

Tennessee Geographic Bee Champion Places 3rd in 2007 National Geographic Bee

Could you have answered the following questions correctly?

Wapusk National Park, one of the world's largest polar bear denning sights, encompasses a low lying plain with continuous permafrost. This park is located along Hudson Bay in which Canadian province? (Answer: Manitoba)

Which Central Asian capital city is located northwest of the densely populated Fergana Valley? (Answer: Tashkent)

What major river is at the center of a vast canal system stretching from the heart of Europe past some of Germany's largest cities to the North Sea? (Answer: Rhine River)

Mark Arildsen, 13 year-old seventh grader at the University School of Nashville and Tennessee's 2007 Geographic Bee champion, answered these questions correctly to break a three-way tie for third place at the 2007 National Geographic Bee in Washington, D.C. His second trip as state champion to the national competition, Mark was among 55 state and territory winners who took part in the preliminary rounds of the National Geographic Bee on May 22. He continued as one of the top 10 contestants to compete in the final round on May 23, which was moderated by "Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebek.

Mark's third place title came with a \$10,000 college scholarship. The national championship went to Caitlin Snaring from Redmond, Washington, along with a \$25,000 scholarship, and second place went to Suneil Iyer of Olathe, Kansas, with a \$15,000 scholarship. The competition was a culmination of nearly 5 million students taking part in school, state, and U.S. territory bees that began in the fall of 2006.

Mark commented shortly after the national competition that the hours of preparation Mark's parents, Drs. Ron and Mary Ann Arildsen, University School of Nashville teacher, Tommy Sharp, and TN Geographic Bee Coordinator, Catherine Kelly, were all present at the nationals and were impressed with Mark's calmness and positive attitude throughout the competition. were worth it. "I didn't feel too shocked, because



Mark Arildsen, seventh grader at the University School of Nashville, accepts his third-place check for a \$10,000 scholarship from "Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebek at the 2007 National Geographic Bee in Washington D.C.

I know I studied very hard," he said in a phone interview with *The Tennessean*. "Even if I placed last in the nationals, I'd still know all this stuff I learned." "When Mark started Wednesday morning, he said he had already accomplished his goal. He wanted to be in the top 10," Catherine Kelly shared with *The Tennessean*.



Alliance to Establish New Endowment

From the Coordinator

From its inception, one of the primary goals of the Tennessee Geographic Alliance has been to obtain long-term funding for operations and programs. Thanks to your letters, calls, and emails to state legislators over the past year, we are almost there. A budget amendment for \$500,000 was attached to the State budget that passed in June. The paperwork to transfer the funds to the Alliance is being processed as I write this column

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Tennessee Geographic Alliance Fall Programs

TO CONTACT or JOIN THE ALLIANCE

Want to join the Tennessee Geographic Alliance? Want to get on our electronic email listserv? You can do it all on-line by visiting the Alliance website at <http://web.utk.edu/~tga/>.

You can also contact:
Kurt Butefish
Tennessee Geographic Alliance
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Southern Middle TN Chapter Fall Program

Date: Thursday, September 6, 2007

Time: 4:00- 6:00 pm

Program: *Working with Thematic Maps - The Kingdom of ID* with Charlie McRorie, Technology Coordinator for the TGA

Location: E.O. Coffman Middle School, Lawrenceburg, TN

Contact: Robin Thompson at 931-829-2167 or 931-766-5975

Come for great teaching activities, free food, fun, friends, and door prizes.

Murfreesboro Chapter Fall Program

Date: Thursday, September 6, 2007

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Location: Erma Siegel Elementary School, Murfreesboro

Program: *Teaching Geography with Cinderella* by Susan Stringfield

Contact: Carolyn Anderson at (615) 904-1002 or Carolyn.Anderson@cityschools.net

Come for great teaching activities, in-service credit, free food, fun, friends, and door prizes.

