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2008 RT NEWS 11 – July 11, 2008: Science Teaching Forum Preparations, Part II
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1. PREPARATIONS FOR SCIENCE TEACHING FORUM: PLEASE READ!

Continuing from last week, additional preparations are described here.

ADDITIONAL:

k. FLIGHT PREPARATIONS: Visit the TSA's (Transportation Security Administration) website for updated information on carry-on limits and for flight travel suggestions: <http://www.tsa.gov/311/>. Also, attached to this listserv message is the APS Travel Policy regarding the flights you have already booked. Please print out and carefully review for all types of travel situations.

l. GETTING FROM THE AIRPORT TO AIRLIE: The APS has made reservations with our sedan service, AMR Transportation, to pick you up at the airport and drive you to Airlie. Please remember that this is a shuttle service. AMR may be picking up several people in our group at once, therefore, you may be asked to wait for the next person to arrive before leaving for Airlie. Brooke will send you a confirmation number and pick up location in her pre-Forum Travel email (coming the week of July 14th). Watch for this email and print it out to take with you. We also made arrangements for everyone for the return airport shuttles on July 27th at 1:00pm after lunch. The fee for this service is billed directly to the APS and a tip is already included. **Details to follow in Brooke's email early next week...**

m. APS STORE: We'll have a mini-APS Store of merchandise at the Forum. To get a shopping preview, you can browse the APS product catalog at:

http://www.the-aps.org/cgi-bin/ecom/productcatalog/Product_catalog.htm

We'll be taking orders at the Forum early in the week so that you can have your purchase on-site by Thursday (7/24).

FROM LAST WEEK:

APS News. 10: <http://www.the-aps.org/education/2008rts/pdfs/APS%202008%20RT%20News.10.pdf>

a. SHARE RESEARCH WORK

HINTS: Everyone will have a copy of your 1-pager, so you do not have to cover every detail in your presentation. Focus on giving an overview of the research, why it matters, who you work with in the lab, and your personal experiences. Other things you may want to talk about (though you won't have time for all of them!): (a) the techniques/procedures; (b) the realities of research: Is your experiment working? Are the results what you/your research host expected? How many times did you/your team have to start over? Has the research question changed because of unexpected results? (c) What do you want to share with your students/friends/colleagues about working a research lab or being a scientist?

b. YOUR "COOKBOOK" ACTIVITIES/LESSONS

c. BEADS POSTER

d. APS THUMB DRIVE

e. PACK EFFICIENTLY

f. VIRGINIA IS HOT AND COLD

g. AIRLIE IS "OUT THERE!"

h. RETURN SHIPMENT

i. PERSONAL LAPTOP (OPTIONAL)

j. DO NOT BRING: Your assignment notebook!

Quick link to Forum logistics: <http://www.the-aps.org/education/2008rts/forum.shtml>

2. RT PROGRAM NEWS

a. Strong Inference Listserv Discussion: Did you receive the listserv message sent on Tuesday, 7/8? Please initiate a comment of your own and comment on your fellow RTs' comments over this next week on the listserv discussion! Share your thoughts. Thanks to the flurry of listserv thoughts and discussions already (Teri, Jennifer R., Regan, and Karen, so far...) Keep 'em coming ;-)

b. You'll receive by email a **draft version of the schedule early next week** to give you an idea of our Forum workshop week! Don't be overwhelmed by it ;-)

c. *One last chance...reply no later than Monday, 7/14:* Optional Opportunity during the Forum: Any interest in observing the banding/tagging of birds (trumpeter swans) with the Environmental Studies on the Piedmont at the Airlie Center on the very early morning (5:45am) of Saturday, July 26th? We'd like to know now if there's any interest to confirm our arrangements with the researchers. Please send Brooke (bbruthers@the-aps.org) an email to indicate your interest (**either "Yes" or "No," please...hurry!**).

3. INTRODUCTIONS: APS Staff Introductions

You've heard from your Mentors, the PIRs, and Brooke and Scarletta with the APS Education Office. Next week you'll hear from our Director of Education, Marsha Matyas, but this week here's a little from me (Mel)!

Born and raised in NJ, I received a B.S. in Biology from Duke, worked for 2 years with a pharmaceutical company back in NJ, and then earned my Ph.D. in Biochemistry/Molecular Biosciences from Rutgers University. I then transitioned from research science to science education with my first postdoc fellowship at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, followed by another fellowship at the California State University, Los Angeles. In those quick four years, I began to learn a great deal from working with science teachers and administrators, both locally and nationally.

Since joining the APS Education Office in the fall of 2006, I continue my enthusiasm in working with a well-established and comprehensive national fellowship program for teachers provided by a professional scientific society. The APS Education staff, the current and past Mentor/Instructors, our APS member physiologists, and the RT fellows since 2006 all have helped me in taking on the responsibilities of the APS K-12 Education Programs.

For anyone who wants to hit some tennis balls at Airlie, bring it on! I also enjoy scuba diving and skiing, and trying to plan some kind of vacation real soon! ;-)

I am looking forward to meeting you all in person at Airlie. I always wonder who the person is behind the emails or phone conversations that many of us have had! It will be a great week. -- *Mel*

4. LISTSERV INFORMATION

- We hope you will use the 2008 RT listserv to share resources and ideas and to ask questions of your fellow RTs. Please take a minute to review the information about how this listserv works at the 2008 RT website: <http://www.the-aps.org/education/2008rts/listserv.shtml>. Also listed on this page are your fellow RTs' email addresses, as well as each of these APS RT News in pdf form.

As always, feel free to directly contact Mel (mlimson@the-aps.org) in the APS Education Office with questions, suggestions or concerns.