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The first TAHPERD conference that I attended was in Houston in 1998, the 75th anniversary of the organization. I had just finished up student teaching and came along with my cooperating teacher and friend Rick Robbins to help him with his presentation. As a student at Texas Lutheran University, I met TAHPERD Past-President Irma Lewis. Irma became a mentor and close friend of mine. Irma and Rick were strong advocates of TAHPERD, and they pushed me to get involved with the organization. Since that time, I have been an active presenter, and board member. I was the 2018 TAHPERD President. I believe that outdoor recreation and lifelong sports will be the future of secondary physical education programming and curriculum design in Texas. The TAHPERD Recreation Division is positioned well to take a lead role as we build capacity within our membership. I encourage all TAHPERD members to consider the opportunity to learn and play with the Recreation Division as we work to reshape the future of secondary physical education.