

TGA News

The Newsletter of the Tennessee Geographic Alliance

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Alliance Receives Grant to Host FREE Praxis Preparation Courses

The National Geographic Society Education Foundation has awarded the Tennessee Geographic Alliance a \$113,000 Grosvenor Grant for *Teaching and Learning Geography*. During the summer of 2005, the Grosvenor Grant will fund college-level courses for Tennessee middle and high school teachers that focus on preparing them to pass the PRAXIS Geography Exam and to meet the "highly qualified" standards required for teachers under the No Child Left Behind Act. The courses, which will also assist teachers with improving the quality of geography lessons in their classes, will be offered in Memphis, Chattanooga, Nashville, and Knoxville. In addition to teachers in the major metropolitan areas, those from rural areas are encouraged to apply for the courses.

If you fall into one of the following categories, you should consider this exceptional opportunity:

1. Middle school and high school teachers who wish to take the Praxis exam, Secondary Test in Geography.
2. Teachers who are six hours (or less) short of having a major in geography or are six hours (or less) short of having the equivalent of a major (24 hours).
3. High school teachers who have a major in history, government and civics, economics or social studies and who need six hours (or less) in geography to meet requirements for teaching geography.
4. Teachers who are six hours (or less) short of having a graduate degree in geography.
5. Pre-service teachers who may wish to take the Praxis exam, Secondary Test in Geography.

The courses will be two weeks in length, with a minimum of four hours of instruction per

day. The grant will cover the cost of instruction, required texts, and parking. Continuing Education Units or college credit, to be paid for by the participant, may be obtained from the hosting institution at the summer 2005 rates for that institution. Following are dates and locations for the courses:

June 6 – 17, 2005 University of Memphis

June 6 – 17, 2005 Tennessee State University, Nashville

June 20 – July 1, 2005 Tennessee State University, Nashville (Based on demand.)

June 6 – 17, 2005 University of Tennessee, Chattanooga

June 27 – July 8, 2005 University of Tennessee, Chattanooga (Based on demand.)

June 13 – 24 University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Memphis City Schools and Shelby County Schools teachers, Hamilton County Schools teachers, and Nashville Metro Schools teachers will be given priority in those geographic areas. Teachers from other school systems in those geographic areas may apply to attend and will be accepted based on available space. The course to be hosted in Knoxville is specifically for teachers who are; 1) from rural Tennessee school systems, or 2) not within daily commuting distance of Memphis, Nashville, or Chattanooga. A food, lodging, and travel allowance will be provided to teachers attending the Knoxville course. Details are provided on the Knoxville application.

Please note, the Alliance has attempted to work closely with the local school system administrators in each of the areas. There may be special requirements you will need to meet depending upon your school system. Please read carefully and complete only the application specific to your geographic area (included in this newsletter).



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Tennessee Geographic Alliance Winter/Spring Programs

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

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(voice) 865-974-4841

Cookeville Chapter Revival Program

Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2005

Time: 4:30 – 7:00

Location: Room 342, Roaden University Center on the Tennessee Tech Campus

Program: *Norway: The World's Best Country (Again)* with Keith Bell of Volunteer State Community College and *Interactive Geography Teaching Strategies* with teacher Catherine Kelly of Martin Luther King Jr. in Nashville.

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

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

Knoxville Chapter Spring Program

Date: Thursday, February 24, 2005

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

Location: Room 226 University Center on the UTK Campus

Program: *Mi Clase, Tu Clase: The Cultural Influence of Immigrants on the Tennessee Classroom* with keynote by Dr. Loida Valesquez, Director, High School Equivalency Program at UT *plus* teacher led breakout sessions.

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

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Northeast TN Chapter Spring Program

Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2005

Time: 4:30- 6:00 pm

Program: *Update on the Gray Fossil Dig*, with Dr. Steven Wallace of the ETSU Dept. of Physics, Astronomy and Geology

Location: TBD

Contact: Cherie Chapman

Phillips at hape1511@aol.com

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

Nashville Chapter Spring Program

Date: Thursday, March 10, 2005

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Location: Randall's Learning Center, 3501 Byron Ave., Nashville

Program: *Forty Years of Agricultural Development in Africa's Developing and Famine-ravaged Countries* with Dave Goolsby.

