

# Packing Your Virtual Summer Suitcase

## Virginia *Day of Discovery*



Virginia Beach, VA



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On behalf of the **Discovery Educator Network**, welcome to the **Virginia Day of Discovery!**

With mounting standards and never ending assessments, we know that teaching today can be a challenging experience. Today is about sharing digital media tools that make learning engaging and fun.

Today is more than just learning from the presenters in front of the room; today is about connecting you with your most valuable resource... each other!

Have you ever felt alone at your site in your quest to integrate media? Take a moment to look around,. Everyone is here for the same reason...You believe in using the most current resources to engage your learners. Talk, learn, share, and connect with each other!

## Agenda

Time	Activity
9:00-10:00 AM	Welcome and Morning Keynote Presentation <i>Cafeteria</i>
10:05-10:50 AM	Concurrent Sessions <i>Breakout Rooms</i>
11:00-11:45 AM	Concurrent Sessions <i>Breakout Rooms</i>
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch and Afternoon Keynote Presentation <i>Cafeteria</i>
1:05-1:50 PM	Concurrent Sessions <i>Breakout Rooms</i>
2:00-2:45 PM	Concurrent Sessions <i>Breakout Rooms</i>
2:45-3:00 PM	Closing and Prizes <i>Cafeteria</i>



*I know so many educators who sacrifice day in and day out to facilitate those "a-ha" or epiphany moments with their students. The Discovery Educators with whom I have collaborated are among the very best of the dedicated and creative teachers I have ever known. It is inspiring just to be around them and, yes, I DO want to belong to something like this "that badly."*

Jen Dorman, DEN STAR, PA



## Morning Keynote, Matt Monjan:

### How to reach the 21st Century Mind - Using Discovery Education *streaming* in the Classroom to Impact Instruction

More and more our students are influenced, stimulated, and informed by a myriad of multimedia formats. As educators, how do we engage those students who, in the matter of minutes, can watch a video, text a friend, and have a conversation with another - all at the same time? See examples of how today's technologies -- from calculators to the web, from music files to Discovery Education *streaming* and video-on-demand -- can (and should) engage and teach a new generation of students.

#### *About Matt Monjan*

Matt is currently the DEN Account Manager for the Mid-Atlantic Region. While at Discovery, Matt has held account management positions on both the Implementation and Discovery Educator Network teams. Matt is based in Discovery Education's World Headquarters in Silver Spring, MD and manages the DEN activities for Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Delaware, New Jersey, and Washington, DC.

Matt brings over 10 years of project management and professional development experience to the Discovery Education team. Prior to joining the team in 2004, Matt designed, developed, and implemented adult education and certification programs for two of the largest trade associations in the country.

Matt has presented at numerous local, state, and regional events including, FETC, PETE&C, MASSCUE, Christa McAuliffe, VSTE, and MICCA.

## Afternoon Keynote, Hall Davidson:

### The Revenge of the Digital Immigrants: Teaching with Media Technology

What veteran teachers suspected, the research has proved: 21st century students are different. With different attention spans, higher IQ test scores, and social networks, their sophistication comes earlier—with a different skill set. There is a silver lining: We can teach this “New Brain” more effectively, more efficiently, more engagingly. We have the technology! Media has evolved and education must evolve to match.

#### *About Hall Davidson*

Hall Davidson taught middle and high school English, mathematics, Spanish, and bilingual mathematics. He left the classroom to teach math on television in Los Angeles on an Emmy-winning program and spent 20 years at PBS stations teaching and leading staff development in person and on-air. While producing a television series on education and technology, he led a media consortium serving 17 districts and 200,000 students. He frequently contributes articles to national educational publications. With a team, he founded Kitzu.org, a resource of free online kits to encourage project-based learning with media. He served on the board of Computer-Using Educators for six years and consulted for media corporations and professional organizations. For a dozen years, he coordinated the nation's oldest student media festival, the California Student Media. He was site chairperson at his children's elementary school where the categorical budget required his signature. He joined Discovery Education in 2005, where he blogs, creates webinars, and works in educational partnerships as a director of the Discovery Educator Network, connecting thousands of teachers nationwide. He has spoken about technology and education to audiences around the world.

