



APRIL 2007

ITEE Grant

The UGA ETTC is proud to announce we are hosting a meeting May 1st for those schools & systems that received the ITEE Grant to discuss purchasing of equipment. Others who didn't receive the grant this year are welcome to attend!

At this meeting we will discuss a variety technologies that can add valuable tools and experiences to the teaching and learning process. Information will be provided including sample quotes from numerous vendors—volume pricing that everyone will have the opportunity to take advantage of through June 2007!!!

PROMOTE Georgia

Come and take a look at our online PROMOTE Georgia region entries made by Union Point Elementary, Greensboro Elementary, Kennedy Elementary, Buford High School, and Greater Atlanta Christian.

<http://ttc.coe.uga.edu/promote/entries.html>

Judging is underway and winners will be announced soon.

Congratulations on a job well done to all of our participants! To learn more about PROMOTE Georgia you can visit:

<http://www.promotega.org/>

New Summer Classes!

Media Specialists, Media Clerks, Teachers, and Technology Specialists, come learn about new technologies that you can use to reach today's students! Classes are being held the weeks of June 11-15 and June 18-22.

Classes are offered in:

- Podcasting
- GPS, GSO and Coach Books
- Interactive Whiteboards
- Microsoft Office
- Online Encyclopedias
- Technology Troubleshooting
- Blogging
- Webpage Design
- Movie Maker
- Dynamic Digital Cameras
- Making Multimedia Job Aids
- Etc.

Go to the website below for more information:

<http://ttc.coe.uga.edu/summer07workshops/cooltools.html>

**Upcoming AYP support**

The ETTC will soon be opening its helpdesk service for AYP!

Training for schools will be held on May 10th from 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m at UGA - ETTC in Athens.

Summer 2007 Workshops

These summer workshops are for technology specialists and others who are interested in some of the hottest topics facing the techie world today. Classes run from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the weeks of May 31st - June 8th, June 21st - 22nd, and July 2nd - July 13th.

Classes are offered at the UGA ETTC in Athens and include:

- Windows Vista
- Office 2007
- Open Office
- Moodle
- Linux
- Internet Safety
- Wireless Networking
- Windows Updating

Visit our website online for specific class dates and to get more information!

<http://ttc.coe.uga.edu/summer07workshops/>

DUG

A new version of the Data Utilization Guide, or DUG, is coming out in early summer with changes in macros. As always, the ETTC is happy to help you use the DUG. The current DUG is available on the School Improvement Website

http://public.doe.k12.ga.us/tss_school_improve.aspx?PageReq=TSSSchoolImpData

Consolidated Application Training

The ETTC will be the only source of Consolidated Application training for our districts. Training will occur:

5/29/07 Athens 9AM—12 PM

5/30/07 Gwinnett 9 AM—12 PM

There will be no hands-on

navigation training at the Title I conference this year, so be sure to take advantage of the training offered by the ETTC. Also, individual DOE program managers for each of the programs will be present!

Title I Conference

This year's Title I Conference, "Title I: Making it Work for Georgia's Children," will be June 5-7, 2007 at the Atlanta Airport Marriott. For more information, visit <http://admin.doe.k12.ga.us/gadoe/sla/titleiconf.nsf>

NECC

The 28th Annual National Educational Computing Conference, the "World's premier Ed Tech event," is being held in Atlanta this year! Register before March 30 to receive the best rates. The ETTC has a spreadsheet for districts to use for registration; so, please contact us if you have not yet registered and would like to do so using the spreadsheet. More information about NECC can be found at

<http://center.uoregon.edu/ISTE/NECC2007/>



CSI Georgia Meetings

Come take part in the Georgia Collaborative School Improvement meetings.

Upcoming dates are:

May 18—Regional meeting TBA

June 22—State-wide meeting in Forsyth

Summer GAEL

The 2007 Summer GAEL (Georgia Association of Educational Leaders) Conference & EXPO is July 8-11 in Jekyll Island, GA. For more information, visit:

<http://www.ciclt.net/gael/>

RESA Conference

RESA's annual spring conference will be May 9-11 at the Sea Palms Resort in St. Simons Island, GA.

Upcoming ETTC training courses and dates

Join us for the following training dates!

- PowerPoint Activities – Wednesday, May 2
- Classroom Performance System – Tuesday, May 15



CTAE Training Dates

Training Dates in Athens:

May 1

May 5

May 10



Technology Tip — Backing Up

If you've got a computer, it needs to be backed up. In the olden days, we used tape drives- which are expensive, slow, and troublesome. Nowadays, hard drives have become large and inexpensive. There are many manufacturers of external hard drives, and they make great backup devices. Here are some tips to look for in external hard drives:

- The more ports, the better. Most systems come with USB 2.0 to hook up to your computer. If it comes with a firewire port, that's even better; firewire is faster than USB. If you can, get one with the new standard for even faster transfer, called eSATA. If your computer doesn't have an eSATA port, one can be added easily.
- One-touch backup. Look for a drive that has a backup program included. Most have a scheme called "one-touch backup" where it's quick and easy. It is also possible to just drag and copy your files.
- Get the full-sized units. There are two classes of external drives: portable and "full-sized." The full-sized units are about the size of a thick hardback, have external power, and cost about \$0.33 per gigabyte. The smaller units are about the size of an iPod, are powered by their USB cable, and cost about \$1.00 per gigabyte. For backup purposes, the larger ones are better.



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