Contact: Catherine Kelly at gkelly@comcast.net

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Southern Middle TN Chapter Spring Program

Date: Monday, March 11, 2005

Time: 4:00- 6:00 pm

Program: TBD

Location: E.O. Coffman School Lawrenceburg, TN

Contact: Betty Hawkins at

hawkins2@mindspring.com

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Gallatin Chapter Spring Program

Date: TBD

Time: 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Program: TBD

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

Memphis Chapter Spring Program

Date: Monday, April 4, 2005

Time: 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Location: Memphis Teaching and Learning Academy, Room #116

Program: *The Geography of the Civil Rights Movement* with Peggy Steel Clay, former Teacher in Residence at National Geographic Society

Contact: Jayson Evaniuck at sincere@excite.com

Murfreesboro Chapter Spring Program

Date: Thursday, April 7, 2005

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Location: Sam Davis Home

1399 Sam Davis Road, Smyrna, TN 37167

For directions, visit

www.samdavishome.org

Contact: Carolyn Anderson at

madras98@bellsouth.net or (615) 904-1002

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Chattanooga Chapter Spring Program

Date: TBD

Time: 5:30 – 7:30PM

Location: Library of Chattanooga High School

Center for Creative Arts

1301 Dallas Rd., Chattanooga

Program: TBD

Contact: Ken Collins Collins_k@HCDE.org

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GEOFEST 2005 (Combined with the TCSS State Social Studies Conference)

Date: Friday, March 4, 2005

Location: Doubletree Hotel, Nashville

Contact: See information and registration form

in this issue or contact Kurt Butefish at

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From the Coordinator

TGA to Provide Support for Teachers Attending the 2005 NCGE Conference in Birmingham, AL

Alliance member Brenda Whitsell was awarded an NCGE/George F. Cram Scholarship to present at the annual conference of the National Council for Geographic Education in Kansas City in October 2004. She came back highly motivated to get Alliance members at the next meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, October 12-15, 2005. Here are a couple of the highlights from the meeting that she related to me. Brenda got to hook up with old geography friends and make new ones. She was able to choose from a wide variety of presentations. Her favorites included a session on the Basque in the western US; another on learning to help students participate in geography discussions in class through an idea called “scored discussions.”; and a session on the geography of the Holy Land that intertwined the events of the Bible with the geographical reality of the place for those events.

Brenda was so passionate about her experience at the meeting that she convinced me the Alliance should offer teachers assistance in attending the Birmingham meeting. We think it would be great if the Tennessee Alliance could show up in force. So...the Alliance will reimburse conference registration for the first 10 members that request it (you must be actively teaching in a Tennessee school). Any member that presents at the meeting will receive an additional \$250 in travel assistance. All you have to do is send a written request for reimbursement to me with a copy of your conference registration receipt. I'll reimburse you immediately after the conference, when you attend.

I strongly encourage you to apply for one of the NCGE/George F. Cram Scholarships to present at the meeting. The \$750 cash awards go to K-12 teachers (or group of teachers) for descriptions of exemplary classroom presentations that they have created. To be eligible, the presentation must:

- reflect current trends in geographic education
- present an innovative or original approach to teaching geography

You can find detailed information about the process at: www.ncge.org/activities/cram.html. Brenda will be happy to provide pointers to anyone that wants to apply. Just email me at kbutefis@utk.edu and I'll hook you up with her. Applications are due by April 1, 2005.

In addition, the NCGE sponsors the NCGE K-12 Distinguished Teaching Achievement award. To nominate someone or to find out about the process, visit www.ncge.org/activities/dta.html.



Institutes for Middle Grade Educators in Science - Comprehensive No Child Left Behind Content Curriculum Offered

IMEGS (Institute for Middle Grade Educators in Science) is an interdisciplinary, field and on-line course designed to reduce content deficiencies in Tennessee middle school educators, funded through the TN-Math & Science Partnership Program. All three base curriculum standards, Earth, Physical, and Life Sciences, will be covered. The teachers will initially participate in an online inquiry-based introduction to the principles and background information they will need for summer field experiences. Teachers will then spend two weeks each summer in a work-

shop that focuses on the “in the field” aspects of science data collection and interpretation, and demonstrations of basic principles. Teachers can take up to two workshops per year. Participants will leave the workshops with “teacher kits” valued at around \$6000 that will allow them to transfer their newfound knowledge to their classrooms. These teacher kits will include such things as CBL interfaces and sensors, binocular microscopes, and a variety of software. In addition, participants will video-tape demonstrations of the various principles so that all teachers in Tennessee can benefit from the experience.

