

## Why Timber Ridge PTA Needs You!!!!



## 5 Reasons to join PTA

*(membership is annual)*

### 1. Benefit your child!

*Research shows that children perform better when parents are involved both at home and school*

### 2. Get Connected!

*There is no better way to know what's happening at school*

### 3. Tap into a network!

*PTA connects you to other parents and teachers through meetings, events and communications, helping to build a sense of community*

### 4. Be a role model!

*By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education*

### 5. Witness improvement!

*By getting involved in PTA you'll be part of the solution - helping to make positive changes.*



## PTA Board Members Duties

PTA is the nation's **original parent group** in schools, supporting and encouraging millions of parents to get involved in their children's education. Texas PTA is collaborative and involved, with a clear focus on family engagement and parent education.

Texas PTA is a grassroots, not-for-profit association; **neither the association nor its leaders benefit financially from PTA activities.**

PTA is composed of nearly 6 million volunteers in 23,000 Local PTAs. These PTAs are provided with **information, resources, and training to help them succeed.** Texas PTA has over 500,000 members and 2,700 Local PTAs.

PTA is led by volunteers and is accountable to our members. We give parents what they want — **a way to help their children succeed.**

PTA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, tax-exempt association. **Other independent parent groups must either complete a costly process to file for tax-exempt status on their own, or file taxes on all revenues received.**

PTA members pay dues that include a small portion for the state and national support. **In return, Local PTAs and members receive access to many valuable resources, information, and training programs.**

As an affiliate of a national association, Local PTAs may be **eligible for discounted insurance for special events** that are not covered by the school insurance.

Not all decisions affecting a child's school happen at the local level. **PTA addresses the needs of all children, in every school, in every state, across the entire nation.**

**PTA has the vision and determination to push for education policies.** We have been a driving force in establishing school lunch programs, after-school care, immunization programs, school bus safety, TV rating standards and ensuring parent and community engagement is measured to help determine a school's success.

PTA works with leading experts to create **free programs that encourage and support family engagement**, while providing the latest information on topics important to our members.

Your PTA needs a board that is the core team responsible for meeting your PTA's goals and fulfilling PTA's mission. Most boards at least four officers: a president, a vice president, a treasurer and a secretary. The board governs as a team and ensures communication channels are open for members and the school alike. If information isn't flowing among PTA leaders, the board is not effective. Good presidents help facilitate communication and good boards insist upon regular and meaningful communication.

### **Basic Board Responsibilities:**

The fundamental role of the board is to govern. PTA is a member-driven association. Members delegate power through bylaws. Much of the day-to-day work of a PTA is done by its board. Boards are entrusted with the PTA's work by the members. Those responsibilities fall on the board as a whole - as a team - although every individual board member is still responsible for ensuring the board fulfills its duties. Have a copy of and refer to your unit's bylaws. Follow those bylaws. Most importantly understand his or her basic responsibilities and be the voice for all the kids in your school.

The PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality.