Announcing the Eleventh Alliance Summer Geography Institute (ASGI)  
June 24 through July 3, 2009 and July 10, 2009

All K-12 teachers, and those who deal with K-12 education outreach, are invited to apply for this intensive geography education training. This program is not limited to conventional geography teachers. We view geography as an integrative discipline that fits in all classrooms.

The 11-day institute will include:
- hands-on activities that are classroom ready
- guest speakers from the academic world of geography
- presentations of best practices by K-12 educators
- a focus on integrating history and geography (GEOHISTORY)
- lots and lots of fun
- one graduate credit in geography (with the option of 2 more credits)

This Institute is directly aligned to the Arizona academic content standards. The goals of the Institute include the improvement of teachers’ knowledge of world studies and geography, and credit from this institute will contribute to teachers becoming highly qualified to teach geography.

This "geography boot camp" will be the best experience a teacher can ever have in terms of professional growth. With graduation from ASGI, a teacher will be eligible:

- to receive grants for classroom materials or projects
- to apply for travel money to present geography lessons at national and state conferences
- to attend the TC Conference (the annual business meeting held at a fun and different destination each year)
- to participate in Advanced Summer Geography Institutes
- to attend National Geographic Society sponsored workshops
- to participate in Advanced Placement Geography training workshops
- to gain technology training through geography related workshops
- to apply for National Geographic Society TC grants
- to attend other professional development opportunities involving international and national travel

Institute Format:

This is an intense (but very fun) graduate level program that will consist of classroom work, hands-on activities, and a field experience. Participants are required to attend all sessions (June 24-July 3 and July 10, 2009). During these 11 days, participants will engage in a three day excursion to southeastern Arizona. This year we will travel to Fort Bowie, Fort Huachuca, Willcox and Sonoita. ALL participants will return to the ASU campus on July 10 to present an original geography lesson that they have created and then participate in graduation ceremonies.

Timeline:

- April 30, 2009 Deadline for applications. (Applications can be submitted as late as May 24, but all participants may have been selected by this time.) Enrollment will be limited to 24. This number includes participants from Nevada and Utah whose state Alliances partner with AzGA for TC training every other year.
- May 24, 2009 is the last date for canceling your application and having the $100 deposit returned.
- June 24-July 3 Daily instruction will be conducted by a cadre of K-12 Teacher Consultants (TCs) and a team of university geographers from around the state. Some evening events and weekend instruction is mandated.
- July 10: Present an original lesson created by the participant. Relatives and friends are invited to a late afternoon graduation ceremony and celebration.
Alliance Summer Geography Institute 2009

Housing:

Maricopa County participants can choose to live in university housing or at home during the institute sessions. All participants will be housed at our expense.

Financial Information -- Your Costs:

You will be required to register for 3 hours of graduate credit through Arizona State University. The Alliance will reimburse Arizona based participants $800 upon completion of the Institute. Estimate your costs to be $325 for the 3 hours of credit and any other required expenses.

What We Give You:

- Lodging costs at ASU and on the field trip will be provided
- Daily food costs will be heavily subsidized
- Teaching resources (books, maps, atlases, lesson plans, transparencies, CD-ROMS including GeoMath and GeoLiteracy) valued at over $400
- Reimbursement for two graduate credit hours from ASU

Requirements:

- Attend all activities of the Institute
- Read all assigned materials
- Create a lesson based on the Arizona geography standards
- Present your lesson to fellow participants in a prescribed format on July 10, 2009
- Conduct 2 in-service workshops after graduation
- Participate in post-ASGI retreats and workshops
- Graduates, known officially as Teaching Consultants, will be encouraged to join in the continuing effort to spread geography education throughout Arizona

How To Apply:

Complete the attached Application and include the following:

1) Your RESUME CONDENSED TO ONE PAGE.
2) A one page, typed ESSAY outlining:
   a) why you believe geography education is important and
   b) how you expect to benefit from participating in the 2009 Alliance Summer Geography Institute
3) LETTERS OF REFERENCE (these can be mailed separately):
   a) From your principal, arrange a letter of reference that addresses your skills in the classroom, plus your district’s willingness to facilitate your presentation of at least one staff development workshop.
   b) From a colleague, seek a letter that discusses your classroom effectiveness and rapport with fellow educators.
4) A check for $100 made out to the Arizona Geographic Alliance. This money will be refunded in its entirety if
   a) you cancel in writing by May 20, 2009,
   b) or you are not chosen as a participant,
   c) or at completion of the Institute sessions when you graduate.

Completed applications will be accepted as late as May 24, 2009. However, space is limited and all participants may be selected prior to the deadline date.

Mail to:
Arizona Geographic Alliance
ASU School of Geographical Sciences
P O Box 875302
Tempe, AZ 85287-5302
2009 Summer Geography Institute – June 24 – July 3, 2009 and July 10
APPLICATION FORM
Please type or print clearly.

Name _______________________________________________________________________________________

Last           First    Middle Initial

Mailing Address_________________________________________________________________________________

Street     City    Zip

Home Phone (_____)__________________________ email ______________________________________________

Area Code used the most (we need to reach you in the SUMMER)

School Name & Address___________________________________________________________________________

Name _______________________________________________________________________________________

Street     City         Zip

School Phone (_____)____________________________ School District ___________________________________

Area Code

School email _______________________________

Grades and classes_____________________________________________________________________________

that you teach

Special skills that you____________________________________________________________________________

bring to the Institute

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Topics you hope this Institute addresses_______________________________________________________________

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The 3 credit hour class is $485 per graduate hour plus the usual ASU fees. AzGA will reimburse Arizona based
participants $800 at the end of class. After acceptance in the Institute, you will be given instructions on how to register.
The Alliance will provide lodging and most of your meals for the duration of the Institute.

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I agree to participate in all sessions from June 24-July 3, 2009. I will present my original lesson on Friday, July 10,
2009 in Tempe, AZ in a follow up session.
I will present my lesson at GeoFest 2010 or GeoDayTrip 2009
I will present my lesson at a school or district meeting.
I will be active in the Arizona Geography Alliance.

Signature