The Life and Physical science workshops will take place mostly at UT Martin, with a few excursions to Reelfoot Lake, while the Earth Science workshop will take place at Coon Creek Science Center, a nationally recognized fossil site. Nearly every curriculum standard will be covered by a variety of hands-on activities that can be directly translated to the classroom.

PARTICIPANTS - Eighteen participants will be selected. Several school systems have signed up as partners for the grant, and teachers from those systems will be given first preference. Beyond that, selection criteria include: date of application, potential for applicant’s experience being shared with students and other teachers, and demographics - “**new**” and minority teachers are encouraged to apply.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES - Participants will be given stipends to cover travel, lodging, and meals. Teachers will receive 3 hours of graduate credit per workshop, paid for through the grant. Participants must pay ~\$200 in fees to the University not covered by grant funding.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 1, 2005 - Deadline for applications

March 5, 2005 - Selection of 1st year teachers

June, 2005 - Earth Science Workshop

July, 2005 – Life Science Workshop

June, 2006 – Earth/Physical Science Workshops

July, 2007 – Physical/Life Science Workshops

For more information contact Dr. Michael A. Gibson – Geology, PI @ (731) 881-7435;
mgibson@utm.edu

ATTENTION TEACHERS INTERESTED IN EAST ASIA

Tennessee high school and middle school Social Studies, Literature, and Art teachers are being sought for participation in the National Consortium for Teaching About Asia (NCTA) East Asian History and Culture Seminar. The seminar, underwritten by the Freeman Foundation, pays teachers a stipend of \$500. Each participating teacher also receives classroom and library materials on Asia valued at an additional \$500. The seminar will be held at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga from Monday, June 13 through Friday, June 24, 2005. Graduate and in-service credit is also available.

Any teacher interested in an application should contact:

Andrea S. Green
NCTA c/o *Education About Asia*
150B Patten Chapel, Dept. #4154
615 McCallie Avenue
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Chattanooga, TN 37403
Phone: (423) 425-2118
Email: edast@utc.edu



Teacher Tips

Free Educational Videos

Video Placement Worldwide (VPF) offers educational materials FREE to qualified teachers, librarians, media specialists, and youth leaders throughout the United States, courtesy of some of America’s leading companies and organizations.

Corporations, trade associations, and information agencies have been providing free educational films, brochures, books, and pamphlets for use in the classroom since just after the turn of the last century. Now, as we enter a new century, videos have replaced film, and sponsors are adding DVD, CD-ROM, laser and computer disks to their offerings. But the intent is still the same — to supply valuable and effective teaching tools that help teachers enrich the learning experience for their students. There is no charge to teachers, or any obligation. Check out the selection at:
www.vpw.com

Check the NCGE Website for Classroom Resources

The National Council for Geographic Education has a wonderful collection of resources for teachers. Some are free. You can check them out on the NCGE website at:
www.ncge.org/publications/

ONE-DAY WORKSHOP ON *TEACHING THE GEOGRAPHY OF EAST ASIA*

SPONSORED BY:

**THE TENNESSEE CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHING ABOUT ASIA
THE TENNESSEE GEOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE
THE MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY JAPAN PROGRAM
*FUNDED BY THE FREEMAN FOUNDATION***

Date and Times of Workshop: March 26, 2005, 8:30am to 2:00pm central time

Place of Workshop: Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) in Murfreesboro

Persons Eligible to Apply: Tennessee Middle School and High School Geography, World History, and World Cultures Teachers.

Number of Participants: 20 participants will be selected for the workshop.

Deadline for Applications: Deadline is February 15, 2005, but applicants should realize that places in the workshop will be filled on a *first-come/first-served* basis.

Who Should Attend the Workshop: Teachers who are interested in improving their classroom treatment of the physical and human geography of East Asia.

