Announcing The Tenth Alliance Summer Geography Institute
(ASGI 2007)
June 18-27, 2007 and July 14, 2007

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 10-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
- lots and lots of fun

This Institute meets the definition of high quality professional development as required by the No Child Left Behind Act [Title IX, Part A, Section 9101 (34)] and are directly aligned to state academic content standards, achievement standards, and assessments. The goals of the Institute include to improve and increase teachers’ knowledge of world studies and geography, and to enable teachers to become highly qualified.

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

- to receive grants for classroom materials or projects
- to apply for travel money to present at national and state conferences
- to attend the TC Conference (the annual business meeting held at a fun and different destination each year)
- to attend AzGA Advanced Summer Institutes
- for Alliance sponsored advanced workshops here and in other states
- for National Geographic Society sponsored workshops
- for Advanced Placement Geography training workshops
- for GIS (Geographic Information Systems) training workshops
- for National Geographic Society TC grants
- for 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 18-27, and July 14, 2007).

During these 10 days, participants will participate in a three to four day excursion to the cooler climates of Arizona. This year we will travel to Meteor Crater, Mogollon Rim, Grand Canyon, and Sunset Crater. Participants will return to the ASU campus on July 14 to present an original geography lesson that they have created and then participate in graduation ceremonies.

Timeline:

- April 30, 2007 Deadline for applications. (Applications can be submitted as late as May 20, but all participants may have been selected by this time.) Enrollment will be limited to 24
- May 24, 2005 Last date for canceling your application and having the $100 deposit returned.
- June 18-27 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 are mandated.
- July 14 Present an original lesson created by the participant. Relatives and friends are invited to a late afternoon graduation ceremony and celebration.
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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 sign up for 3 hours of graduate credit through Arizona State University but the Alliance will reimburse you for 2 of the 3 hours 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 14, 2007
- 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 2007 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, 2007,
   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 20, 2007. However, space is limited and all participants may be selected prior to the deadline date.
**APPLICATION FORM**

**Deadline for applications:** April 30, 2007

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The 3 credit hour class is currently $264 per graduate hour plus the usual ASU fees. The cost of 2 credit hours will be **reimbursed** to participants 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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**Send to:**
Arizona Geographic Alliance  
ASU School of Geographical Sciences  
P O Box 870104  
Tempe, AZ 85287-0104

I agree to participate in all sessions from June 18-27, 2007. I will present my original lesson on Thursday, July 14, 2007 in Tempe, AZ in a follow up session. I will present my lesson at GeoFest 2007. I will present my lesson at a school or district meeting. I will be active in the Arizona Geography Alliance.

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Signature