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WELCOME TO THE 92ND TEXAS STATE CONVENTION!

The convention will be held in Denton, Texas. Activities will begin with the Children's Art Show and Leadership Seminar Reunions on Wednesday evening, June 16, and will conclude with the Celebration Brunch on Saturday, June 19. The Denton Convention Center is located just off I-35 in the northern part of Denton.



After your hotel check in, come by the Denton Convention Center and pick-up your registration confirmation packet and activity tickets. You might want to map out

the locations of your sessions, meetings, your meal halls as well as where to pick up your DKG box lunches. Be ready to enjoy, learn, teach, and "Unlock the Possibilities."

Bring your cameras to document your stay, the convention experience, and take pictures with your friends and colleagues. Besides the events you will enjoy at the 2021 Denton Convention, there are also many interesting places to visit, relish, and take a photo so you will have those wonderful snap shots of your convention adventures to enjoy after you have gone home.

We are looking forward to seeing you around the hallways, in the session rooms, and at the fabulous celebrations while you visit with old friends and make new ones.

Location: 3100 Town Center (off of I-35)

Phone #: 940-243-3799

Distance from:

- DFW airport 22 miles
- Love Field airport (DAL) 33.6



Welcome to Denton

- Denton is known for its friendly, small-town feel with big-city amenities.
- Denton is the 24th largest city in Texas, the 191st largest city in the US with a population of 142,173.
- Denton weather in June averages in the 90s during the day and 70s in the evening.

Why attend the convention?



By Lou Hitt, Denton Convention Steering Committee Chair.

I have been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma since 1994 and have attended the Texas State Convention 21 of those years. The thing that I love the most about Convention is the DKG members with whom I have developed strong friendships and seeing DKG's influence on teachers and education throughout the state.

My mentor, who invited me to join DKG, tried every year to get me to go to convention with her and I always came up with some excuse. Finally, on my third year of membership, I had no excuse and agreed to attend my first convention. It was held in Beaumont that year, so we booked our flight, packed our bags, and boarded the plane. It was a stormy day and the ride on the small plane was quite bumpy. Once I got to the meetings, I learned why she had been so anxious for me to join this group.

There was a lot of smiling, laughing, hugging, and genuine friendships all around. There was tradition but there was also a willingness to change to move the organization forward. There were opportunities to learn as well as to teach and share ideas that were working in our classrooms in order to encourage others. There was shopping and a lot of recognition and celebrating of each other's achievements.

The ladies that I met that first convention and continue meeting each year are what DKG is all about. Their love for their students, for education in general, and their love for their fellow teachers and DKG members says it all.

Once I went to my first convention, I was hooked! I look forward to attending convention every year. This is one of the first dates that is written in my calendar every January. I cannot wait to see my DKG friends each summer. We missed that experience last summer due to circumstances beyond our control. I cannot wait to get to our next convention to see all my friends and get my DKG hugs.

Come to Denton in June to experience these things for yourself and begin or add to your convention experience!

DID YOU KNOW.....



The Courthouse-on-the-Square is the former courthouse of Denton.

- It was built in 1895. The Courthouse-on-the-Square is now a museum that exhibits a unique variety of items that reflect the local history and culture, special collections, and historical documents.
- It is also the final resting place of John B. Denton for whom the town is named.
- In 1918 the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy gifted Denton a monument to celebrate and remember the Confederate soldiers. The monument was removed from the grounds June 23, 2020.
- Located at 110 W. Hickory Street

Visit, Enjoy, and Savor Denton's Cultural Sites

- Bayless-Selby House Museum
- Denton County Courthouse-on-the-Square Museum
- Denton County African American Museum
- Denton County Historical Museum and Texas Heritage Center
- Denton Firefighters Museum
- Gowns of the First Ladies of Texas
- Hangar 10 Flying Museum
- North Texas Fair & Rodeo
- UNT Sky Theatre Planetarium
- Historic Downtown Denton
- Little Chapel-in-the-Woods



If you choose to drive, take I-35 North to Denton. Time it will take you to drive from the following cities to Denton:

- El Paso - 9 hours
- Laredo - 6 hours and 45 minutes
- Brownville - 8 hours and 6 minutes
- Houston - 4 hours
- Galveston - 5 hours
- Corpus Christi - 6 hours and 45 minutes
- Nacogdoches - 3 hours and 19 minutes
- San Antonio - 4 hours and 23 minutes
- Austin - 3 hours and 25 minutes
- Amarillo - 5 hours and 2 minutes
- Lubbock - 4 hours and 43 minutes
- Midland - 5 hours and 29 minutes



If you decide to fly, book your flight on:

- Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW)
- Dallas Love Field Airport (DAL)



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