Benefits: The Tennessee Consortium for Teaching about Asia will provide: a) \$75 worth of geographic education curriculum materials that participants will receive at the workshop; b) a travel allowance of \$20 per car for the first 10 accepted participants who live more than 20 miles from Murfreesboro; c) a box lunch for all participants; d) a Japanese folk dance presentation during lunch (tentative); e) in-service credit for those who request it; f) information about additional professional development opportunities that each of the three co-sponsoring organizations provide for teachers.

Workshop Content: Workshop content will focus on the physical and human geography of China, Japan, and the Korean Peninsula. Workshop speakers include:

**Mr. Kurt Butefish, Coordinator of the Tennessee Geographic Alliance
Professor Hsiang-te Kung, University of Memphis Geography Department
Professor Lucien Ellington, Co-director, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Asia Program
Professor Kiyoshi Kawahito, Director, MTSU Japan Program**

Where to Submit Application: Mail your application, with a \$25 refundable deposit (checks made out to the Tennessee Geographic Alliance) not later than February 15, 2005, to: Kurt Butefish, 304 Burchfield Geography Building, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996-0925. FAX: 423-974-6025; E-Mail: kbutefis@utk.edu

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March 26, 2005

Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) in Murfreesboro

**APPLICANTS SHOULD SUBMIT A \$25.00 REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT,
WITH CHECKS MADE TO, Tennessee Geographic Alliance**

[Refunds will be made to all persons accepted for and attending the workshop, and to those not accepted.]

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Your Name _____

Home Address _____
Street and No. City State Zip

School Name and Address _____

Grade Level That You Teach _____; Subject(s) Taught _____

Home Phone _____ - _____ - _____; Work Phone _____ - _____ - _____

E-Mail Address _____

AGREEMENT: If accepted for the workshop, I agree to arrive at 8:30 central time on March 26 for registration, and remain at the workshop until its conclusion at 2:00pm on the same date.

_____/_____
Signature Date

BRIEFLY STATE WHY YOU WISH TO ATTEND THE WORKSHOP.

PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION, WITH A \$25 REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT, NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15, 2005, TO: Kurt Butefish, 304 Burchfiel Geography Building, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996-0925. FAX: 423-974-6025; E-Mail: kbutefis@utk.edu

GEOGRAPHY AND EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

With an Emphasis on Population

Dates of Workshop: June 13 - 17, 2005

Place of Workshop: Mt. Juliet High School – Mt. Juliet, Tennessee

Persons Eligible to Apply: Any in-service teacher, or senior in a pre-service teacher-education program, in Tennessee, may apply for the workshop. A few applicants from outside Tennessee will be considered for participation.

Number of Participants: 25 participants will be selected for the workshop.

Deadline for Applications: Deadline is May 2, 2005, but applicants should realize that places in the workshop will be filled on a *first-come/first-served* basis.

Who Should Attend the Workshop: Teachers who are interested in improving their teaching effectiveness and in enhancing their skills in use of educational technologies.

Benefits: The Tennessee Geographic Alliance will provide: a) \$100 stipend for travel and other expenses; b) up to \$200 lodging stipend (double occupancy) for non-commuters; c) lunch each day of the workshop; d) all required materials; e) the cost of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for those requesting them; and f) one-half the cost of three hours of academic credit at MTSU for those desiring credit. [Please note: if your school system will pay for credit hours as part of a (re)certification process, the Alliance will not cover any tuition fees.]

Objectives: Enhance teacher preparation in and understanding of the use of educational technologies to improve teaching effectiveness while developing lessons incorporating geography and social studies.

Workshop Content: Workshop content will focus on a variety of software packages that have proven utility in enhancing student achievement in geography, population studies and related subjects. Liberal use of maps, charts, and graphing will be incorporated. Both PC and Macintosh versions are available for virtually all of the software used in the workshop, but the workshop will take place in PC labs. Use of digital cameras and flatbed scanners will also be featured, and participants will be given some flexibility as to what kinds of skills they wish to emphasize. Participants will have considerable time at workstations, with assistance readily available, to implement and practice their new technological skills. Each participant will develop a classroom presentation, using skills learned during the workshop.

Workshop Faculty and Staff: Several K-12 teachers who are highly proficient in use of educational technology to enhance instruction will comprise the faculty for the workshop.

