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**Summer services**

The UGA ETTC is seeking to offer special services this summer to administrators, technical, and instructional persons in our area. We are interested in your needs, and plan to contact each group personally to learn how we can best serve you this summer.

**eMath update**

The 06-07 eMath year is winding down, and it's time to see how all of this year's hard work has paid off. Students will be taking the BAM, Balanced Assessment in Mathematics, soon, and teachers will come together in early summer to score the BAMs—a tremendous learning experience in and of itself! eMath teachers are also winding down the year by creating and sharing e-portfolios that document the techno-instructional strategies they have implemented.

**Upcoming AYP support**

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

**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](http://public.doe.k12.ga.us/tss_school_improve.aspx?PageReq=TSSSchoolImpData)

**Consolidated Application Training**

The ETTC will be the one source of Consolidated Application training for our districts. Training will occur within the window of May 21 – June 30; specific dates are TBA. 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.

**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/>

**Assessment of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Technology Literacy**

There will be a NECC session about how various systems in Georgia are assessing 8th grade technology literacy.

**EOCT GaVS dates**

The UGA ETTC will be proctoring the End of Course Test on Thursday, May 3 from 8-5 in both the Athens and Gwinnett locations.

**CSI Georgia Meetings**

Come take part in the Georgia Collaborative School Improvement meetings. Upcoming dates are: April 20—State-wide meeting  
May 18—Regional meeting  
June 22—State-wide meeting

### **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!



Access – Wednesday, March 28  
Wireless Intro – Friday, March 30  
Excel – Thursday, April 12  
SMART Board – Wednesday, April 18  
PowerPoint – Tuesday, April 24  
Windows Movie Maker – Thursday, April 26  
PowerPoint Activities – Wednesday, May 2  
Classroom Performance System – Tuesday, May 15



### **CTAE Training Dates**

Training Dates in Athens:

March 28  
April 10  
May 1  
May 5  
May 10

Training Dates in Gwinnett:

April 14  
April 17  
April 19  
April 28

### **ETTC Technology Preview Service**

Is your school or system considering purchasing technology in the near future? Let the ETTC guide you on your way. We have a variety of technologies available for you to preview and even check out. Technologies for preview include SMART Boards, Symposiums, and ACTIV Boards. Technologies for check-out include ELMOs, wireless slates (SMART's Airliner, ACTIV's Tablet, Wacom), Classroom Performance System, digital cameras, and LCD projectors. We would also be happy to advise you in the purchasing of these items including things to consider when deciding between various brands, pricing, what to purchase first, and ways to distribute equipment among teachers. We can come to you, or you can come to us for a special presentation, customized just for you!

### **Wireless Networking - Strengths/Weaknesses**

A wireless network provides mobility to enable you to communicate from just about anywhere. You can take your computer on the road and access the internet from public Wi-Fi hotspots such as airports, hotels, or coffee shops. Because you don't have to run cables, wireless is usually easier to install. A wireless network's signal can allow for a wide coverage area.

However, there are some weaknesses or disadvantages to using wireless. Because a wireless network uses radio waves to send data, there may be interference from power lines, microwave ovens, or cordless phones. Weather conditions such as heavy rain or fog may also decrease the range of some wireless networks especially if going between buildings in a city. But for the average small home or office, it may not be noticeable. One huge wireless disadvantage is security attacks. If a wireless network has not been properly secured, it is open to attacks.



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