

TSSUS National TS Conference Frequently Asked Questions

Who should attend the conference?

The conference is for all ages – from 3 years old to senior citizens. All age groups with TS will be represented in attendance.

When should I arrive/depart?

Friday is a big day and the kick-off of the Conference. From 9am to noon, registration opens, free health screenings and evaluations begin, and there will be a first timers meet and greet. From 1pm-5pm is a mandatory Youth Program check-in, several Butterfly Connection social opportunities by age group and one for parents, and a "Healthcare Recommendations for All" panel discussion. We suggest you arrive on Thursday, July 13. The conference concludes at noon on Sunday, July 16. There may be an optional group outing Sunday afternoon for those that chose to stay on through Monday.

Does the hotel have a shuttle?

The hotel does not provide a shuttle. TSSUS has a group discount for www.supershuttle.com or www.execucar.com. Enter into the discount code field: KHC6Y (5% discount) or use a ride share company.

Are any group outings planned?

TSSUS will plan an optional self-pay group outing on the afternoon of Sunday, July 16, TBA. You will have the opportunity to purchase a ticket to these outings before arriving at the conference. Details to follow.

When is the deadline to receive the discounted group room rate?

Hotel room reservations must be made by June 21, 2023, in order to receive the discounted group rate unless the group room block sells out before the deadline. Room reservations can be made only after you have completed registration for the conference.

Which airport is closest to the hotel?

William P. Hobby (HOU) Airport is 16 miles from

the hotel. George W. Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) is 28 miles from the hotel. It will easily take an hour from IAH and approximately 35 minutes from HOU to reach the hotel, depending on traffic.

Can my spouse or other family members attend the conference?

Yes! People with TS, family members, including spouse/significant other, parents, children, siblings, and extended family, may attend the conference. We encourage healthcare providers and TS researchers to attend as well.

How much does it cost?

All registration fees can be found on the *Annual Conference* portion of the TSSUS website under the *Events* menu tab. Paid TSSUS members receive a discount. If you have not yet joined TSSUS as a member, now is a great time to partner with us!. If you plan to attend as a family, please select the "*Family Membership*" to receive the discounted price for each family member.

You will also need to consider the cost of the hotel, travel, shuttle to/from hotel, and meals for Thursday, Friday, Saturday dinner, and Sunday afternoon. Breakfast and lunch on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday will be included in your registration.

What is included in the conference registration fee?

The registration fee covers all conference activities and special events, all education sessions, and three conference meals. (Saturday and Sunday).

What about transportation from the airport to the hotel?

Transportation information is posted on the National Conference portion of the TSSUS website under the *Events* menu tab.

Are there any places to shop/eat near the hotel?

Yes! The hotel is attached to the Houston Galleria Mall which has a thriving food court and several fast casual dining restaurants within walking distance.

What is a good age for my child to attend the conference?

This is really a personal decision based on your child. Our youth program is divided by age group with age-appropriate activities. Younger children (age 3+) will have childcare and activities planned for them so that parents may enjoy the conference. Starting at age five, children with TS can interact with others in their age group and build friendships, participate in activities, and have special presenters that discuss TS-related topics on their level. The group numbers seem to increase around age nine, as this is when most parents begin to notice an increase in social difficulties and school challenges. The conference offers children with TS an opportunity to connect with others who are going through the same experiences and who understand them. Siblings and children of those who have TS ages 3-16 are welcome to attend and will have a program of activities as well.

What should I bring with me?

- * A notebook and a favorite pen to take notes
- * A sweater or light jacket, as the meeting rooms can get chilly.
- * Comfy walking shoes
- * A favorite lanyard and pins from previous conferences
- * Relevant health records like your karyotype and Z score to refer to when consulting with medical professionals.
- * You may also want to bring some extra money to purchase resources, and logo/awareness items from the TSSUS "Butterfly Store".

What should I wear during the day and for the Saturday evening Wild West Party and/or the Butterfly Society VIP Reception?

Both events are come-as-you-are casual. Feel free to wear your fanciest cowboy duds for the Wild West Party, but it is not required.

If you have more questions, please e-mail them to info@turnersyndrome.org.

