YOUR OFFICIAL
AUSTIN CUP INVITATION
SATURDAY, APRIL 18
WESTGATE LANES

BENEFITING
CENTER FOR CHILD PROTECTION
a children's advocacy center
Congratulations! Your company is officially invited to compete in the 20th Anniversary Austin Cup! This competition is by invitation only to Central Texas technology companies; invitations are non-transferable outside of your company.

The Austin Cup is limited to 38 teams. Please respond to this invitation as soon as possible to reserve your lane, which will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Companies that bowled in the immediate past year’s event will have first right of refusal.

To ACCEPT this invitation, please reply to the email or send an email directly to Emma Shinnick at eshinnick@centerforchildprotection.org. You will then receive a confirmation email and participation materials.

Since The Austin Cup’s inception, we have had a vision: gather our local tech companies, their employees and families together for one afternoon each year – throw in a big dose of fun and friendly competition – and this “extended Austin family” will make good things happen. We all agreed upon a rally point that is more than worthy of such a gathering: helping protect and heal children in our community who are victims of abuse and neglect. In the past 19 years, we have supported the efforts of the Center for Child Protection by raising more than $1.1 million!

Please join us! See official tournament guidelines and details in the document below.

In the meantime, have fun selecting your bowlers, raising your money, designing uniforms and practicing during your lunch hours. We look forward to seeing your company employees on a lane at the 20th Anniversary Austin Cup!

Lynne Skinner
Founder & Tournament Director

Michael Torres
CEO, Center for Child Protection

Emma Shinnick
Event Associate, Center for Child Protection
Please review the sections of this invitation carefully - they serve as rules for our event. In order to ensure there are no surprises, please also share this information with all bowlers.

ABOUT THE EVENT
The Austin Cup is an invitational bowling tournament for the Austin technology community. In one afternoon, you can host a company outing and engage in a little friendly competition with other local tech companies for the high honor of taking home one of our coveted Austin Cup awards.

YOUR BID
This is an invitational event. Official invitations are sent only to technology companies in Central Texas. Service providers may participate as sponsors only.

*NOTE: Just because a company did not receive an invitation does not mean they are ineligible. We may have overlooked a company when the list was compiled. A company may submit their interest in competing, and then the Tournament Director will confirm their qualification and participation. Please have them contact us directly if you know of such a company.

- Companies who have previously participated will have first right of refusal to register for a lane, with the immediate past year’s teams getting highest priority.
- The first 38 teams to sign up and pledge to submit their $750 entry fee will be assigned a lane.
- We will accept a SECOND team from a company; however, due to the limited number of lanes at Westgate, these second teams will be put on a waiting list and notified on a first-come, first-served basis by March 1st if lanes are available.
- The event will be open to friends, family, co-workers and all sponsors to attend, but will not be advertised to the general public.

TOURNAMENT RULES: Please review carefully
- Each team must have the same 5 bowlers on their assigned lane for the three consecutive games. Teams may not replace players between games, nor may they switch bowler positions (order of bowling) after their final Team Registration form is submitted.
- Teams will bowl on the same lane for all three games. There will be no lane switching unless approved by the Tournament Director due to equipment malfunction. Scores will not be handicapped.

Each team must donate an entry fee of $750. This money can be raised in any manner or may be donated directly from the company. All donations will be made directly to the Center for Child Protection and will be 100% tax deductible. If a company wishes to compete for The Community or Weber Cups, they should continue to raise money over and above their entry fee and submit that money by 2 p.m. on the day of the event. Any team cancelling after April 1st will be expected to pay their entry fee.

TEAM REQUIREMENTS
- Each team must consist of:
  1. One member of the executive management team (Director or above) or Board of Directors of the company. If this is a HQ facility or subsidiary of a larger company based elsewhere, a “director-equivalent title” or above will be admissible;
  2. At least one female employee;
  3. Employees (30-hour part-time or full-time) of the company; no contract personnel.

NOTE: A Female Executive CAN fill both requirements for an executive and a female player.
• Each registered Executive must declare in which field s/he will bowl: with other Executives OR with their respective gender. TO CLARIFY: while each team must have at least one Executive, that Executive does not have to bowl in the Executive field - they may choose to bowl against the larger field of their gender (males or females). Coordinators: please ask the Executive which field to mark.
• Each team member MUST BE SIGNED IN at Westgate Lanes by 12:20 p.m. on the day of the tournament.
• Each team must wear a matching uniform above the waist (company golf shirts, retro style bowling shirts, t-shirts, or costumes). Allowances are made for people with disabilities.