Northeast TN Chapter Fall Program

Date: Tuesday, October 2, 2007

Time: 4:30- 6:30 pm

Program: *Interpreting TCAP Scores and Strategies for Improving Them* with Sonya Cathey of the State Department of Education

Location: Eastman Chemical Company Employee Center, 400 S. Wilcox Dr., Kingsport, TN 37660

Contact: For information contact Rhonda Gregory at Gregory@chartertn.net

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Nashville Chapter Fall Program

Date: Thursday, September 27, 2007

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Location: John Early Middle Paideia Magnet
1000 Cass Street, Nashville, 37208

Program: *"You Are Here! Targeting TCAP Skills using the TENNESSEE: A GEOGRAPHIC PERSPECTIVE Map* with Dr. Peggy Gripshover of the UTK Geography Department

Contact: Catherine Kelly at cgkelly@comcast.net or 615-333-9656

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Knoxville Chapter Fall Program

Date: Thursday, October 4, 2007

Time: Registration begins 4:15pm, Meeting at 4:45

Location: Room 226, University Center on the UT Campus

Program: *A Focus on Europe*

Contact: Kurt Butefish at kbutefis@utk.edu or (865) 974-4841

No pre-registration is required. Come for great teaching activities, in-service credit, free food, fun, friends, and door prizes.

Gallatin Chapter Fall Program

Date: Tuesday, October 9, 2007

Time: 4:30 – 7:30 pm

Program: *Travel History with Dr. Carole Bucy and Friends* with Dr. Carole Bucy, Professor and Chair of the History Department at VSCC

Location: Sumner County Teachers' Center, 695 East Main St., Gallatin

Contact: Call the Teachers' Center to reserve a spot (615) 451-5228

Questions: Email Susan Bunn at susanbunn@comcast.net or Sonja Glasers at stevensonja@bellsouth.net

Come for great teaching activities, in-service credit, free food, fun, friends, and door prizes.

Chattanooga Chapter Fall Program

Date: Thursday, November 8, 2007

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Program: *Nepal* presented by a visiting Nepalese teacher.

Location: Library of Chattanooga High School Center for Creative Arts 1301 Dallas Rd., Chattanooga

Contact: Ken Collins Collins_k@HCDE.org

Come for great teaching activities, in-service credit, free food, fun, friends, and door prizes.

TCSS Fall Retreat

Date: Friday evening, October 26 and Saturday, October 27, 2007

Location: Nashville, TN at the Hotel Preston and Wyatt Center on the Campus of Vanderbilt Univ.

Contact: See information and registration form in this issue.

Spring GEOFEST (Combined with the TCSS Annual Conference)

Date: Friday, March 6, 2008

Location: Hilton Hotel, Knoxville, TN

Contact: Information and a registration form will be included in the Spring *TGA News*.



Endowment continued from page 1.

As soon as the Alliance receives a check through the State Department of Education, I will transfer the funds to the National Geographic Education Foundation (NGEF) in Washington D.C. They will match the money dollar for dollar and invest it in a carefully managed endowment. The Alliance will receive an annual payout of a set percentage based on the three-year average balance of the principal of the endowment account. Accountability for how the funds are used includes a NGEF-controlled process involving an annual program plan that requires approval from their Board of Directors and an annual report.

I wish to thank everyone who took the time to respond to my many requests to contact your State legislators. It is my understanding that, when the amendment came up in committee, it was approved with no discussion or dissention. This says to me that we were able to get our message of the importance of the Alliance and geography education across to our elected officials.

I want to also recognize an individual who was instrumental in the effort to educate the legislature on the importance of the Alliance's mission. Catherine Kelly, 7th grade and AP Human Geography teacher at M.L.K. Magnet in Nashville, accompanied me on several occasions to visit personally with key legislators on Capitol Hill, often with little advanced warning. She willingly juggled her schedule to free herself up for the meetings. She was truly inspirational as she communicated her passion for the subject of geography and how the Alliance had impacted her teaching. It was a joy working with Catherine.

The Alliance will host two workshops on EarthCaching this fall. Keith Bell, Associate Professor at Volunteer State Community College, will lead the programs on how to effectively incorporate Global Positioning Satellite Systems (GPS) into the geography, science, and earth science classroom. Keith received special training

in Colorado this summer at the hands of the Geological Society of America (GSA) through a grant from the National Geographic Society. If you are interested in incorporating the latest technology in your classroom and want your students to learn geography and earth science at the same time, I can't think of many vehicles that lend themselves to the task better than this program. Information and applications for the workshops in Murfreesboro and Knoxville are included in this newsletter (see pages 7-8). If you would like more background on the technology, visit Keith's website at: www2.volstate.edu/kbell/gps.htm.

