The Arizona Geographic Alliance is supporting four Arizona teachers to attend the GAIN Summer Geography Institute 2008.

The Geographic Alliance in Nevada (GAIN) presents
Alliance Summer Geography Institute 2008 (ASGI2008)
June 9-20, Las Vegas & Reno

➤ Who can attend? This outstanding professional development opportunity is open to all K-12 teachers and education outreach professionals.

➤ Why would someone want to attend? Geography is the world and everything in it! Teachers will experience traditional geography content lectures, take part in several field trips, and receive a variety of classroom ready lessons and materials. Upon graduation, participants will become TC’s (Teacher Consultants) for both GAIN and AzGA and will be eligible for future opportunities including stipends to attend national conferences, advanced geography institutes, and grants for classroom materials from the state Alliance where they reside. Teachers will earn three graduate level credits in geography from the University of Nevada, Reno at a cost of approximately $50.00 per credit hour.

➤ What are the logistical details? ASGI 2008 will begin in Las Vegas and conclude in Reno. Travel, hotel, and most food expenses will be provided by GAIN or AzGA.
Arizona participants will fly to Las Vegas early on Monday, June 9th, to Reno with the northern teachers on Friday evening June 13th, and back home on the evening of Friday, June 20th.

➤ What is required of participants? Teachers must register for the graduate credit and are expected to attend all institute classroom sessions and field trips. Most importantly, teachers will have to present a hands-on activity that’s part of an original lesson on the institute’s final day and commit to share this lesson at a future professional development workshop on behalf of the alliance.

➤ How do I apply? Mail, email, or fax the following to:

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1. Name and mailing address
   Home phone and email
   School name and address
   Grades and classes that you teach

2. A resume or VITA condensed to one page or less

3. A one page essay outlining:
   o any special skills or knowledge that you will bring to the institute
   o why you believe geographic education is important for K-12 students
   o how you plan to share the knowledge and experience gained at the Institute with your students and colleagues

4. Two short letters of reference:
   o One from an administrator that addresses your classroom skills and their willingness to allow you to participate in future professional development workshops as a presenter
   o One from a colleague that describes your positive interaction with both students and fellow educators

Send a check for $50 made out to the Arizona Geographic Alliance. This small deposit will be returned if you are not selected to participate, or if you cancel your participation in writing before the final deadline of June 1st, or after you have completed the course.

**What deadlines should I be aware of?** Applications are due no later than May 1st and the last day to cancel will be June 1st.