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A Message from the President Lynn Galvin

One school year ends, and changes begin for the next. The ACSS board has been working on developing new approaches to bring more useful information to its membership across the state, to consolidate its budget in these economically challenging times, and to plan new experiences for the annual conference next fall.

Social Studies educators across the state are eager for up to the minute strategies and content made available to them. With that availability in mind, the ACSS board has created an Outreach Committee, with a goal of organizing, offering, and presenting ACSS sponsored workshops on varying topics at several different Arizona locations. If you would like such a workshop at your school or district, presented by hands-on experienced professionals, contact me through our ACSS website.

The budget is always a source of interest, and in our research to cut costs and go green, it has become evident that it is time to move towards a digital newsletter. A selected survey of ACSS teachers has revealed that they will prefer a digital newsletter, and with that in mind, we are asking the ACSS membership to let us know if they want to keep receiving a printed newsletter (see the form printed in this month's newsletter). Otherwise, within a few issues, our membership is going digital.

Finally, the ACSS board has been hard at work designing a fall conference (mark your calendar for Friday, October 29, 2010) that will be one you do not want to miss. The title, *Social Studies: To the Centennial and Beyond!*, is a reminder to Arizona teachers that we are approaching Arizona's 100 year mark. The ACSS board has met with state Centennial organizers, and ACSS is working to bring some special celebratory materials to the forefront in recognizing Arizona's impressive inclusion as the 48th star in our nation's flag.



Please take a few minutes to read through the newsletter and acquaint yourself with your ACSS. Meanwhile, enjoy your summer, renew your energy, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Summer time is a great time to register for the Fall Conference!

To join this exciting community of educators and to receive benefits of membership, please visit:
www.azsocialstudies.org.

Do you like children's or youth literature?
Check out this committee...

MEOC
Middle East Outreach Council

If you like children's/youth literature, you might be interested in participating on the **Middle East Outreach Council's book awards committee**. It's fun!

There are 3 categories of Middle East-themed books for K-12 students. You can read in one, two, or all of them. They include picture books, youth literature (including fiction and personal accounts for a middle school or high school audience), and youth reference (non-fiction). Usually, there are 5-10 books in each category - and you don't have to read them word for word, of course. You would get the books in October and have to read them - and comment on them - then.

If you think you might want to be involved and want more information, email Lisa Adeli, [<adeli@email.arizona.edu>](mailto:adeli@email.arizona.edu).

Teacher Appreciation Night

at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum
August 28, 2010, 5 pm to 10 pm

In a night dedicated to educators, Desert Museum staff will showcase the 2010-11 programs, including new options for Field Trips and information about updated digital resources. Teachers will also receive a private presentation at 6:10 pm of "Sky Hunters," a look at the wonderful raptors of the Sonoran Desert region. Registered teachers will receive free admission for themselves and one guest, as well as dinner vouchers for \$5.00 at the Ironwood Terraces, a self-serve grill with diverse menu offerings. Pre-registration is required.



Online registration and program information available at
[<http://www.desertmuseum.org/visit/teacherapp.php>](http://www.desertmuseum.org/visit/teacherapp.php)
Please invite your educator friends and colleagues.

19th Annual Wool Festival in Flagstaff

Saturday – Sunday, June 5 - 6, 2010; 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. both days

AHS Pioneer Museum, 2340 N. Fort Valley Rd., Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Phone: 928-774-6272 Email: ahsflagstaff@azhs.gov. Free parking at the museum.

The festival is a fun, family-oriented weekend celebrating the tradition of sheep ranching and fiber craft in Northern Arizona. The festival features:

Live sheep, goats, and alpaca

Herding dog and shearing demonstrations

Fiber craft demonstrations by Navajo and other local artisans

Living history sheep camp; meet local shepherds and sample traditional sheep camp cooking

Local fleece and fiber crafts for sale



Event admission is \$3.00 for visitors 12 and older; 11 and under are free. Admission free for AHS members.

All proceeds go to support the Pioneer Museum. Contact the staff at the Pioneer Museum for information about participation as a vendor or demonstrator: 928-774-6272.

Exhibit opening in Tucson – *GERONIMO! Revered and Reviled* Friday, June 11, 2010; 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



AHS Arizona History Museum, 949 E. 2nd St., Tucson, AZ 85719 Phone: 520-628-5774
Free parking one block west of the museum in the Arizona Historical Society garage at the northeast corner of E. 2nd St. and N. Euclid Ave. Use the E. 2nd St. entrance.

**Paid museum admission includes the exhibit opening and light refreshments.
Admission free for AHS members.**

This new exhibit tells the story of the man behind the legend and explains how this Apache leader became part of our national consciousness.

New Social Studies Resources added to IDEAL!

Over 55 K-12 lessons and resources are new to the Learning Resource Manager!

