	UIW SEC 2030

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

8:50 a.m.	Awards Breakfast	UIW Skyroom
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**ALL ORDER FORMS MAY BE FILLED IN  
ELECTRONICALLY BY SELECTING THE  
FOLLOWING LINK:**

**[2024 Texas Academic Decathlon Order Form](#)**

**TEXAS ACADEMIC DECATHLON  
2024  
TEAM PHOTO INFORMATION**

**Texas Academic Decathlon Competitors:**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to you and your team for advancing to the Texas Academic Decathlon State Finals!

Please share the following information with your team members prior to your trip to San Antonio for the state meet so they are aware of these opportunities concerning publicity photos and award memorabilia. If you or your team members would like to purchase photos or plaques, you may do so at the time the photos are taken. To save time (and money) during the meet, I encourage you to submit your orders prior to February 7, 2024.

I will be taking your team photo around the time of your speech and interview sessions ONLY.

The 8"x10" plaque will have a 5"x7" photo mounted under acrylic; cost is \$70. The 12"x16" plaque with an 8"x10" photo is \$85. Each plaque will have "Texas Academic Decathlon – 2024 State Finals" engraved with space available for personalization.

Unmounted photos will be 5"x7" in size and will be enclosed in a protective folder that will also serve as a frame and stand for the photo. Cost of the photo is \$30. Taxes are included in these prices. **To offset mailing costs, \$15 will be charged for each separate mailing address.**

**Due to the large number of participating teams, orders placed AFTER February 7, 2024, will be \$35 for the photo, \$75 for the small plaque, and \$90 for the large plaque. Orders received without payment in full will not be accepted.**

Photos will be mailed to the school within three weeks. Plaques will require an additional two weeks.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ School Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

Students' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me:

\_\_\_\_\_ Photos @ \$30 ea.

\_\_\_\_\_ Plaques @ \$70 ea.

\_\_\_\_\_ Large Plaques @ \$85 ea.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Shipping per mailing address

For more information, call:

**Brian Swierc  
210-218-7354**



**\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL (Make check or money order to SAC-ADEC)**  
**DO NOT MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PHOTOGRAPHER**



**TEXAS ACADEMIC DECATHLON  
2024  
THOMAS E. MOSELEY STATE FINALS**

**AWARDS BANQUET RESERVATION FORM**

The Awards Banquet will be held on Sunday, February 25, 2024, at **8:45 a.m.** at the UIW Skyroom. **Tickets must be purchased for each non-team attendee.** Any guests who would like to attend the banquet **must** make reservations on this form. Tickets will be assigned with the goal of placing guests as close to their team as possible. **ALL seats are reserved AND on a first come-first served basis. Open seating is available at \$10 per person.**

**TEAM RESERVATIONS**

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

**GUEST RESERVATIONS**

Indicate number of guests attending by listing names of guests. Please give names and positions, if appropriate; i.e., John Smith, Assistant Superintendent. **Please use back of sheet if necessary.**

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

(Indicate any others on back of sheet)

**BANQUET INVOICE**

_____ Team Tickets	<b>(11 maximum TEAM tickets)</b>
_____ Guest Tickets @ \$35 per person	= \$ _____
_____ Open Seating Tickets @ \$10 per person	= \$ _____

Total Amount = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**(Make checks payable to SAC-ADEC)**

**(Checks MUST BE from school or coach only)**

Please return this form and your payment by **FEBRUARY 7, 2024**, to:

**Rick Hopkins  
UNIVERSITY OF THE INCARNATE WORD  
4301 Broadway, CPO 479  
San Antonio, TX 78209**



**TEXAS ACADEMIC DECATHLON  
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AWARDS BANQUET PRESENTER**

Coach:

Please extend this invitation to your school administrator to serve as a presenter at the Awards Banquet being held at the UIW Skyroom on Sunday, February 25, 2024, at 8:45 a.m. In exchange for administrators serving as an awards' presenter, he/she will receive one **complimentary** banquet admission per school.

\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Position) (School or ISD)

will serve as a presenter at the Award's Banquet on Sunday, February 25, 2024. The administrator's mailing and email address is as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Email address)

Please return this form by **FEBRUARY 16, 2024**, to:  
**Rick Hopkins**  
**UNIVERSITY OF THE INCARNATE WORD**  
**4301 Broadway, CPO 479**  
**San Antonio, TX 78209**



**TEXAS ACADEMIC DECATHLON  
2024 STATE MEET  
ALL SCHOOL DIVISIONS**

**TEAM MEALS RESERVATION FORM**

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

The following lunches are available for Academic Decathlon Team members, coaches, and your guests at a cost of \$12 per meal. To help with our planning, please indicate your choices by day.

**NOTE: If your team requires meal options not listed (breads, gluten-free, etc.), you will need to make your own arrangements for those meals.**

**MEAL INVOICE**

\_\_\_\_\_ UIW Lunches @ **\$12 each - Friday**

\_\_\_\_\_ UIW Lunches @ **\$12 each - Saturday**

= **TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Make check payable to SAC-ADEC)  
(Checks MUST BE from school or coach only)**

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**Rick Hopkins  
UNIVERSITY OF THE INCARNATE WORD  
4301 Broadway, CPO 479  
San Antonio, TX 78209**

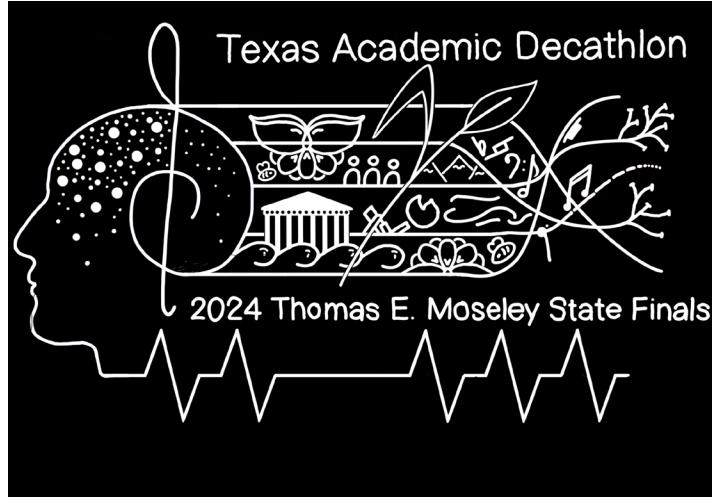


**TEXAS ACADEMIC DECATHLON  
2024 STATE MEET  
ALL SCHOOL DIVISIONS**

**T-SHIRT ORDER FORM**

**School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate below the sizes you will need for your team. We will NOT have extra T-shirts available, so please order as many as you, your team, and families might need. This will be white printing on a BLACK cotton shirt.



The wording shown below will appear on the shirt's pocket area:

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**The logo on the cover of this packet will appear on the shirt's back.**

		<b>Total</b>
Small	___ @ \$12.00 each	_____
Medium	___ @ \$12.00 each	_____
Large	___ @ \$12.00 each	_____
X-Large	___ @ \$12.00 each	_____
<b>2X-Large</b>	<b>___ @ \$14.00 each</b>	_____
<b>3X-Large</b>	<b>___ @ \$14.00 each</b>	_____
TOTAL		\$ _____

**(Make check payable to SAC-ADEC)  
(Checks MUST BE from school or coach only)**

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