Connections Conference 2010

Call for Presentations

Deadline for Application: December 1, 2009

Offering:
- Keynote Speakers
- Featured Presentations
- Concurrent Sessions
- Mini Sessions
- Networking Social

- Improving rigor in Middle School and High School coursework
- Creating positive student transitions to and from High School
- Developing strong working relationships between Middle School and High School staff
- Building quality Career & Technical Education concentrations in High School
- Designing high impact guidance and advisement systems
- Addressing the cultural and human relations needs of students, parents and communities
- Integrating innovative instructional technology approaches to advance student learning
- Utilizing data to improve school practices
- Advancing students success in the core learning areas
- Creating policies and support systems to advance student attendance and graduation rates, career success, and postsecondary transitions
- Developing school leaders to address the demands of 21st century school practices
- Addressing the important role Career & Technical Education plays in developing student academic core abilities

If you are new to Connections, you will find this conference to be one that is clearly focused on new and exciting practices in all discipline areas. It features teachers, counselors and other educators from Illinois and around the United States sharing innovative programs and strategies that have been successful in their schools. Connections’ goals are to provide experiences to grow professionally, to showcase exemplary programs, and to encourage school improvement strategies.

March 10-11, 2010
Wednesday & Thursday
At Pheasant Run Resort
St. Charles, Illinois

Conference Sponsors:
Illinois State Board of Education
and Illinois State University
Presentation Requirements

1. There are **two** types of sessions to choose from:

   - **Concurrent sessions** are one hour, single presentation, theater-style sessions.
   - **Mini Sessions** are **30 minutes**, single presentation, theater-style sessions. *On March 10th only.*

2. You are required to use the full allotted time for your presentation. Presenters should allow time to respond to questions, distribute and collect evaluations, and distribute Continuing Professional Development Unit labels (CPDUs).

3. Presenters are responsible for providing hand-out materials.

4. Connections will provide limited audio/visual: TV, VCR, *Transparency-style Overhead Projector* and Screen. An Internet Connection may also be provided at no cost. *Presenters will be responsible for the acquisition, expense, and set-up of more sophisticated equipment (computers, *LCD projectors*, etc).*

5. Meeting room setups are theatre style and range in size from 50 - 200 people. If you are confirmed as a presenter, you will receive notification concerning room size and location.

6. Applicants will be notified regarding the acceptance or rejection of their presentation proposal toward mid-December. Information regarding the actual date and time of your session will be mailed by late-January.

7. All related travel and hotel accommodations are the sole responsibility of the presenter.

Presenter Registration

1. Connections will waive two registration fees per accepted presentation proposal. **On the application form, please indicate which two individuals will receive a registration fee waiver.** For sessions that include more than two presenters, an invoice for $190 (full one and 1/2 day conference), $115 (For Wednesday only), or $90 (For Thursday only) per person will be sent to the main contact person for the presentation.

2. If the presentation is accepted and scheduled, confirmation of registration will be mailed to the main contact only. **Presenters should not use the attendee registration form (this will create duplicate registrations).**

3. Registration changes: The last day to make changes to your presenter registration is February 12, 2010. If you have any questions regarding billing procedures, please call (309) 438-5185.

4. If you or your co-presenters have any special needs, please complete the information below and include it in your application, (duplicate entire form as necessary):

   Presenter’s Name requiring special needs: ________________________________________________________________

   - [ ] Sign language interpreter
   - [ ] Vegetarian meals
   - [ ] Assistance because of visual impairments
   - [ ] Atkins-friendly meals
   - [ ] Wheelchair accessibility
   - [ ] South Beach-friendly meals
   - [ ] Other ________________________________________________________________

**UPDATE!**

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**Other** ________________________________
Presentation Proposal Application

The Presentation application is also available on-line at http://www.connectionsproject.ilstu.edu

If you are interested in presenting at the Connections Conference, please complete the form below as well as the following page. Mail this application to the Connections Project, Illinois State University, Campus Box 1600, Normal, Illinois 61790-1600 or fax your proposal to (309) 438-3211.

Application # __________________  Date Received _________________ (for Office Use Only)

Name  (Main Contact Person for Presentation)

Position/Title

Organization  (Current Employer)

Mailing address

City

State     Zip

Telephone (  )   Ext

Fax (  )

Home phone (  )

E-mail**

**Please add the domain @ilstu.edu to your safe sender list. Most of Connections’ correspondence is through email.

Your registration option:

☐ $0 Complimentary  ☐ $190 Full 1 1/2 Days
☐ $115 March 10, 2010  ☐ $90 March 11, 2010

Check Preferred Session Type:

☐ Concurrent  ☐ Mini

Are you willing to repeat your presentation if requested?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

To help us code your presentation properly in the program booklet, please check all that apply:

Field/Level:

☐ Elementary  ☐ Middle/Jr. High School
☐ Secondary  ☐ Postsecondary
☐ Business/Industry  ☐ Association/Vendor

Targeted Audiences:

☐ Administrators  ☐ Guidance Counselors
☐ Instructors/Teachers  ☐ Business/Industry /Labor
☐ University Professors  ☐ Student teachers
☐ High Schools That Work

Note: Applications submitted without the following information will not be processed.

Your experience in offering training in the area(s) of assignment:

__________________________________________
__________________________________________
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__________________________________________

Educational History:

Institution

Degree

Date

Audio/Visual

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☐ TV  ☐ VCR  ☐ Overhead Projector  ☐ Screen  ☐ Internet Connection  ☐ None Needed

Due Date: Please mail or fax by December 1, 2009

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In the conference program book, attendees will make decisions based upon the presentation title first. Please list enough information in your title so that conference attendees can determine whether your session will meet their needs/interests.

Presentation Title (A maximum of ten words, as you would like it to appear in the program booklet):

Presentation Abstract (A maximum of sixty-five words, as you would like it to appear in the program booklet):

Co-Presenters: Complete each co-presenter’s name, address, phone, fax and registration option (Use additional sheets if necessary). To avoid confusion, information will be sent to the main contact person only, who will then be responsible for forwarding the information to co-presenters.

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Tentative Agenda for the Connections Conference 2010

Tuesday - March 09, 2010
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Early Registration

Wednesday - March 10, 2010
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Opening Comments
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Opening Keynote Presentation
10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Concurrent Sessions Showcasing Innovations
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Lunch in the Megacenter (only one lunch time)
12:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions Showcasing Innovations
   - including half-hour mini-session
5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Networking Social

Thursday - March 11, 2010
7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions Showcasing Innovations
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Luncheon
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Closing Keynote Presentation

The Annual Connections Conference:

- Offers over 100 practitioner-based sessions in a 1 ½ day conference format
- Highlights best practices from kindergarten through postsecondary education
- Addresses the needs of teachers/instructors, administrators, and counselors
- Focuses on curriculum development and instructional methods
- Illustrates how major local, statewide, and national educational initiatives are linked

For up-to-date Session information and an on-line version of this form visit:
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