*Since I've been a member, I have gained knowledge to integrate technology into my curriculum and I have gained the confidence to really believe I can do it!*  
Elaine Plybon, DEN STAR, TX



**AM Keynote** (Cafeteria + WebEx) 9:00 -10:00 AM  
**PM Keynote** (Cafeteria + WebEx) 12:00 - 1:00 PM

### Concurrent Sessions (10:05 - 10:50 AM)

- **The Ultimate Dream Vacation: Planning a Virtual Vacation Using *GoogleEarth* and *DE streaming***  
(Classroom: 1)
- ***DE streaming* Overview: Top Ten Things to Pack In Your Virtual Suitcase—and How to Find Them!**  
(Classroom:2 ) + *WebEx*
- **What I Did This Summer...Learning How to Tell a Photo Story**  
(Computer Lab )

### Concurrent Sessions (11:00 - 11:45 AM)

- **Traveling to Your Dream Destination with Green Screens!**  
(Library)
- **Stitching it All Together—Ins and Outs of *Hugin* (Panorama Photo Stitcher)**  
(Classroom: 1)
- **Vocation Vacation: Benefits of Being a DEN STAR!**  
(Classroom 2) + *WebEx*

### Concurrent Sessions (1:05—1:50 PM)

- **The Ultimate Dream Vacation: Planning a Virtual Vacation Using *GoogleEarth* and *DE streaming***  
(Classroom: 1)
- **50 Ways to Use Discovery Education *streaming***  
(Classroom:2 ) + *WebEx*
- **What I Did This Summer...Learning How to Tell a Photo Story**  
(Computer Lab )

### Concurrent Sessions (2:00 - 2:45 PM)

- **Traveling to Your Dream Destination with Green Screens!**  
(Library)
- **Vocation Vacation: Benefits of Being a DEN STAR!**  
(Classroom 1)
- **Stitching it All Together—Ins and Outs of *Hugin* (Panorama Photo Stitcher)**  
(Classroom: 2) + *WebEx*

*The one piece of advice I would give to a new DEN members is "Use it!" There is a wealth of knowledge in this organization; make it your first stop. Whenever I have a technical question, need a good lesson, or want to try a new event, I go to my DEN friends who are always quick with an awesome suggestion!*

Katie Knapp, VA DEN Chair



## Concurrent Session Descriptions

### **The Ultimate Dream Vacation: Planning a Virtual Vacation Using *GoogleEarth* and DE *streaming***

Make the real terrain of the earth an interactive tool by embedding it with DE *streaming* videos, images, sounds, podcasts, and more! From Internet or hard drive files, use fantastic trips through neighborhoods, history, science or literature that are waiting on the web for your class. Insert student images into the landscape and attach media clips or use placemarks from other schools and much more!

### **DE *streaming* Overview: Top Ten Things to Pack In Your Virtual Suitcase—and How to Find Them!**

Come one, come all, this session is open to beginning as well as advanced users of DE *streaming*. We'll cover the basics as well as explore what DE *streaming* has to offer beyond its thousands of videos. **This session is also available via WebEx.**

### **Stitching it All Together—Ins and Outs of *Hugin***

Photo stitching is the process of perspective warping of images, such that they can be aligned perfectly. Learn about different stitching applications that you can use to create that ultimate panoramic shot! **This session is also available via WebEx.**

### **Traveling to Your Dream Destination with Green Screens!**

Think it's not easy being green? Think again! During this session we'll learn how to use cameras, a green back drop, and Adobe *Premier Elements* software to put ourselves into editable DE *streaming* movies! The importance of proper storyboarding and scripting will also be explored.

### **What I Did This Summer...Learning How to Tell a Photo Story**

Learn how to incorporate digital storytelling as an important instructional tool. Teachers can capitalize on all digital assets available to them through DE *streaming* to create simple yet powerful stories using free programs like *Photostory 3*.

### **50 Ways to Use Discovery Education *streaming***

Finding and playing video segments is one of the many ways that you can use the Discovery Education *streaming* library. But did you know that your DE *streaming* resource includes a built-in Interactive Atlas, Calendar, hundreds of Writing Prompts, thousands of quiz questions, and whole lot more? During this session you'll learn how to integrate the DE *streaming* tools in new and exciting ways to reach your 21st century students. **This session is also available via WebEx.**

### **Vocation Vacation: Benefits of Being a DEN STAR!**

Did you know that Discovery Education has launched a community to support teachers just like you? We call it the Discovery Educator Network. It was built with one goal in mind—to connect educators, like yourself, with teachers world-wide. Attend this session to learn how you can become a STAR today and immediately reap the all the benefits of this fantastic resource! **This session is also available via WebEx.**