Where to Submit Application: Mail your application, with a \$25 refundable deposit (checks made out to the Tennessee Geographic Alliance) not later than May 2, 2005, to: Kurt Butefish, 304 Burchfiel Geography Building, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996-0925. FAX: 423-974-6025; E-Mail: kbutefis@utk.edu

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June 13 - 17, 2005

Mt. Juliet High School – Mt. Juliet, Tennessee

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Street and No. City State Zip

School Name and Address

Grade Level That You Teach _____; Subject(s) Taught _____

Home Phone _____ - _____ - _____; Work Phone _____ - _____ - _____

E-Mail Address _____

AGREEMENT: If accepted for the workshop, I agree to offer two in-service workshops to colleagues during the 2005-2006 academic year, on a subject related to the content of the workshop, or to perform an equivalent service on behalf of the Tennessee Geographic Alliance and its programs and purposes.

_____/_____
Signature Date

BRIEFLY STATE WHY YOU WISH TO ATTEND THE WORKSHOP.

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**CHATTANOOGA AREA TEACHERS - ARE YOU NOT
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WE CAN HELP!!!**

**FREE PRAXIS PREP WORKSHOPS
AT UT CHATTANOOGA JUNE 6-17, 2005
And JUNE 27 – JULY 8, 2005 (Based on demand.)**

- **Workshop focus is to prepare you to pass the Praxis Exam, Secondary Test in Geography.**
- **No cost to attend the workshop – Textbooks and materials will be provided. On-campus parking will be provided.**
- **An end-of-course certificate will be provided for proof of in-service.**
- **Continuing education units may be earned (\$10 fee).**
- **Workshop may be taken for three (3) graduate credits (\$25 graduate school application fee + \$812 course fee*).**

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- § Pre-service teachers who may wish to take the Praxis exam, Secondary Test in Geography.

The workshop will provide 40 hours of instruction at UT Chattanooga. Application available on the back of this page. For more information, contact:

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**TEACHERS FROM AREAS OTHER THAN MEMPHIS,
CHATTANOOGA AND NASHVILLE
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AT UT KNOXVILLE, JUNE 13-24, 2005**

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Non-commuters - the grant will pay a \$30 per day food allowance, double occupancy dorm housing, and travel allowance from your home county.
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- Continuing education units may be earned (\$100 fee).
- Workshop may be taken for three (3) graduate credits (\$25 graduate school application fee + \$919 course fee*).

*Fees based on rates at printing of this flyer. Fees may be increased by the University before summer 2005 sessions.

If you fit any of the following criteria, you are an excellent candidate:

- § Middle school and high school teachers who wish to take the Praxis exam, Secondary Test in Geography.
- § Teachers who are six hours (or less) short of having a major in geography or are six hours (or less) short of having the equivalent of a major (24 hours).
- § High school teachers who have a major in history, government and civics, economics or social studies and who need six hours (or less) in geography to meet requirements for teaching geography.
- § Teachers who are six hours (or less) short of having a graduate degree in geography.
- § Pre-service teachers who may wish to take the Praxis exam, Secondary Test in Geography.

The workshop will provide 40 hours of instruction at Tennessee State University. Application available on the back of this page. For more information, contact:

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Combined Tennessee Council for the Social Studies State Social Studies Conference and the Tennessee Geographic Alliance GEOFEST

Friday, 4 March 2005. 8:00a.m. – 3:00p.m. CST
Downtown Doubletree Hotel, Nashville

Enjoy sessions for ALL grade levels and subjects such as “Hands-on Human Geography: Population and Our Changing Environment”, “The Tennessee Influence on America: A Look at the Three Presidents from Tennessee”, “Promoting Character Through Civic Education” and much, much more!

Social: Thursday, 3 March 2005. 7:00p.m.

Call 1-615-244-8200 and mention the Tennessee Council for the Social Studies to receive the special \$70 single/\$80 double rate. After 4 February 2005 rooms subject to availability.

Registration Fees: \$40.00 TCSS Members. \$50.00 Non TCSS Members (Includes 2005-2006 TCSS dues). For Luncheon featuring special speaker National Council for the Social Studies President Dr. Jesus Garcia, please add \$20.00 per registrant.

Send registration fees including luncheon participation/non-participation choice, name(s), e-mail or conventional mail address(es) of all registrants covered by registration fees by Friday, 27 February 2005 to:

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Box 5042
Tennessee Technological University
Cookeville, TN 38505**

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Confirmation and directions will be provided.

