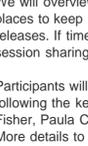


"Tap into Tools" Conference

Whether you have an iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch, smartphone or any device with Internet access (yes, including a computer), there are numerous apps available to enhance your productivity and your professional learning, as well as enriching instruction and student learning. This conference will highlight some of the myriad of tools and applications available and showcase the ways they are being used in today's classrooms and schools.

Featuring Keynote Presentation:

Leslie Fisher's Tips & Tricks on iEverything & More

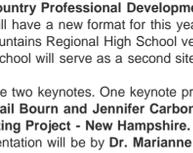


Have an iPad, iPhone or iPod Touch and find keeping up to date with all of the new application releases daunting? How about knowing the best tips and tricks out there? This session will start with an overview of top accessories for your iOS device followed by demonstrations of applications perfect for education as well as personal productivity. We will overview some tips and tricks as well as the best places to keep up to date with the latest education app releases. If time remains we will have a *birds of a feather* session sharing our favorite apps.

Participants will have a choice of two breakout sessions following the keynote. Confirmed presenters include Leslie Fisher, Paula Churchill, David Backler and Tony Baldasaro. More details to follow. Check the www.ncedservices.org website for updates.

Date: Monday, November 7, 2011
Time: 9:00 to 2:30 (8:30 registration)
Cost: \$129 early-bird (\$150 after October 19th)
Register online: <http://tinyurl.com/ncsesconf> (Pay by MC/Visa/AMEX/Discover though PayPal - PayPal account not required. Checks may be mailed.)
Register by phone: Call NCES at 800-268-5437 or 603-466-5437 between 8:00-4:00.
Deadline: Register by October 28th. Space limited to 120 participants.

Location:



Hotel accommodations available at a reduce rate of \$139 plus tax. Contact the Mountain View Grand directly for reservations.

North Country Professional Development Day 2011

The North Country Professional Development Day 2011 conference will have a new format for this year. In addition to the White Mountains Regional High School venue, Berlin Junior High School will serve as a second site.

We will feature two keynotes. One keynote presentation will be lead by the **Gail Bourn and Jennifer Carboneau of the National Writing Project - New Hampshire**. The other keynote presentation will be by **Dr. Marianne True**. The keynote speakers will swap locations during the lunch break, giving participants the opportunity to hear both presentations. A limited number of alternative breakouts will be available.

The conference will take place on Friday, October 7, 2011. The registration period will run from Wednesday, September 21st through Friday, September 30th. Once active, the link to register will be on the [ncedservices.org](http://www.ncedservices.org) website.

You may contact Lori Langlois for more information at lori@ncedservices.org.

NEWS & UPDATES

Director's Notes

Welcome back.

The start of a new school year brings new challenges such as financing innovative programs and services and fulfilling Federal and State mandates such as No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA). The new school year also brings with it a renewed optimism, excitement and commitment among the North Country Education family, that all our students will receive the very finest education. Most importantly, the new school year is a time to celebrate the positive impact you have made and continue to make on the social, emotional, and academic lives of each child we have been entrusted to nurture, support and educate. We also celebrate the precious and enduring gift of giving that you unconditionally bestow each and every day on your students. As educators you follow an internal compass, a quiet voice from within that tells you that the way to serve yourself is by serving others. That the measure of your success is the success and achievements of others – namely your students. Such a commitment was encapsulated by the words of Emerson:

"To laugh often and much, to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children, to earn the appreciation of honest critics, to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others, to leave the world a bit better, to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived, this to have succeeded!"

Wishing you all a productive and highly successful, 2011 – 12 school year.

Ray Healey
Executive Director

Summer Highlights

NCES partnered with the Education Department of the University of New Hampshire this summer to offer two, two-day institutes.

Integrating Land Use

Eight North Country teachers participated in the institute to learn land use topics including how to do field measures and sampling, using Landsat imagery in classrooms, changes in the New England Forest and how to integrate the Forest Watch program into the curriculum.



Martha Carlson (left) working with the group on measuring and sampling tree specimens.



Eleanor Abrams (left) facilitating discuss as group assesses data collected from surveying land.

Astronomy and Star Signatures

Seven North Country teachers participated in the institute studying light, electricity and magnetism. The session was lead by Toni Galvin of the Study of Earth, Oceans, and Space Institute at UNH.



Making electromagnets.



Demonstrating pulses through magnetic fields, magnets and coiled wire can transform your head into radio speaker.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Train the Trainer: Bicycling 1-2-3 Youth Instructors

The Bike-Walk Alliance of NH (BWA-NH) is pleased to offer a Safe Routes to School-funded "Train the Trainers" program for elementary school faculty members wishing to promote standardized and sustainable bicycling education in grades 4 and 5. Course material was developed by the League of American Bicyclists and the National Bicycle Dealers Association. The "Train the Trainers" program is conducted by a certified Master League Cycling Instructor (LCI) who is authorized to certify "Bicycling 1-2-3" Youth and Skills level instructors, even for people without extensive classroom or on-bike training. While knowledge of cycling is needed, a key point of the program is that the "trainees" need not be a highly skilled, fast, or long-distance cyclist. The "trainees" is to teach students what they need to know at their level, not to teach what the "trainees" may know or not know about the finer points of bicycling. This allows a "Train the Trainer" session to be completed in just three hours with minimal on-bike time and no tests. Bikes and helmets may be brought to the seminar by the participants but they are not required. All that is needed is a commitment to implement the LAB/NBDA standardized bicycling education in your school on a sustainable basis. Part of the training session includes suggestions how such may be accomplished without significant addition to class time.

