Connections Conference 2010
Registration Form

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
Registration fees
Registrations received without a check or credit card information will not be processed. Purchase orders will be allowed ONLY for group registration of 10 or more people with an official purchase order attached.

I plan to attend:

Early Registration - Postmarked by February 5, 2010
☐ Full 1 1/2 Day Conference $ 190 $______
☐ Wednesday, March 10th ONLY $ 115 $______
☐ Thursday, March 11th ONLY $  90 $______

Regular Registration - Begins February 6, 2010
☐ Full 1 1/2 Day Conference $ 210 $______
☐ Wednesday, March 10th ONLY $ 135 $______
☐ Thursday, March 11th ONLY $ 110 $______

Total enclosed/charged $_____________

☐ I am registering a group of 10 or more people and have enclosed an official purchase order to cover the group registration.

Methods of payment with Registration
☐ Check enclosed, payable to Illinois State University
☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard
☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Account number
Expiration date

Cardholder's signature

Special needs
Reasonable accommodations are available upon request. Please indicate services needed:
☐ Sign language interpreter
☐ Assistance because of visual impairments
☐ Wheelchair accessibility
☐ Vegetarian meal
☐ Atkins-friendly meal
☐ South Beach-friendly meal
☐ Other ____________________________

Registration Deadline
All early registrations must be postmarked by February 5, 2010, to ensure early registration fees. Regular registration begins February 6, 2010. The last day to register by phone, fax or on-line is March 3, 2010. Onsite registration is available only with payment by either credit card, check, or cash for regular registration prices (as listed top right).

Confirmation
If you have not received confirmation at least 10 days prior to the conference, please call Illinois State University Conference Services at (309) 438-2160 or toll free at (800) 877-1478. For questions about the sessions, call Connections at (309) 438-5185 or visit http://www.connectionsproject.ilstu.edu.

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**Presenters - Do not register with this form.**
Once confirmed as a presenter, you are registered for the conference through the Connections Project Office. If you have questions regarding this, please call Judy Gion at 309-438-5185 or send an email to jdgion@ilstu.edu.
**Registration, Lodging, and CPDU Information**

**Four easy ways to register:**
- **Telephone:** (800) 877-1478 or (309) 438-2160 by credit card between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- **Fax:** (309) 438-5364 by credit card.
- **Mail:** Send the completed registration form with payment to: Illinois State University Connections Conference 2010, Attendee Registration Campus Box 8610 Normal, IL 61790-8610
- **Web:** Point your browser to: http://www.connectionsprojectilstu.edu to register online with a credit card.

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**Conference Registration Fee**

**Early Registration - Postmarked by February 5, 2010**
- $190 includes the full day and a half conference, CPDUs, two continental breakfasts, two lunches, and the social/networking event.
- $115 - Wednesday, March 10, 2010, ONLY. Includes CPDUs, continental breakfast, lunch, and the social/networking event.
- $90 - Thursday, March 11, 2010, ONLY. Includes CPDUs, continental breakfast, and lunch.

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Return confirmation includes a receipt for fees and a map to Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, Illinois.

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**Refund/Cancellation Policy**
If cancellations are made in writing at least 10 days prior to the conference, registration fees will be refunded, less a $15 processing fee. However, no refunds will be made for cancellations received within 10 days of the conference.

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**Lodging**
Lodging is the responsibility of the individual registrant. Since the room block does fill up quickly, we encourage you to make your reservations early. When calling, be sure to mention you are attending the Connections Conference.
For reservations call: Pheasant Run Resort **800-474-3272**

**Continuing Professional Development Units (CPDUs)**
1 - 7.5 CPDUs are available for attending the Connections Conference. One CPDU will be awarded for every one-hour breakout session that you attend. In your conference packet you will find a CPDU Proof of Attendance form that you will take to each breakout session: At the end of each session, ask the presenter for a CPDU Proof of Attendance label. You will receive your proof of CPDU by mail after the conference is completed. (Note: Check your conference bag for CPDU guidelines, paperwork, and mail-in information or see the Connections registration desk on-site prior to the opening comments).

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**Tentative Agenda for the Connections Conference 2010**

**EARLY REGISTRATION:** **Tuesday Night, March 9, 2010 7:00PM—9:00PM**

**Wednesday - March 10, 2010**

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<td>9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Opening Keynote Presentation</td>
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<td>Closing Keynote Presentation</td>
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