

2026 Texas Association of Fairs and Events

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, January 8

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| 10:00 a.m. | TAFE Board Meeting
<i>FWCC Executive Board Room</i> |
| 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Trade Show
Exhibitor Move
In/Setup <i>Exhibit</i>
<i>Hall A</i> |
| 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Early Conference Registration
<i>Convention Center Lobby</i> |
| 1:00 – 2:30p.m. | Texas Event Management Institute (TEMI) Session #1
<i>TBD</i> |
| 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. | Texas Event Management Institute (TEMI) Break
<i>TBD</i> |
| 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. | Texas Event Management Institute (TEMI) Session #2
<i>TBD</i> |
| 5:00 p.m. | Past President's Council Meeting
<i>TBD</i> |
| 6:30 p.m. | President's Reception
(Invitation only)
<i>Fort Worth Club</i>
<i>306 West Seventh</i>
<i>Street Fort Worth,</i>
<i>TX 76102</i> |

Friday, January 9

- 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.** **Trade Show Exhibitor Set-up**
Exhibit Hall A
- 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.** **Registration**
Convention Center Lobby
- 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.** **Texas Event Management Institute (TEMI) Session #3**
TBD
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m.** **Texas Event Management Institute Break**
- 10:15 – 11:45 a.m.** **Texas Event Management Institute (TEMI) Session #4**
TBD
- 11:30 a.m.** **Event Room Coordinator Orientation Meeting**
TBD
- 1:00 p.m.** **Silent Auction Opens**
Break Out Session Lobby
- 12:59 p.m.** **\$100 On-Time Door Prize Calcutta Ticket**
Grand Ballroom
- 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.** **Opening General Session**
Grand Ballroom
- Keynote Speaker** **Charla Corn Barrett**
Brand Strategist



- 2:15 – 3:00 p.m.** **Round Table Sessions**
TBD
- 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.** **Talley Amusements Lounge**
(inside of the Trade Show)
- 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.** **Trade Show Opening**
Exhibit Hall A
- 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.** **Young Professional (YP) Reception**
(Open to attendees
under 40 years of age)
TBD
- 5:45 – 6:30 p.m.** **First Time Attendee Reception**
TBD
- 6:45 – 7:15 p.m.** **Welcome Reception**
Cocktail Party
Grand Ballroom
Pre-Function Area Outside Grand Ballroom
- 7:15 – 8:00 p.m.** **Dinner**
Grand Ballroom
- 8:00 – 8:30 p.m.** **Live Auction**
- 8:30 – 10:30 p.m.** **Entertainment Showcases**
Grand Ballroom
- 10:30 p.m.** **\$100 Door Prize Drawing**
Grand Ballroom



7:00 – 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast Buffet & Door Prizes**
Grand Ballroom

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Registration**
Convention Center Lobby

7:59 a.m. **\$100 Door Prize**
Drawing
Grand Ballroom

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. **General Session**
Grand Ballroom
2025 TAFE Ray Cammack
Best Trade Show Booth
Award Shows Awards of
Excellence for Marketing

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Associates Meeting**
TBD

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Educational Sessions**
TBD

11:30 a.m. **Luncheon**
Grand Ballroom

12:00 – 12:30 p.m. **TAFE Professional Awards and**
Hall of Fame Awards
Grand Ballroom

12:30 – 1:00 p.m. **TAFE Annual Meeting**
Grand Ballroom

- TAFE Nominations Committee Report
- Recognition of Outgoing TAFE Board Members
- Recognition of Outgoing TAFE President
- Announcement of 2027 Convention Theme & Date
- Announcement of Mr. & Ms. X Contest Winners

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Talent Showcases <i>Grand Ballroom</i>
2:00 – 2:45 p.m.	Education Sessions <i>TBD</i>
3:00 – 3:45 p.m.	Roundtable Sessions <i>TBD</i>
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Talley Amusements Lounge <i>(Inside of Trade Show)</i>
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Trade Show Open <i>Exhibit Hall A</i>
6:00 p.m.	Silent Auction Closes & Check Out <i>Break Out Session Lobby</i>
6:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Sponsors Reception <i>TBD</i>
7:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Foundation Night Reception <i>Pre-Function Area Outside Grand Ballroom</i>
7:30 p.m.	Education Foundation Night Dinner & Dance <i>Grand Ballroom</i> <u>Dinner & Dance included in convention registration fee.</u> Evening Entertainment: Opening Act: TBD Headliner: Clare Dunn

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

10:00 a.m.	TAFE Board of Directors Meeting <i>FWCC Executive Boardroom</i>
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