I often hear teachers talk about "teachable moments". With the upcoming elections, I think many such moments are about to present themselves. In this newsletter are announcements for a couple of programs that aren't specifically about geography, but the topics can certainly lend themselves to the incorporation of geography in related lessons. The Tennessee Council for the Social Studies (TCSS) is hosting its annual fall retreat in Nashville in late October (see page 10). The topic is Governance and Civics. In addition, the C-SPAN folks invite you to check out their *C-SPAN Classroom* membership service (see page 11). I toured their traveling "bus" during the TCSS/GEOFEST annual conference in Memphis earlier this year. They have some super programs to get your students involved in better understanding government.

Here are a couple of websites that will help you link civics and governance to geography:

www.nationalatlas.gov - A powerful mapping tool that allows you and your students to create your own maps. Many existing maps on the site relate to election results.



http://www.teach-nology.com/teachers/lesson_plans/history/voting/□ - Teachnology website that includes a lesson on how to create an "Election Results Map" among many other election and voting lessons.

We've got a full slate of wonderful chapter workshops scheduled for the fall (see page 2). I look forward to seeing you soon at an Alliance chapter workshop or Tennessee Council for the Social Studies event this academic year. Remember to BRING A FRIEND.



Alliance Members Win Awards

Alliance member Harry Anderson of Bellwood Discovery School, Murfreesboro, TN was selected to receive one of the National Council for Geographic Education's Distinguished Teaching Achievement (DTA) Awards for 2007. Only fourteen K-12 teachers from North America were chosen to receive the award this year.

A panel of three judges chose the recipients. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to geographic education. Letters of recommendation from colleagues, teaching materials and methods, publications relating to geography teaching and learning, and student involvement were considered in selecting recipients of the DTA Award.

Harry will be honored at the awards reception and banquet during the NCGE annual meeting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, October 18-21, 2007.

Alliance member Carolyn Anderson of Erma Siegel Elementary School, Murfreesboro, TN was selected as one of five finalists from Tennessee in the Preserve America - History Teacher of the Year Award. She will be recognized at the Tennessee Council for History Education conference on October 2, 2007 in Brentwood. James Basker, President of Gilder Lehrman Institute of History, will present Carolyn with a certificate of achievement.



Volunteer Voices Workshops Set for Fall

"Volunteer Voices: The Growth of Democracy in Tennessee" is a grant project funded by the Institute for Museum and Library Services that will allow K-12 educators and students free on-line access to a variety of primary, or first hand, sources related to Tennessee's history, culture, government, and industry. The project is a state-wide effort involving collaboration between museums, libraries, historical societies, and archives to digitize over 10,000 artifacts and documents such as historical letters, maps, diaries, journals, art, and images.

The primary goal of the project is to choose resources that significantly relate to the K-12 Tennessee social studies curriculum and other related subjects. The items will be classified by the 10 historical eras described in the curriculum and will provide a means of making history "come alive" for students. In addition, the grant will provide free training to educators throughout the state on how to use the digital library and incorpo-

rate it into their classroom lessons to enhance instructional practices.

The Volunteer Voices website will also serve as a portal for educators to gather information regarding using primary sources as well as sample lesson plans incorporating the sources into the Tennessee curriculum standards.

Volunteer Voices Teacher Workshops for Fall 2007 have been set:

West TN

Lambuth University
Jackson, TN, September 12, 2007

Middle TN

Wilson County Teacher Center
Lebanon, TN, September 20, 2007

East TN

East Tennessee State University
Johnson City, TN, September 26, 2007

If you would like to attend one of the workshops, please visit the Volunteer Voices website at: www.volunteervoices.org to obtain an application.

Please contact Nancy Kemp nkemp1@utk.edu, Education Coordinator for complete information concerning the Teacher Workshops or to schedule an information session for your individual group.



What's Up at the McClung Museum on the UTK Campus?

New upcoming exhibits and programs at the Frank H. McClung Museum, UT include:

Sacred Beauty: A Millennium of Religious Art, A.D. 600-1600, a temporary exhibit available Sept. 17, 2007-Jan. 4, 2008, will feature beautiful and fascinating works of art of Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism. The interdisciplinary program will include history, geography, art, and anthropology, as students view the reflections of belief and religious practices in works from south and southeast Asia, Europe, north Africa, the Middle East, and China.

Forensic Anthropology, featuring the work of UT's forensic anthropologists, will be available from Jan. 22-May 9, 2008. The study of the human skeleton is the basis for the exhibit, as students learn what anthropologists can determine about an individual from the skeleton, and how that relates to solving crimes. Because of the

graphic images that will be in the exhibit, it is not recommended for elementary students.