BWA-NH will provide all documentation, forms, and handouts for the "Bicycling 1-2-3 Youth Instructors" plus samples of the materials to be used with the students. (Back-ups are provided on a CD.) Three hours of free training by a Master LCI, handouts, certification of the instructors, and travel expenses (gas and tolls, not lodging) are included in the SRTS-funded "Train the Trainers" program.

Cost: For school personnel working directly with grades 4 and/or 5, there is no charge (this can include classroom teachers, nurses, PE teachers, Guidance, Special Ed, or even paraprofessionals or principals). Others, including non-school personnel, may attend for a fee of \$40 payable to the BWA-NH.
Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM
Location: NCES, 300 Gorham Hill Road, Gorham, NH
Registration: [Download registration](#) and mail to Dave Topham, BWA-NH Director, LAB M-LCI # 39

57 Regional Drive, Suite 6, Concord, NH 03301-8518 by October 5th.

Questions: Contact Dave Topham at 603.898.9926 or dave@bwanh.org

Note: A minimum of 8 participants working directly with 4th & 5th grade students is required for this training to be offered.

Military Culture 101

Children face enormous challenges when a family member is deployed to active duty in a "combat zone." Every day, they may have more to do or fewer opportunities to play ball because the family member is away. Every night, the news reminds them that their loved one may not come home. And the family member staying at home may be under additional stress creating an environment that is quite different from what these children have had before. Military 101 provides information to school personnel on what these children and their families face and how this can impact the life of the child and what it can mean to the child's education.

Dates: Wednesday, January 11, 2012
Repeated: Thursday, February 2, 2012
Repeated: Wednesday, April 4, 2012
Time: 8:30 to 12:30
Cost: Free
Register: Please call NCES at 800-268-5437 or 603-466-5437

Reintegration and Special Topics: NH National Guard Follow Up

For those individuals who have already participated in a "Military 101" training (including those who attended the morning session), this session is designed and focused on the return of the Brigade and how it impacts the children. Special topics include (but are not limited to):
 * Reintegration
 * Dual deployments of both parents
 * The dynamics of being a "step" family

Dates: Wednesday, January 11, 2012
Repeated: Thursday, February 2, 2012
Repeated: Wednesday, April 4, 2012
Time: 1:20 to 3:45
Cost: Free
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ON-SITE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Making Inclusion Work

Strategies for Regular Ed / Special Ed Collaboration

with Trish Walton, Educational Consultant

Including students with disabilities in regular education settings does not always mean the same thing to special education personnel as it does to regular classroom teachers. To make inclusion successful, all of the adults need to create a common vision and communicate in order to make collaboration work for the benefit of *all* students. And, in fact, effective inclusion may look entirely different for different students and in different classrooms.

This one-day interactive workshop will start by using a tool that teachers and aides can use to establish comfortable norms for sharing a classroom and students. Strategies for communication, collaboration, lesson planning, team teaching, and sharing the evaluation process will be presented and developed.

Monthly or bi-monthly follow-up (at your school or at NCES) will be an important part of creating structures that work for your building.

Teams of teachers should plan to attend together in any of the following configurations:

- Regular Education Teachers & Special Education Teachers
- Classroom teachers & the aide(s)/paraprofessional(s) who work with in their classrooms
- 1:1 paraprofessionals & classroom teachers & special education teachers
- Grade level team of teachers (including special education teacher) & the paraprofessional(s) that work with the grade
- Administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals



About Trish Walton: A regular education teacher by trade, Trish has been a part of special ed/regular ed teams that worked, as well as a few that didn't. Trish will guide participants through the elements essential to making inclusion successful for all – students and teachers alike.

For information about scheduling and cost for the one-day workshop and follow-up at your school/district, contact Lori Langlois at lori@ncedservices.org or 603-466-5437.

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Upcoming Events through the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire

Caravan Serai: place where cultures meet
 This program aims to increase cross-cultural understanding through the arts by bringing world-class Muslim musicians and filmmakers for three weeks of residency activities between October and April. The first residency, with Qawal Najmuddin Saifuddin & Brothers (traditional Qawali singers) and the Tari Khan Ensemble (Sufi drummers from Pakistan) takes place October 16 through 22. Schools interested in hosting a program or learning more about Carvan Serai should contact Frumie Selchen, 323-7302. info@aannh.org.

The Arts Alliance is also coordinating two professional-development opportunities for teachers, administrators, interested parents and artists. **"Meet Me at the River: Teaching Artists and the Natural World"** is a New England-wide conference for teaching artists and their school and community partners Thursday, September 22 in Dover, NH presented by the New England Consortium of Artist-Educator Professionals.

The other is the NH State Council on the Arts' Statewide Arts in Education Conference, **"Learning and Teaching about Culture, Heritage and History with and through the Arts,"** which takes place October 21-23 at the AMC Highland Center, Bretton Woods. Full program registration scholarships are available for first-time attendees at this conference; applications should be made by September 15. Visit www.aannh.org or contact the Arts Alliance at 323-7302, info@aannh.org for details.

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