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1. DEADLINES

- **Thursday, Jan 15 (YESTERDAY)**: Book your New Orleans Hotel Room!
- **Monday, Jan 26**: Mini-Grant Expenditure Report and Receipts

2. RT PROGRAM NEWS

A. **TO DO Yesterday: Did you reserve your New Orleans hotel room yet?**

See last week's RT News.33 for details: <http://www.the-aps.org/education/2008rts/pdfs/APS%202008%20RT%20News.33.pdf>

Email **Scarletta**: whitsett@the-aps.org, your hotel and room/suite-mates today!

PLEASE WAIT:

1. Our schedule of events and more logistical details about EB 2009 are forthcoming. **The EB 2009 Travel Memo in pdf form will be directly emailed to you in the coming weeks.**
2. **DO NOT book any flights just yet!** The APS Education Office will let you know once your Lesson/Activity Lesson has been reviewed **AND** you will be authorized to use our travel agency for booking a flight. **Please just wait to book your flight.** Airfares are also coming down!

DO NOT REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE! As part of our fellowship program, the APS Education Office takes care of registering you...so, don't worry about registering for EB 2009!

*If you have any **OTHER** questions or concerns related to EB 2009 at this point, please cc email Brooke (bbruthers@the-aps.org) and Mel (mlimson@the-aps.org).*

B. Assignments: By now you should have received WISE Assignment #6 package in the postal mail. The assignment is also available at: <http://www.the-aps.org/education/2008rts/assignment.shtml>
If you want an electronic copy of your assigned "Cookbook Lab" to transform, email Mel.

C. 2008 Tax Information: Grantees who received \$600 or more in taxable income (stipends) from the APS in 2008 should be receiving a 1099 MISC report from the APS Business Office in January. If you do not receive your 1099 MISC by the end of February 2009, please let Brooke know (bbruthers@the-aps.org). Please note that the APS does not offer any financial advice. Any questions about your stipends should be directed to your financial planner or the person who does your taxes.

3. RESOURCES

On the Web...

- **Free digital resources aim to capture students' interest in science**

Article from eSchool News: <http://www.eschoolnews.com/news/site-of-the-week/site/?i=56733>

Direct link to <http://www.siemensscienceday.com/>

Teachers, engage and amaze your students. Here you'll find videos, tools and revealing hands-on activities for students in grades 4 through 6 to help reinvent your science class. New, original experiments with intuitive directions, materials lists and home extensions

4. OPPORTUNITIES

For Teachers...

- NEW! Outstanding Biology Teacher Award, Deadline: Feb. 1

<http://www.nabt.org/sites/S1/index.php?p=290>

Every year, the Outstanding Biology Teacher Award (OBTA) program attempts to recognize an outstanding biology educator (grades 7-12) in each of the 50 states; Washington, DC; Canada; Puerto Rico; and overseas territories. Candidates for this award do not have to be NABT members, but they must have at least three years public, private, or parochial school teaching experience. A major portion of the nominee's career must have been devoted to the teaching of biology/life science, and candidates are judged on their teaching ability and experience, cooperativeness in the school and community, inventiveness, initiative, and student-teacher relationships. OBTA recipients are honored at a special event during the NABT Professional Development Conference and receive binoculars from the award sponsor, Pearson Prentice Hall; microscopes from Leica Microsystems, Inc.; and certificates and a complimentary one-year membership from NABT.

- NEA Foundation Learning and Leadership Grants, Deadline: Feb. 1

<http://www.neafoundation.org/grants.htm>

Purpose of Grant: To improve learning in the nation's public schools, colleges and universities by providing opportunities for high-quality professional development.

Eligibility: Practicing U.S. public school teachers in grades K-12, public school education support professionals, or faculty and staff at public higher education institutions.

Amount: \$2,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for groups engaged in collegial study.

- NEW! The Lowe's Outdoor Classroom Grant Program, Deadline: Feb. 13

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation

<http://www.lowes.com/lowes/lkn?action=pg&p>AboutLowe's/outdoor/index.html>

Lowe's Outdoor Classroom Grant Program provides hands-on science education to K-12 students. This school year, the program will award up to \$2,000 to at least 100 schools to build a new outdoor classroom or to enhance a current outdoor classroom at the school.

- NEW! Society for Science & the Public Fellows Program, Deadline: Feb. 15

<http://www.societyforscience.org/outreach/Index.asp>

Society for Science & the Public (SSP), with generous support from Intel, is pleased to announce the launch of its Fellows Program. The SSP Fellows Program provides funds and training to selected U.S. science and math teachers who serve under-resourced students, to enable interested and motivated students to perform high-quality independent scientific research.