A new permanent exhibit available beginning Sept. 10 is *The Battle of Fort Sanders, November 29, 1863*. The small exhibit and video is a focused look at Knoxville and the assault on Fort Sanders. Included are the geography of Knoxville, via a large 3-D topographic map of the environs of Knoxville and its fortifications, panoramic 1864 photographs, and many artifacts, including some belonging to a soldier who was there.

For a free guide to education programs at the Museum, contact Debbie Woodiel, Museum Educator, 865-974-2144, by email to woodield@utk.edu, or visit the Museum's website, <http://mcclungmuseum.utk.edu>. There is no charge for a Museum visit, but reservations are required.



Your Favorite Geography Lesson Could Be Worth \$500 !!

Siesta Software Solutions has generously agreed to sponsor a competition in which your favorite geography lesson plan could win \$500. The competition will be administered through the Tennessee Geographic Alliance and is open to members who are in-service teachers that teach in the state of Tennessee.

We are looking for lessons that:

- Successfully blend geography with other areas of the curriculum
- Address one or more of the 18 standards from *Geography for Life* (see: www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/standards/matrix.html)
- Present an innovative or original approach to teaching geography.

Siesta Software wants to inspire teachers to develop creative geography lessons, to share those lessons with others, and to seek national recognition for the creativity of Tennessee teachers. The author(s) of the winning lesson plan will receive a \$500 cash award from Siesta Solutions. (Teachers may choose to submit a lesson as a team.) The winning plan will be shared with the Alliance community in the TGA News and on the Alliance web site. The winning lesson plan will also be featured on the program of the Spring GEOFEST in Knoxville.

The Alliance will also assist the winner(s) in submitting their lesson plan for the annual NCGE/Nystrom award (previously NCGE/CRAM) which pays \$1,500, provides a one-year NCGE

membership, waiver of the annual meeting registration fee and an award banquet ticket at the national conference. In return, you will present a program at that meeting on your winning lesson plan. In this way, the winner(s) will have an opportunity to continue a tradition of Tennessee Geographic Alliance members who have previously won the national NCGE/CRAM award. Please submit your lesson plan(s) NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 7, 2007 to:

Tennessee Geographic Alliance
304 Burchfiel Geography Building
Knoxville, TN 37996-0925

Or you may submit them electronically to kbutefis@utk.edu

Be sure to include the following information:

Your Name
Home Address
School Address
Email Address
A Copy of Your Lesson Plan

If you have questions about the competition, please email them to Kurt Butefish at kbutefis@utk.edu or call him at 865-974-4841.



What's the Weather in Your Schoolyard?

When you hear what the rainfall amount is from the official gage, have you ever said, "That's not what I got!"

Now you can let the National Weather Service know how much rain, hail, or snow you measured in your backyard by joining the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network - CoCoRaHS. This new program will help meteorologists and researchers study the variability of precipitation across the Volunteer State. The accumulated data will be available to anyone with a use or interest in precipitation data. Also, the USDA Farm Service Agency is partnering with CoCORaHS to collect data from and for agricultural producers in Tennessee.

CoCoRaHS started in Ft. Collins, Colorado in 1998 after a devastating flood. Researchers went back to look at the precipitation data that led to the flood and found that the rainfall had missed all the official gages! The Colorado state climatologist, Nolan Doeskin, developed a new volunteer observing network to fill the gaps between official gages called CoCoRaHS.

Announcing the Lottie and Alden Beverly Geography Teacher of the Year Award
AND
The Tom and Stella Mullane Geography Teacher of the Year Award

The sixth LOTTIE AND ALDEN BEVERLY GEOGRAPHY TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD and TOM AND STELLA MULLANE GEOGRAPHY TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD will be presented during the 2008 combined TCSS Annual Conference/GEOFEST. The BEVERLY award is bestowed for superior achievement in the teaching of geography in grades K-6. The MULLANE award is bestowed for superior achievement in the teaching of geography in grades 7-12. These awards each carry a \$500 cash prize. Nominations are currently being accepted by the Tennessee Geographic Alliance*. Previous nominees who have not won the award are encouraged to submit again. Please submit your nomination on the attached form and send to: *Kurt Butefish, 304 Burchfiel Geography Building, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996-0925*. Nominations must be received in the Alliance office by October 26, 2007.

