# **The Party 2025 – TRS Fall Kickoff**

### **Why The Party Matters**

Every fall, *The Party* is the biggest night of the year for Thomas Road Students. Last year we saw over 600 students walk on to our campus. This year we are praying for God to bring even more!

This is our chance to:

* Draw students together from across Lynchburg and beyond.
* Create an environment where inviting friends is easy and fun.
* Share the gospel with hundreds of students who may not have a church home.
* Build community, memories, and moments that last.

This year, we are boldly praying that **1,000 students will join us** for The Party. Imagine the impact if every single one left knowing they are loved, valued, and invited into the family of God.

We need **parents and students together** to make that vision a reality:

* **Parents**—don’t just drop off your student. Fill the vans, coordinate carpools, and bring their friends.
* **Students**—use your invite cards, send the texts, and step out with courage.
* **Everyone**—pray. Pray that God would fill the worship center, that leaders would lead well, that logistics would be smooth, and most of all that the gospel would be clear and powerful.

## **Event Overview**

* **Date:** Wednesday, September 3, 2025
* **Time:** 6:00–9:00 PM (drop-off begins at 5:30 PM)
* **Location:** Thomas Road Baptist Church (PTR-1 Lot & Worship Center)
* **Who:** All middle school and high school students

## **Drop-off & Pick-up**

**Drop-off**

* Students can begin arriving around **5:30 PM**.
* Enter TRBC at the **Candler’s Mountain Rd. light**. Volunteers will direct you into the main lot.
* Look for signs pointing to the drop-off zone.
* Student drivers: Park in the lot below the red **“LOVE” sign** and walk up.
* 📍 [Drop-off Map Link]

**Pick-up**

* Pick-up is at **9:00 PM** (note: later than the normal published TRS night).
* **Middle School pickup:** Backyard/ELC lot (Mountainview Rd).
* **High School pickup:** Lot below the “LOVE” sign at the bottom of the ELC stairs.
* 📍 [Pick-up Map Link]

## **Check-in**

* **High School and Middle School desks** will be clearly marked.
* **First-time guests** check in at the New Student table between them.
* Every student receives a wristband to wear all night.
* **No pre-registration required**—just show up!

## **Food & Money**

* **Free dinner:** BBQ, chips, water, and one Kona Ice.
* **Optional extras:** Funnel cakes ($5), deep-fried Oreos & churros ($2), candy/snack shack (cash only).
* Students are responsible for handling their own purchases.

## **What to Bring**

* Casual, school-appropriate clothing. No messy or wet activities this year.
* Bible: Not needed this night due to the flow, but always encouraged at TRS.
* Phone: Yes! Take pictures, post, tag **@\_trstudents**. During worship, we ask students to put them away and engage.
* Water: Provided all night.

## **The Party Experience**

* **State Fair Theme** – carnival games, mechanical bull, Orbiter ride, Jacob’s Ladder, plus a **45-foot Ferris wheel** 🎡.
* **Worship & Message** – students move into the main Worship Center for a high-energy, gospel-centered service.
* **Backyard Finish** – closing celebration in the ELC lot with food, friends, and fun.

## **Safety & Security**

* 100+ trained leaders will be on site with students the entire night.
* TRS leaders are background-checked.
* Security team and police officers present throughout the event.
* Students will be kept in safe, confined areas during each segment of the night.
* Emergency contact during event: Cody (HS) – 336.213.0272 | Caleb (MS) – 618.719.7177 (text preferred unless urgent).

## **Accessibility**

* All drop-off and event areas are fully handicap accessible.
* Students with sensory sensitivities should be aware this will be a **large, loud, high-energy event**.

## **Other Details**

* **Rain Plan:** Games move indoors if needed. (Forecast looks great. Sunny and mid-70s!)
* **Cost:** The Party is free! (Optional purchases for snacks/desserts only).
* **Parents:** This is a **drop-off only** student event. For safety, only background-checked leaders will remain on site.
* **Dietary needs:** Non-pork BBQ available upon request. Students with other restrictions may bring their own food.
* **Recap:** We’ll post highlight reels and updates within a day so you can see what your student experienced.

## **Final Word to Parents**

Parents, you are key. This event is not just about lights, rides, and food. It’s about creating a moment where students hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. Your role in praying, inviting, and transporting students makes all the difference.

Let’s fill the vans. Let’s fill the worship center. Let’s see what God will do.