

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.

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Lodging and Reservations Information:

Please contact The Lake Shore Lodge in Estes Park, Colorado directly to make your conference reservations. Rooms are currently being held for NSTOY members from July 7th through July 15th to accommodate all individuals wishing to attend the main conference and/or post-conference activities. When making reservations, please reference the “NSTOY Teachers Conference” to receive rates negotiated specifically for our event.

Room rates during the Summer High-Season typically range between \$159-\$359 per double occupancy. NSTOY has secured the price of \$159 for all available rooms regardless of the number of occupants. In rooms that can accommodate larger groups, occupancy rates are as follows:

Single Occupancy	-	\$159.00 per night
Double Occupancy	-	\$ 79.50 per night
Triple Occupancy	-	\$ 53.00 per night

Jacuzzi, ground floor, handicapped accessible rooms, and suites may be available. Even though The Lakeshore Lodge is exclusively booking NSTOY participants during our conference dates, its 54 room are sure to book up fast. Please make your reservations now. If additional accommodations become necessary, information on off-site lodging will be provided, but transportation to and from conference events must be arranged by the participant.

Please visit www.lakeshorelodge.com to explore the official conference location, but be sure to call the Lake Shore Lodge directly at 1-800-332-6867 when making reservations.

NOTE: All reservations must be finalized by May 15, 2010 in order for NSTOY to maintain exclusive use of the facilities.

Arrival of flights at Denver International Airport:

Denver International Airport is approximately 1.5 hours away from Estes Park, Colorado and is the closet major airport to the conference site. Airport Shuttle Service can be arranged through Estes Park Shuttle or rental cars can be reserved.

Airport Shuttle Service Information:

The Estes Park Shuttle provides daily service to and from Denver International Airport (the closest major airport to the conference). During the Summer High-Season a typical transport schedule is as follows:

Denver International Airport to Estes Park	Estes Park to Denver International Airport
8:00 a.m.	5:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
4:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
10:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.

(Please note that these are departure times. Please be available for pickup 30 minutes prior to departure.)

One way rate = \$45.00

Round Trip rate = \$85.00

Please call (970) 586-5151 or visit www.estesparkshuttle.com to book your reservation.



Questions? Please contact Susan Ryder at 970.231.8897 or email at susanryder86@hotmail.com

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Conference Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____ FAX: _____

School/Institution: _____

School Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

TOY Award State: _____ Year: _____ Are you a first time conference attendee? _____

Other family/friends who will attend with you:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Before February 15, 2010:	\$75 per NSTOY member	X _____ persons = \$ _____
	\$50 per non-NSTOY adult	X _____ persons = \$ _____
	\$25 per child	X _____ persons = \$ _____
Feb. 16 – April 15, 2010:	\$100 per NSTOY member	X _____ persons = \$ _____
	\$60 per non-NSTOY adult	X _____ persons = \$ _____
	\$35 per child	X _____ persons = \$ _____
April 15 – May 15, 2010:	\$125 per NSTOY member	X _____ persons = \$ _____
	\$75 per non-NSTOY adult	X _____ persons = \$ _____
	\$45 per child	X _____ persons = \$ _____
May 15 – June 30, 2010	\$150 per adult (member or guest)	X _____ persons = \$ _____
	\$50 per child	X _____ persons = \$ _____

TOTAL Registration Enclosed = \$ _____

(Registrations will be finalized upon receipt of payment. Refunds for cancellations cannot be made after May 15, 2010.)

Please make checks payable to CSTOY (Colorado State Teacher of the Year) and mail them plus your registration form to Susan Ryder, PO Box 1913, Estes Park, CO 80517.

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CONFERENCE MENUS

Breakfast Menu: (Daily Chef Selection)

- Hot buffet breakfast: Eggs, bacon, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee, and pancakes or waffles or French toast

*Always available to NSTOY members and guests

Lunch Menus: (A variety of selections will be served throughout the week.)

- Salad Bar: Grilled chicken or Salmon served with toasted foccacia bread and dressing of choice.
- Taco Bar: Chicken, beef, and fish tacos served with guacamole, tomatoes, cheese, lettuce, rice, and beans
- Sandwich Bar: Hot or Cold sandwiches to include such items as French Dip, hot turkey, chicken, ham, tuna, egg salad sandwiches served on rustic breads with fresh greens, German potato salad, and french fries.

*Available to Conference Participants only

Reception Menus: (A variety of selections will be served prior to dinner with cash bar and live entertainment.)

- Heavy appetizers (both hot and cold)
- Cheese, vegetable, and fruit trays
- Colorado Appetizers: smoked trout and salmon, Rocky Mountain Oysters, etc.

*Always available to NSTOY members and guests

Dinner Menus: (All dinners will be served buffet style.)

- Halibut with Mango Salsa & Risotto, Chicken Kiev with rice pilaf, fresh vegetables and a medley of salad greens
- Prime Rib and Salmon with Cous Cous, Rissolle potatoes, vegetables, tossed Caesar salad, and rustic breads
- Chicken Saltimbocca with Spinach & Roasted Pepper Risotto, Palento, Bibb lettuce salad with radishes and cucumbers, and rustic breads
- Crab stuffed Tenderloin, pan seared and filled with sautéed Alaskan King Crab, served with a light butter and garlic sauce; vegetables and potatoes, poached pear and Stilton orange vinaigrette.
- **COWBOY SUPPER** (offsite at Aspen Lodge)—Steak, chicken, and salmon served with veggie skewers, coleslaw, baked beans, flatbread, cookies, and watermelon (Transportation to and from Aspen Lodge is included with this meal.)
- **CLOSING BANQUET**—Steamship of Buffalo, Elk tenderloins, Rocky Mountain Trout, and more...served with vegetables, salad, and assorted rustic breads
- Nightly desserts