Is this teacher being nominated for (check one): _____ The BEVERLY award (Grades K-6)
_____ The MULLANE award (Grades 7-12)

Your Name _____

Home Address _____
Street and Number.

_____ City State Zip

Your Phone Number _____ - _____ - _____
(In case we need to reach you with questions about your nominee.)

Name of Person You Wish to Nominate _____

Nominee's School _____

Grade Level and Subjects Nominee Teaches _____

Reasons You Believe Nominee Deserves the BEVERLY or MULLANE GEOGRAPHY TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD:

** Tennessee Geographic Alliance staff members are not eligible for nomination, however, regional liaisons and chapter coordinators are eligible. Nominees, and nominators must be members of the Alliance.*

FREE ONE-DAY EARTHCACHING WORKSHOPS

Murfreesboro, TN – Saturday, September 15, 2007

Knoxville, TN – Saturday, October 20, 2007

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- Date and Time of
Murfreesboro Workshop: Saturday, September 15th, 2007, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (CDT)
Workshop is free (\$25 deposit refunded to attendees who complete the workshop). Lunch will be provided.
- Date and Time of
Knoxville Workshop: Saturday, October 20th, 2007, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (EDT)
Workshop is free (\$25 deposit refunded to attendees who complete the workshop). Lunch will be provided.
- Location of Workshop: Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) in Murfreesboro
or
The University of Tennessee in Knoxville
- Persons Eligible to Apply: Tennessee K-12 teachers
- Deadline for Applications: Deadline is Sept. 7, 2007 for receipt of Murfreesboro applications
Deadline is October 5, 2007 for receipt of Knoxville applications
- Primary Presenters: Keith Bell, Professor of Geography at Volunteer State Community College and Kurt Butefish, Coordinator of the Tennessee Geographic Alliance
- Content and Benefits: EarthCaching is a part of the world-wide adventure game of Geocaching. It takes people, using a GPS unit, to places where they can learn about some aspect of the Earth. In the process, participants learn about navigation and maps as well as the earth science/geography of special places. EarthCaching is an excellent classroom tool. Teachers and students can visit EarthCaches, use EarthCaches to examine some physical phenomenon or even set up their own. It involves them in the use of technology to better understand their planet. Participants of the workshop will receive a detailed workbook that includes instruction and classroom activities. They will also have access to loaner GPS units through Keith Bell.
- Application Submission: Send application (included on the back of this announcement) and \$25 refundable deposit (checks made to Tennessee Geographic Alliance) to the address specified.
- Questions and Information: Kurt Butefish, 865-974-4841 or kbutefis@utk.edu

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS FOR THE SPRING TCSS/GEOFEST 2008 ANNUAL MEETING

Would you like to offer a presentation during the Spring GEOFEST ?

The Spring GEOFEST will be combined with the annual State Social Studies Conference of the Tennessee Council for the Social Studies (TCSS). The meeting will be held on Friday, March 6, 2008 at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Knoxville. Registration information will be provided in the Spring TGA Newsletter.

TCSS and/or Alliance members who present will register free. The Alliance will cover the cost of membership for 2007-08 for non-TCSS members who present. The Alliance will also cover the cost of the optional luncheon for GEOFEST presenters.

Presenters may choose to present on any geographical topic. You might consider teaming up with another teacher and doing a co-presentation of one topic or a two-part presentation on related topics. Presentations should be 45 minutes long.

If you wish to give a presentation, please complete and return the form below postmarked no later than October 26, 2007. Send it to the Tennessee Geographic Alliance, 304 Burchfiel Geography Building, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996-0925, ATTN: Kurt Butefish.

Personal Information

Your Name _____

Home Address _____

Street & Number

City

State

Zip

Home Phone _____ — _____ — _____ Work Phone _____ — _____ — _____

E-Mail Address _____

School _____

Are you currently a TCSS member? Yes No

Presentation Title:

Presentation Grade Level (K-4 / 5-8 / 9-12):

Equipment Needs (The Alliance can provide a computer/projector if you require.):

100 Word Abstract (attach another sheet if necessary):

Tennessee Council for the Social Studies Fall Retreat

Theme: Governance & Civics

Date: Friday, October 26, 7 p.m.

