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Earth Educators' Rendezvous--Registration is Now Open

We are excited to announce that the meeting registration is now open (http://serc.carleton.edu/earth_rendezvous/2016/registration.html) and the topics for morning workshops and afternoon events are finalized (http://serc.carleton.edu/earth_rendezvous/2016/program/index.html). Morning workshops require registration and will be filled on a first come first served basis. Workshops are interactive with participants learning from one another and from experts in formats that build on research-based pedagogies. They provide an opportunity each day to synthesize ideas from the afternoon sessions and put them to use in your own context. These sessions feature time to work on your own introductory or upper-division course, to plan new ways to strengthen your program, or to move forward your education research agenda.

All participants registered for a particular day can attend either afternoon mini-workshops or panel discussions, or can choose between multiple sessions featuring teaching demonstrations and/or contributed talks. We would like to make sure that the afternoon mini-workshops hit areas of need and interest. To that end, we invite your comment on the proposed schedule:

(http://serc.carleton.edu/earth_rendezvous/2016/feedback.html). We are envisioning that specific topics (e.g. climate change), specific pedagogical techniques, and research results will be presented and discussed in the oral and poster sessions (http://serc.carleton.edu/earth_rendezvous/2016/program/contributed_program.html).

Many of us have interests in multiple areas of Earth Science education in addition to our discipline-specific interests, and the Rendezvous is designed to allow exploration of these areas in ways not possible during conventional scientific meetings. The Contributed Program is a critical component to this end, and offers both a venue to present work and an opportunity to see what is going on in the Earth Science education community. The Rendezvous provides a unique opportunity to present and discuss your work with an audience of Earth Educators. For more details and to submit an abstract, poster or teaching demonstration visit: (http://serc.carleton.edu/earth_rendezvous/2016/program/contributed_program.html). Deadline is March 1.

Lastly, we would like to encourage the use of the Rendezvous as a venue for working meetings that allow groups to move forward their collaborative project while capitalizing on the opportunity to learn from colleagues at the Rendezvous. If you are interested in running a concurrent working meeting at the Rendezvous, you can apply to receive a \$20 per day discount for the members of your group and a meeting room. We must receive your application before February 1 to be considered for the working group discount. For more details and to apply

visit: http://serc.carleton.edu/earth_rendezvous/2016/working_group.html

We hope you will find the program to be engaging and flexible. More details about the plenary speakers and workshop leaders will be available in the coming weeks.

We hope to see you in Madison!

Important Dates

- Working Group Application By February 1, 2016
- Abstract Submission By March 1st, 2016
- Travel Stipend Application By April 1st, 2016
- Registration Early Bird: May 2nd, 2016

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