

NATIONAL STATE TEACHERS OF THE YEAR CONFERENCE
“REACHING NEW HEIGHTS” IN EDUCATION
ESTES PARK, COLORADO
JULY 9-12, 2010

CONFERENCE ITINERARY

Overview of Conference Activities:

Thursday, July 8th: Please plan on arriving and registering at the Lake Shore Lodge in Estes Park, Colorado.

General registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. when a reception with local entertainment will be held for all conference attendees.

Friday, July 9th: Early registration will take place from 7:00-8:30 a.m.

The 2010 NSTOY Conference Welcome and Opening sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. following a buffet breakfast. The day’s agenda will include a keynote speech by Dwight Jones— Colorado’s Commissioner of Education, breakout sessions on educational advocacy, committee assignments, and a review of Old Business.

Additional activities will include morning walks around Lake Estes, free time to explore Estes Park (local shuttles available), an evening reception and dinner at Lake Shore Lodge.

Each morning, guests accompanying NSTOY members will be provided a list of self-guided activity options as well as transportation information.

Saturday, July 10th: The NSTOY Practitioner’s Conference will be held at Estes Park High School from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. featuring sessions facilitated by current and former TOYs, National Board Certified Teachers, and national lecturers, and provide professional development for Colorado teachers as well as NSTOY members. Shuttles will transport NSTOY participants to and from the event.

Additional activities will include morning walks around Lake Estes, a breakfast buffet to start the day, catered lunch, evening meal back at Lake Shore Lodge, and then options for NSTOY members and their families to attend evening events at the Rooftop Rodeo, the Historic Estes Park Theater, or wildlife viewing in Rocky Mountain National Park.

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Sunday, July 11th:

Afternoon Conference sessions focused on “Teachers at the Table” and New Business. Plans are being made for round table discussions facilitated by local and NSTOY presenters.

Morning activities will include a buffet breakfast for all as well as many options for conference participants and their families: worship services, walks around Lake Estes, free time to explore the area, time for committee meetings, reunions with NSTOY friends.

Evening activities for all will include a Cowboy Supper to be held at the Aspen Lodge, a local dude ranch. Trail & wagon rides as well as campfire entertainment will complement this Western themed evening.

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Monday, July 12th:

Final Conference Sessions and Closing Banquet

Breakout sessions and the election of officers will be the focus of morning meetings, giving participants time to continue discussions of NSTOY goals and educational advocacy; a keynote speaker (hopefully the current National Teacher of the Year) will address NSTOY members during a catered lunch at the Lakeshore Lodge.

Free time will be offered from 2:30 – 6:30 with evening activities beginning with a reception prior to the Closing Banquet. The banquet will feature a “wild game” menu including a steamship of buffalo, elk tenderloins, rocky mountain trout, and many other specialties from the Rocky Mountain region. Evening activities will bring together NSTOY

members and friends and family for the installation of NSTOY Officers, the Invitation to 2011 Conference, and a chance to visit and wish fond farewells to all.

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Overview of Post-Conference Activities:

Tuesday, July 13th and Wednesday, July 14th:

Guided Tour Options to possibly include

- 1) Historic Estes, Rocky Mountain National Park, and/or Grand Lake
- 2) Boulder's Pearl Street, Denver's LoDo, and Coors Brewery
- 3) Adventure based activities: hiking, rafting, fishing, horseback riding

Recommendations for self-guided activities will be provided during conference registration.

Note: Specific details and prices for tours will follow soon.