If a team does not meet ALL of the above criteria the day of the tournament, they will be disqualified.

AND THE WINNERS ARE

This event is about a lot of things: team building, community involvement, socializing with others from the local tech community, but, let’s admit it, everyone loves the competition. Bringing home some hardware feels good! For information on scores and winners from the past 19 years, please visit our website at [www.AustinCup.net](http://www.AustinCup.net).

Corporate Bowling Awards
The Austin Cup, the large coveted pewter cup, goes to the corporate team with the highest combined score after three games. The winning team will have its company name engraved on a plate, which is mounted to the wood base of The Cup. The company will retain possession of the trophy and enjoy full bragging rights until the following year. Each year, The Austin Cup will be ceremoniously passed on to the new tournament winner and a smaller trophy will replace The Austin Cup when it is relinquished to the next winner.
The Top 10 Corporate Teams will be presented with an award.

Corporate Fundraising Awards
The Community Cup is a distinguished community prize awarded to the corporate team raising the most money (above their entry fees) for the Center for Child Protection. These funds must be cleared in our system by 2 PM on tournament day; no exceptions.

The Weber Cups will be presented to two additional companies after the Community Cup is presented (based on the number of employees in the company: under 200 Employees & over 200 Employees). These Cups will be awarded to companies donating the most money over their entry fees to the Center for Child Protection staff by 2 PM the day of the tournament.

Culture Cups
Always a highlight of the day! The winners of these beautiful trophies are decided by a group of judges and awarded to companies for:
• Most Team Spirit
• Best Team Uniform / Costume
• Favorite Team Bowling Shirt
• Best Corporate Promotion
• Judges’ Favorite Theme
• Judges’ Favorite Team Name
• Best Fan Club (at the event)
• Rookies of the Year
• Individual Award: The Doug Driskell Memorial Volunteer Spirit Award will be presented to a company employee whom the judges deem has spirit that “Drives Good People to do Good Things for their Community.”

NOTE: If no representative from a winning company is in attendance at the awards, we will present that trophy to the runner-up team.
Individual Awards

Individual Bowling Awards will be presented for the following:

- 1st - 5th Place Females (Highest Series Score of Tournament)
- 1st - 5th Place Males (Highest Series Score of Tournament)
- 1st - 5th Place Executives (Highest Series Score of Tournament)
- Highest Scoring Individual of each Game (Games 1-3)

STRIKES FOR EVERYONE

Once the big day has arrived, get ready to have some fun: bring your families and encourage others in the company to do so as well! Bowlers may begin arriving at Westgate Lanes at 11:30AM although will NOT be able to warm up on the lanes as the equipment will be turned off until our designated warm up time begins. Each company will have its name prominently displayed above its lane and in our program, and fans can build a cheering gallery in the concourse area directly behind their lane(s).

Decorations for your lane are allowed (although boom boxes, other non-human noisemakers and large structures are not). Please make sure your fans respect their neighboring teams and do not hoard tables, chairs or concourse square footage.

Kids Bowling

Parents can keep the kids entertained by letting them bowl recreationally on one of the Kids Lanes during the tournament. Bumpers will ensure their balls hit some pins! For a minimum donation to the Center for Child Protection, the child can bowl a game with other children and every child is awarded an Austin Cup Medal! Please keep an eye on your children at all times.

Activity Lounge: Face Painting, Balloon Artists, Video Arcade

A photo backdrop, world-class professional face painters and other entertainers will keep everyone in the spirit!

The Austin Bowling Ball Awards Ceremony

Stick around! After the last ball has been rolled and the scores are being tallied, unlace your bowling shoes and prepare for the awards ceremony. Officials from our sponsoring companies will present all tournament trophies, culminating in the announcement of The Austin Cup winning team.

Everything Benefits the Center for Child Protection

The Center for Child Protection is a nationally accredited children’s advocacy center and the only nonprofit in Travis County involved in the investigation and prosecution of crimes against children. For 30 years, the Center has been the first stop for children in Travis County who are suspected victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse and for children who have witnessed a violent crime. The Center is a child-friendly, specially-equipped facility where children go for recorded forensic interviews, medical exams, counseling and intervention. All services are provided to children and their protective caregivers free of charge and are available in English and Spanish. For more information, visit www.centerforchildprotection.org.