



If you have a question regarding the DEN Summer Institute that is not addressed below, please post your question as a comment to the blog.

Q: When and where is the DEN Summer Institute?

A: University of San Diego, San Diego, CA
Starts on Saturday, July 9, 2011 at 6:00 pm PT
Ends on Thursday, July 14, 2011 at 12:00 pm PT

Q: Can anyone attend?

A: No. Only STAR Discovery Educators may apply.

Q: How many STARS will be selected?

A: Up to 125

Q: If I am a new STAR (i.e., accepted in the past year) do I have a chance to attend?

A: Yes. All STARS who apply will be given the same opportunity to attend via the application review process.

Q: When are the applications due?

A: Monday, April 25, 2011 (5 PM ET)

Q: What type of digital artifact are you looking for as part of my application?

A: You have an infinite number of choices regarding the digital artifact you submit. It could be a video, Glog, slideshow, podcast, etc. Just make sure that it specifically demonstrates the following:

- motivation (why you want to attend)
- activity (what you have done as a STAR that makes you an active member of the community)
- expertise (what you are willing to share with other attendees)

Q: Can I submit a link to my classroom blog or wiki as my artifact?

A: Yes and No. If you submit a link to a blog or wiki it should take us directly to a page that addresses your motivation, activity and expertise. We will not piece through an entire year's worth of blog posts to make a determination regarding your application.

Q: How will my application scored?

A: Your application will be scored according to the three criteria listed –motivation, activity and expertise.



Q: When will we be notified if we are accepted or wait-listed?

A: May 2, 2011

Q: When do we have to let you know whether or not we can definitely attend?

A: May 6, 2011. But please think this through prior to applying. We have a short time period to process applications, receive confirmations and contact folks on the waiting list if necessary. If you are applying for the institute, we will assume you will attend if accepted.

Q: If I am on the wait-list, when will I be notified if a spot has opened?

A: We will begin contacting wait-listed applicants on May 9, 2011.

Q: How much does the institute cost?

A: There is no registration fee, but STAR Discovery Educators are responsible for ALL travel costs to and from the summer institute. The Discovery Educator Network will pay for lodging and meals.

Q: Will there be shuttle service from the airport?

A: STAR Discovery Educators are responsible for ALL travel costs and arrangements. Traditionally, STARS will collaborate with each other beforehand to make arrangements to share shuttles to and from the airport. The DEN staff does not get involved in travel arrangements of attendees.

Q: The DEN is paying for lodging. So, do I get my own room?

A: We will be staying in dorm-style accommodations so you will have a roommate.

Q: We start on Saturday at 6:00 PM (PT), but I want to fly in the day before. Will the DEN pay for my room on Friday?

A: No. We will cover lodging on Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Q: Can I bring a guest with me (e.g., spouse, boyfriend/girlfriend)?

A: No. The institutes are designed to be intensive professional development and networking experiences where we rise early and go to sleep late. The schedule is full and does not allow for much individual leisure time.

Q: Is it a problem if I have to leave early?

A: Yes. We will have a lot of STARS on the wait list so those who are accepted are expected to fully participate in the institute. This means arriving on time and not leaving early.