**Opening Reception at Hotel Preston

Saturday, October 27, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sessions & Boxed Lunch at Wyatt Center

<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/commencement/googlemap.html>

Location: Wyatt Center on the Campus of Vanderbilt University



Hotel: Hotel Preston (615) 361-5900
733 Briley Parkway State rate-\$99
Nashville, TN 37217

****Deadline for hotel registration: September 27 ****

<http://www.hotelpreston.com/>

Registration: \$50 for members; \$75 for non-members (includes reception, boxed lunch, & teaching resources). Send registration in form of a check made Payable to TCSS by Friday, 19 October 2007 to: James E. Akenson. Box 5042. Tennessee Technological University. Cookeville, TN 38505. Confirmation and Directions Will Be Sent.

The network has spread across the country and was introduced in Tennessee April 1st, 2007. The plan is to eventually have an observer every square mile across the state.

A great benefit of CoCoRaHS is that it provides real science activities for the classroom. Over the last several years CoCoRaHS staff have worked with science teachers in the Poudre, Colorado school district as well as a science teacher from Texas to develop lesson plans that are fun for the kids, teach basics concepts of meteorology and meet national science education standards. These lesson plans are developed for a variety of grade levels and are built around CoCoRaHS's emphasis on measuring precipitation.

Please visit the CoCoRaHS web site at: <http://www.cocorahs.org> to learn more about the program and register your backyard or schoolyard as an official reporting site. Once you register and begin to report, your rainfall observations will become part of the record as well as being plotted on maps of your county and Tennessee. You can view the maps and see how your observation fits in with your neighbors involved in CoCoRaHS across the country.

If you have any questions you can get in touch with the CoCoRaHS coordinator for Tennessee at:

Ralph Troutman
Observing Program Leader
National Weather Service
Tennessee CoCoRaHS Coordinator
615-754-4633 x225
Ralph.troutman@noaa.gov



C-SPAN Classroom Opportunity

Educators, enroll in C-SPAN's FREE membership service for ideas, information and resources for teaching U.S. government and civics with C-SPAN's television programming and web sites.

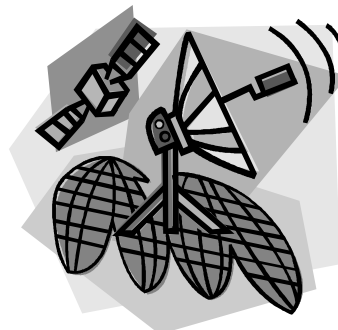
Visit c-spanclassroom.org to enroll in the free membership service for educators.

Membership Benefits

- Access to C-SPAN Classroom's fully searchable database of C-SPAN video clips. Search by keyword, speaker, or topic area for immediately usable clips of

- Educators can create their own library of video clips, rate clips, add comments and/or teaching ideas, and share them with other educators.
- Classroom resources are linked to national standards in U.S. government and civics and include discussion questions, student activities, graphic organizers, worksheets, and quizzes created by fellow educators.
- Periodic special offers, such as our FREE DVD of sample video clips and classroom posters.
- E-mail updates about C-SPAN programs and C-SPAN Classroom web resources relevant to social studies education. (For DAILY updates of C-SPAN programming, sign up for an additional service, C-SPAN Alert!).
- Unrestricted taping and viewing rights on C-SPAN-produced programming for use in the classroom.
- Eligibility for our Teacher Fellowship and other contests and opportunities.
- Eligibility to apply for a C-SPAN Archives Grant to obtain video from the C-SPAN Archives at no cost. The Archives offers a searchable database and research assistance as well as compilation tapes of C-SPAN programs.
- Access to C-SPAN Classroom's toll-free Educators' Hotline. Call with questions about teaching with C-SPAN.

C-SPAN is a private, non-profit company, created in 1979 by the cable television industry as a public service. Their mission is to provide public access to the political process. C-SPAN receives no government funding; operations are funded by fees paid by cable and satellite affiliates who carry C-SPAN programming.



The Updated *Tennessee: A Geographic Prospective* Maps are Still Available

These two-sided posters are updated from two previous collaborations between the Geography Department at the University of Tennessee and the Tennessee Geographic Alliance. On one side is *Tennessee: A Geographic Perspective*, a four color poster with 22 maps depicting numerous types of quantitative and qualitative data related to our state. The reverse side is *Tennessee: County Boundaries, Names, and Population 1791-2005*. This poster shows the changes in county boundaries and population throughout Tennessee's history on fifteen different maps. The posters were designed with classroom use in mind and reflect suggestions gathered from our members during the design process.

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