What Will You Find on a Tennessee Highway Map?

Directions: In each group of four, one item is not found on the Official Tennessee Transportation Map. Put an "X" beside the item not found on the map.

- 1. Scale in miles
- 2. Scale in kilometers
- 3. County seats
- 4. National forests
- 5. Heights of mountains
- 6. Military bases
- 7. Rivers
- 8. Lakes
- 9. State boundaries
- 10. County boundaries
- 11. Major city boundaries
- 12. Toll bridges
- 13. County population
- 14. National seashores
- 15. State highways
- 16. U.S. highways
- 17. Scenic parkways
- 18. Topography
- 19. Railroads
- 20. Airports
- 21. Hiking trails
- 22. State parks
- 23. National parks
- 24. State natural areas
- 25. Islands
- 26. Welcome centers
- 27. Historical markers
- 28. Mileage between cities
- 29. State prisons
- 30. Mileage chart
- 31. Legend
- 32. Inset maps
- 33. Publication authorization number
- 34. Tennessee seat belt requirements
- 35. Latitude and longitude
- 36. Ski resorts
- 37. North arrow
- 38. Unpaved roads
- 39. Interstate interchange numbers
- 40. City population ranges

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Answers: 2, 5, 12, 14, 18, 21, 27, 29, 36, 38



Above: Participants in the 2004 summer workshop on Mexico City pose in the garden at the Basilica de Guadalupe, near Mexico City, Mexico. Would you like to participate in an Alliance summer workshop? Be sure to check out the announcement for the Geography and Educational Technology Workshop scheduled for summer 2005 in Mt. Juliet, TN.

Below: Summer 2004 workshop participants Charle Coffee, Emily Campbell, Kristy Altman, Lou Clifton, Rhonda Gregory, and Brian Smith at the summit of the Sun Pyramid, Teotihuacan, Mexico (Photo by Harry Anderson).

Are you interested in international/educational opportunities? Be sure to check out the announcement for the one-day Teaching the Geography of East Asia Workshop scheduled for March 26th at MTSU.





DEVELOPING CARTOGRAPHIC LITERACY WITH HISTORIC MAPS
A NEH Summer Seminar for Elementary and Secondary School Teachers
27 June—15 July 2005

The Newberry Library's Hermon Dunlap Smith Center for the History of Cartography invites school teachers nationwide to apply for its 2005 summer seminar, *Developing Cartographic Literacy with Historic Maps*. This 3-week seminar led by Jim Akerman (The Newberry Library) and Gerald Danzer (Emeritus, The University of Illinois at Chicago) is designed to develop cartographic literacy and encourage effective map use in the classroom. A program of seminars based on recent scholarship in the history of cartography and guided individual research will allow teachers to explore the relevancy of geography and historic maps to their own interests and curricular needs. Workshops will serve as forums for refining and applying the skills necessary to read maps as products of science, artistic creations, rhetorical tools, storytellers, and expressions of power; and as representations of worldviews and local landscapes.

Applications are encouraged from teachers of a broad range of courses and grade levels. Full-time K-12 educators (teachers, librarians, administrators) working in public, private, and church-related schools in the United States or its territorial possessions are eligible; see the application guidelines for complete eligibility criteria.

Successful applicants will receive a stipend of \$2,400 to help defray travel and housing expenses.

Completed applications must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, 1 March 2005. Successful applicants will be notified of their selection on 1 April 2005. Applicants will be notified when their applications and recommendations are received, however, no other information regarding their status will be made available prior to 1 April.

Information: Susan Hanf
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NCGE Honors Alliance Member

Brenda Whitsell was selected to attend the National Council for Geographic Education's annual meeting held in Kansas City, Missouri in October, 2004. Whitsell was one of the few delegates who received a NCGE/George F. Cram Scholarship for the conference. Her presentation, *Country in a Bag: A Southeast Asia Application*, was a featured presentation at the annual meeting. Presenters were chosen for the innovative and original approaches to teaching and for reflecting current trends in geography. Brenda also received a \$750 stipend to attend the meeting. Brenda Whitsell, serves as the Middle School Director and teaches middle school geography at Sumner Academy in Gallatin, TN.



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