Invitation for High School Physics and Physical Science Teachers

The American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT) National has approved the Higher Education Consortium of Central California (HECCC) to facilitate a one-week summer institute for physics and physical science teachers in high schools. The Physics Teaching Resource Agents (PTRA) Program is supported in part by the National Science Foundation.

Details regarding the three-year program can be found in the Program Summary.

If you teach in a rural or small-city school district located within approximately 110 miles of TURLOCK, CA, you are invited to apply. Lodging and meals will be provided on the CSU Stanislaus campus in Turlock. Attendees will arrive at CSUS campus on Sunday afternoon, JUNE 26, 2005 for check-in and the workshop will conclude on Friday, JULY 1, 2005.

Attached are (1) a letter from Jim Nelson, AAPT’s Vice President and the Principal Investigator for PTRA, and (2) an application form.

If you know another physics or physical science teacher who might be interested please pass this information along to them. We appreciate your support in sharing our program information with others.

Questions and comments can be addressed to me as the site coordinator.

I hope to see you at California State University, Stanislaus during the last week in June 2005! Space is limited so complete the application and return to me to make your reservation.

Sincerely,

Marcella Rodgers
Executive Director, Higher Education Consortium of Central California

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December 10, 2004

Dear School Official:

We call to your attention an extraordinary professional development opportunity for your high school and middle school teachers of physics and physical science. In cooperation with the Higher Education Consortium of Central California (CSU Stanislaus, Columbia College, Merced College, Modesto Junior College, San Joaquin Delta College, and UC Merced), the Physics Teaching Resource Agents (PTRA) program of the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT) is offering a residential, five-day workshop series specifically for teachers in rural schools, June 27 through July 1, 2005, at California State University Stanislaus in Turlock, California, at no cost to your schools or the participants! The source of funds is a grant from the National Science Foundation, which has provided federal grants to sustain AAPT/PTRA initiatives since 1985. Teachers accepted will be invited to fall and spring follow-up workshops as well as future summer programs.

If you are not familiar with the AAPT/PTRA program, you can visit our web site at www.aapt.org/PTRA/ The following excerpt gives a brief description: “The AAPT/PTRA program is national in scope and maintains a cadre of 200 trained, certified, and updated workshop leaders to provide professional development opportunities for teachers of physics and physical science in their local regions. Some 40 learning-research-based workshops have been developed to enhance content, classroom and laboratory instruction, use of technology, assessment tools, etc., in a mode of guided inquiry and in a hands-on, minds-on environment”. If you would like more information, please contact any of the PTRA program directors at the American Association of Physics Teachers 301-209-3344 or Marcella Rodgers, HECCC Executive Director at phone 209-667-3078 or mrodgers@csustan.edu.

Please arrange for copies of this letter and the accompanying Application to be distributed to your teachers of physics and/or physical science. Since there is an urgency of time, we would appreciate your acting on this as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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AAPT/PTRA Principal Investigator
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AAPT/PTRA 2005 Summer Institute Application
For HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS Of
PHYSICS AND PHYSICAL SCIENCE
Coordinated through The Higher Education Consortium of Central California:
Columbia College • CSU Stanislaus • Merced College • Modesto Junior College
San Joaquin Delta College • UC Merced

June 27 through July 1, 2005

- offered by the PHYSICS TEACHING RESOURCE AGENTS (PTRA) program of the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT)
- including hands-on, minds-on, inquiry-based activities and lessons correlated to the National Science Education Standards and relevant to your teaching
- presented by experienced, successful, AAPT/PTRA - certified classroom teachers, specially trained and updated to conduct workshops
- residential program allowing opportunity for professional interactions
- no cost to participants! campus meals and lodging, one round-trip mileage, teacher manuals and classroom materials provided, plus a participant stipend of $300.
- limited enrollment to permit individual attention; teachers accepted on a first-come basis
- CSUS PHYSICS CREDIT available by arrangement

APPLY NOW! Make a copy of this page, complete the information requested and Fax or mail by June 1, 2005 to:

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PLEASE PRINT:

NAME ___________________________________________ E-MAIL _____________________________
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SCHOOL NAME _______________________________ COUNTY _________________________________
SCHOOL ADDRESS ___________________________________________ NUMBER AND STREET ___
CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE
HOME ADDRESS ___________________________________________ NUMBER AND STREET ___
CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE
HOME PHONE _______________________________ WORK PHONE ___________________________

WILL YOU REQUIRE ON CAMPUS LODGING? YES_____ NO_____

DO YOU REQUIRE VEGTERIAN MEALS? YES_____ NO_____

DO YOU WANT CSU STANISLAUS GRADUATE PHYSICS COURSE CREDIT? YES_____ NO_____ 

SUBJECT(S) TAUGHT ___________________________ GRADE(S) ___________________________

YEARS TEACHING __________________ DEGREE(s) ___________________________

TYPE, YEAR, AND INSTITUTION