Included are:

- Trade book lessons for grades K - 6
- Social Studies content lessons for grades K - 7
- Social Studies Integrated Reading lessons for grades K - 12 •Social Studies Reading Passages for grades K - 8
- Links to web lessons aligned to the Standard for high school



To access the new resources: Log into IDEAL <https://www.ideal.azed.gov/>, go to **Curriculum Resources**, then go to the **Learning Resource Manager**. These materials are part of the Content-Rich Support Materials created by ADE Content Specialists. The easiest way to locate ADE-created materials is to **Search** by Lesson Plan (or Reading Passage), then your grade, subject - Social Studies, and click "Limit results to ADE approved".

Please share this information with your colleagues!

Change is on its way...



The ACSS board has decided that its newsletter will soon be “going green” (see reference below for its meaning). Beginning in the fall, the ACSS newsletter will no longer be printed in bulk. ACSS members will be able to access the newsletter, and stay current with trends and happenings in the world of social studies, by logging on to the ACSS website.

If you are an individual who does not have easy web access or who prefers printed paper, please contact the editor through the website, or complete the form below, clip, and mail. ACSS expects this change to result in considerable savings to the organization, as well as provide instant access for most of the membership to the latest news.

Please enter the information requested below in order to continue receiving a printed ACSS newsletter four times a year.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

e-mail (if any): _____

Clip and mail to: Editor
ACSS Newsletter
PO Box 24839
Tempe, AZ 85285

Reference: <http://www.goinggreenhints.com/going-green-definition/>

2010 ACSS Annual Fall Conference



Social Studies: To the Centennial & Beyond

Friday, Oct. 29th – Arizona Council for the Social Studies
8:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Arizona State University at the West Campus

Enjoy the day with Arizona's best and the brightest in social studies education!

~ Professional Development Recertification Hours Available ~

Registration includes breakfast, lunch, & annual ACSS membership!

Name: _____

School/Org: _____

Street Address: _____

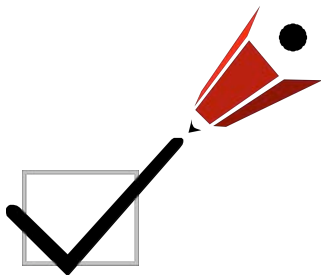
City: _____ Zip: _____

Grade Level: _____ Courses Taught: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Register on-line (w/PayPal) at our website:

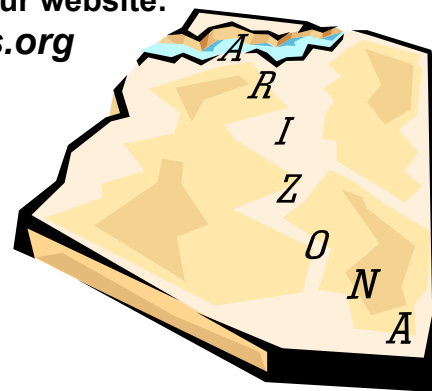
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\$70.00 ACSS Members
(includes 2011 membership)

\$80.00 Non-members
(includes 2011 membership)

\$30.00 Pre-Service Student Teachers (include copy of
Student ID and/or instructor signature with payment)



Or mail registration with check or Purchase Order payable to "ACSS" at:

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Professional Growth

Participation in the ACSS fall conference has a direct impact on professional practice and improvement in student achievement!

Experience new perspectives on innovative methods of teaching with discovery and creativity in the classroom!

Discovery & Creativity

Networking & Connections

Meet colleagues, mentors, leaders, and new acquaintances for support and friendship!

Gain content knowledge and teaching strategies in your particular subject or content and grade level!

Expertise

Be inspired by the great teaching knowledge, ideas and resources you'll experience!

Inspiration

Reasons to Attend the Fall Conference

<http://www.azsocialstudies.org>

Leadership

Educational leadership requires continuous engagement in learning new skills, knowledge and strategies!

Communication

Time for teacher collaboration is essential for effective social studies education. Sharing ideas and perspectives is part of collaboration!

Re-certification Hours

Receiving credit for recertification is of great benefit to many educators. Continuous professional development leads to improving classroom teaching!

Good Free Stuff

So much in the form of exhibitor and presenter classroom giveaways, new products, and samples. Plus, door prizes galore!

The Price is Right!

Everybody appreciates a really good deal like the ACSS Fall Conference!



GeoMath and GeoLiteracy with ELL Adaptations: FREE Workshops for Teachers of Grades K-8



Come learn how to Integrate Language Arts and
Mathematic Skills with Geography Standards

GeoLiteracy and GeoMath are two programs of eighty-five K-8 lessons. Each program integrates the Arizona social studies standard with Arizona's reading and writing or math standards. Each lesson contains assessment instruments that help students practice skills measured by state-mandated reading and writing or mathematics examinations. These lessons have been used successfully in Arizona schools since 2002. GeoLiteracy and GeoMath have received the George F. Cram Award from the National Council for the Social Studies for the Enhancement of Geographic Literacy. **Now** GeoLiteracy has been updated to include complete SIOP-based lesson plans and materials that will assist teachers who have English Language Learners.