*Along with my wonderful students, the DEN is my fuel to keep persevering and finding better, more meaningful and more motivating ways to engage students in learning.*

Martha Thornburgh, DEN STAR, WA



## Concurrent Session Presenters

### **The Ultimate Dream Vacation: Planning a Virtual Vacation Using *GoogleEarth* and DE *streaming***

Kevin Johnson, the Computer Resource Specialist at Landstown Elementary School in Virginia Beach, has a masters in instructional technology and recently earned his ISTE/PBS NET-T Capstone Certification. Kevin is a frequent presenter on Web 2.0 topics and serves on the Blog Team for the Virginia DEN Leadership Council. Kevin is a DEN STAR who attended the 2007 DEN National Institute. He and his wife, Carol, have the world's most spoiled terrier, Otis.

### **DE *streaming* Overview: Top Ten Things to Pack In Your Virtual Suitcase—and How to Find Them!**

Matt Monjan

Please see Morning Keynote for more information on Matt.

### **Stitching it All Together—Ins and Outs of *Hugin***

Aron Sterling is an Educational Specialist in the Office of Instructional Technology for Fairfax County Public Schools. Aron also serves on the Events Team for the Virginia DEN Leadership Council and is a DEN STAR who has presented at the DEN Virtual Conference, VSTE, and NECC. He and his wife will be celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this summer with a trip to the Sedona, Arizona where he will be taking loads of pictures which he plans to stitch together into murals for the family bedrooms!

### **Traveling to Your Dream Destination with Green Screens!**

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### **What I Did This Summer...Learning How to Tell a Photo Story**

Katie Knapp, a Computer Resource Specialist at Windsor Oaks Elementary School in Virginia Beach. Katie also serves on the Chair for the Virginia DEN Leadership Council and is a DEN STAR who has attended the 2006 DEN Leadership Conference, 2007 DEN Bahamas Excursion, and has been selected to attend the DEN Leadership Institute in July. One of Katie's biggest DEN accomplishments was getting her husband, Doug, to apply as a STAR!

### **50 Ways to Use Discovery Education *streaming***

Matt Monjan

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### **Vocation Vacation: Benefits of Being a DEN STAR!**

Deb Ashby is a Computer Resource Specialist at College Park Elementary School in Virginia Beach. This DEN STAR attended the DEN Regional Institute in Valley Forge, PA in the summer of 2006, and has been selected to attend the DEN National Institute in Silver Springs, MD in July. Deb uses DE *streaming* to help teachers integrate technology into their classroom lessons.

*"I am so into this tech thing! Discovery Education has opened so many educational doors for my students and myself!!! Wow!"*

Lisa Reardon, DEN STAR, CA



## New Contacts

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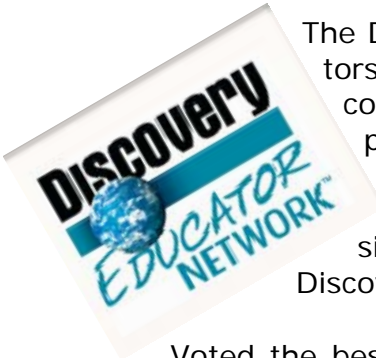
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## About the Discovery Educator Network

The Discovery Educator Network (DEN) is a global community of educators passionate about teaching with digital media, sharing resources, collaborating, and networking. With over 25,000 members providing professional development to over 250,000 educators worldwide, the DEN connects teachers both on-line and in-person. Discovery Educators have exclusive access to a wide range of resources, professional development activities, networking opportunities, exclusive Discovery Educator events and more!



Voted the best professional development website in 2007 by the Association of Educational Publishers, this website is a place to connect to other educators across the globe. Here, all users can read the blogs and discussion boards. Discovery Educators (any educator who has a Discovery account) have the ability to comment on the blogs, post to the discussion boards, and register for Discovery Educator Network events.

STAR Discovery Educators, our most active members, have access to additional benefits including:

- In-person Professional Development
- Exclusive Online Activities
- Promotions & Contests
- Exclusive Discovery Events
- Professional Development Support
- Regular Communications and Support

**Join now and start reaping the benefits today!** To join, go to [www.discoveryeducation.com](http://www.discoveryeducation.com), log in, and click on the "**Educator Network**" tab at the top of your screen. Then scroll down and click on the "**Become a STAR Discovery Educator**" link on the left-hand side of your screen.