The Arizona Geographic Alliance is offering two half-day workshops on **Thursday, June 17, 2010**. The FREE workshops are designed to acquaint educators with the programs and how to access the lessons. Breakout sessions will be offered for teachers of grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. To register, please complete the following registration slip for each person attending. A \$30 commitment fee is required. The workshop is designed for educators who are employed. Pre-service and retired teachers will be accepted if there is room. Refunds will be given to participants who cancel within 7 days of the workshop.

Both workshops will be held at the Arizona State University Memorial Union, Second Floor. Parking and lunch will be at participant's expense. The Memorial Union has a limited food court during the summer. We recommend eating there over moving your car to drive to lunch. You can also bring a sack lunch. **You can register for BOTH or only ONE of the workshops.**

Where: Arizona State University, Tempe
Memorial Union – 2nd Floor

When: Thursday, June 17, 2010
8:30 am to 11:30 am, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Cost: **FREE but requires a \$30.00 deposit refundable at close of workshop to attendees.**

Included are lesson plans, other free materials, and recertification hours.

Deadline to Register: No later than 5:00 pm on Friday, June 4, 2010.

Your check will be returned to you at the end of the workshop. If you do not attend, and do not cancel within the deadline specified, your check or Purchase Order will be cashed.

Make deposit checks out to: Arizona Geographic Alliance

Send registration and deposit check *or* purchase order to:
Phone: 480-965-5361 Fax: 480-965-8313

**Arizona Geographic Alliance
P O Box 875302
Tempe, AZ 85287-5302**



GEO LITERACY / GEO MATH 2010 REGISTRATION FORM

CHECK # _____ OR PO # _____ ENCLOSED

___ I will attend the **GeoLiteracy** Workshop from 8:30 to 11:30.

___ I will attend **both**.

___ I will attend the **GeoMath** Workshop from 12:30-3:30.

To better prepare for your needs, please check the grade level below.

I will be attending the sessions for this grade level: ___ K-2 ___ 3-5 ___ 6-8

NAME _____

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DISTRICT _____

SCHOOL STREET ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER (INCLUDING AREA CODE) USED IN SUMMER _____

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Board Members welcome your comments, questions, and requests for assistance in your social studies program.

You may also use our website to offer services, suggestions, and seek involvement opportunities.

The ACSS Board of Directors needs your help in identifying special resources, lesson plans, activities, and other useful information to share with social studies educators through our newsletter, website, email and FAX blasts, workshops, and other professional development.

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Congress in the Classroom

During The Dirksen Center's annual Congress in the Classroom® workshop <http://www.dirksencenter.org/print_programs_CongressClassroom.htm> participants are asked to introduce the lesson plans, resources, and techniques that have proven successful in teaching about Congress in their classrooms. A past participant presented a lesson entitled, "Creating a Metaphor for the Three Branches of Government."

Students will create a metaphor poster that completes this comparison: *"The three branches of government under the Constitution are like a..."*. They will also design and create an illustration for their metaphor, complete with a brief written explanation of why the metaphor is accurate. Each group's metaphor must have the features listed in the lesson plan.

Find "Creating a Metaphor for the Three Branches of Government" at: <http://www.congresslink.org/print_lp_metaphor.htm>

Vista, Visions & Voices

Planning for the Denver Conference: Start Now!

There are many of us who want to attend the NCSS conference in Denver, but finding the funding in our limited budgets can be a challenge. When you see the list of speakers and read about the Mile High City at www.denver.org/visitDenver/ncss, excitement begins to build. But so do the concerns about credit card payments. So here are a few tips to make your planning easier:

- Make your hotel reservation immediately. Use the NCSS conference website, www.socialstudies.org/conference/travel. Usually, a deposit equivalent to one night's charge appears on your credit card, and you can pay that as soon as it appears on your monthly statement. Also, share your room with a friend to save on costs.
- In June, make your plane reservation. United Airlines is the official airline of the 2010 NCSS Annual Conference, offering nonstop flights to Denver from over 100 cities nationwide. The United MeetingsPlus program offers NCSS attendee discounts up to 10 percent off published fares to Denver. Go to www.united.com and enter your dates and departure city, then enter meeting ID 5860F in the promotion code box. Again, as soon as the charge appears on your credit card, pay it off.
- In July or August, register for the conference, and—you guessed it—as soon as the charge appears on your credit card, pay it off.
- In September or October, when these bills are paid, put aside some cash for conference expenses so that it will be available when you arrive in Denver.
- After the conference, the only bill to pay will be the remaining nights at the hotel. Yes, it will be December and you will have holiday expenses to consider, but you will be smiling because you planned ahead and have already paid for the airline, the registration, and most conference expenses. You will have been part of the greatest social studies professional development program available and still be financially sound as you prepare for the New Year.

See you in Denver!

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