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***Please note that all allergies and/or dietary restrictions should be noted on the “Meals Reservation Form” and mailed in with your payment.**

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MEAL RESERVATIONS FORM

Daily Rates for NSTOY Members:

Name: _____

Vegetarian? _____ Dietary Restrictions/allergies? _____

Specifics requests: _____

Friday, July 9th:

Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner \$ 65 = \$ _____

Saturday, July 10th:

Breakfast, and Dinner \$ 50 = \$ _____

Sunday, July 11th:

Breakfast, Lunch, and COWBOY Dinner \$ 70 = \$ _____

Monday, July 12th:

Breakfast, Lunch, and CLOSING Banquet \$ 70 = \$ _____

Member SUBTOTAL = \$ _____

Daily Options for NSTOY guests:

Guest #1 / Name: _____

Vegetarian? _____ Dietary Restrictions/allergies? _____

Specifics requests: _____

Breakfast Buffet: \$12.00 X ___ days = \$ _____

Dinner Buffet: \$ 30.00 X ___ days = \$ _____

COWBOY Supper: \$ 40.00 X ___ = \$ _____

CLOSING Banquet: \$ 50.00 X ___ = \$ _____

Guest #2 / Name: _____

Vegetarian? _____ **Dietary Restrictions/allergies?** _____

Specifics requests: _____

Breakfast Buffet: \$12.00 X ___ days = \$ _____

Dinner Buffet: \$ 30.00 X ___ days = \$ _____

COWBOY Supper: \$ 40.00 X ___ = \$ _____

CLOSING Banquet: \$ 50.00 X ___ = \$ _____

Guest #3 / Name: _____

Vegetarian? _____ **Dietary Restrictions/allergies?** _____

Specifics requests: _____

Breakfast Buffet: \$12.00 X ___ days = \$ _____

Dinner Buffet: \$ 30.00 X ___ days = \$ _____

COWBOY Supper: \$ 40.00 X ___ = \$ _____

CLOSING Banquet: \$ 50.00 X ___ = \$ _____

GUEST SUBTOTAL = \$ _____

TOTAL DUE = \$ _____

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2010 NSTOY Post- Conference Registration
July 13-14, 2010
Estes Park Colorado

Name: _____

Tuesday, July 13th Itinerary:

Depart on an interpretative tour of the 12,000 ft. high, Trail Ridge Road in Rocky Mountain National Park. The tour, which lasts from approximately 4½ hours will stop at the following locations:

- Many Parks Curve
- Rainbow Curve
- Lava Cliffs
- Alpine Visitor Center-Passengers will be allowed one hour for lunch
- Forest Canyon Overlook

and include ample time at all stops for photographs and viewing. Rocky Mountain National Park personnel will be onboard to describe the history and geologic wonders of the highest continuously paved road in North America and available to answer any questions.

Enjoy afternoon "free time" in downtown Estes Park or return to the Lakeshore Lodge before preparing yourself for a night at the Stanley Hotel where delicious cuisine awaits your arrival, and so do the "ghosts." After dinner join Stanley tour directors on the Ghost Tour

\$85.00 (adults) # attending event: _____ X \$85.00 = _____
\$65.00 (children age 16 & under) # attending event: _____ X \$65.00 = _____

Wed., July 14th Itinerary:

Your choice of the following activities:

- 1) White Water Rafting on the Poudre River with Rapid Transit Rafting (includes transportation to EPHS pickup site and snack-bag-breakfast or lunch)

Did you say "rapids"??? Join Rapid Transit Rafting on a half-day trip down the Poudre River. The Poudre River (how the heck do you say it? "Poo-der") is a fast-moving river with nearly continuous Class II to IV rapids and little float water. This river has the distinction of being the only "wild and scenic" designated river in Colorado.

NEVER BEEN RAFTING? Don't worry, our professional guides ensure that both the first time rafter and the experienced rafters have a great time. Non-swimmers are also welcome. Actual time on the river can vary each day depending on water flow. While each season is different, the water is usually swift-moving early in the season and slows down a bit by August. We'll get you wet!

Trips depart from the Estes Park High School at 9:15am and 12:15pm daily. We also have a 6:30am trip Monday through Friday. (Okay, I heard you **GASP** when you read that time. Before you dismiss this trip as too early, this trip is smaller and we're often the only company on the water then. The river is all ours - it's incredible!) Feel free to bring snacks and non-alcoholic beverages along if you like.

\$75.00 # attending event: _____ X \$75.00 = _____

- 2) Horseback riding into Rocky Mountain National Park with Sombrero Ranch (½ day excursions in Allenspark; includes transportation to and from Allenspark plus a snack-bag breakfast or lunch)

Enjoy an exhilarating ride to Longs Peak, Calypso Cascades, Ouzel Falls, Finch Lake, Pear Lake and other areas in the National Park. Or venture into the Roosevelt National Forest for rides through meadows teeming with colorful wildflowers, cross sparkling streams brimming with water the color of iced tea. Ride along a scenic mountain lake fringed with rustling aspens. Enjoy the crisp cool air and the incredible scenic views. This is the ideal way to explore the Colorado Rockies and you'll never have a crowd in Allenspark.

\$85.00

attending event: _____ X \$85.00 = _____

- 3) Embark on a morning of shopping in Estes Park (redeem yummy coupons at several businesses, meet local artisans, and see a glass-blowing demonstration), then enjoy bar-style appetizers or a sandwich while you taste up to 11 different microbrews at the Estes Park Brewery. Top off the afternoon on the deck of the Snowy Peaks winery as you indulge in gourmet treats and wine tasting.

\$40.00

attending event: _____ X \$40.00 = _____

Dinner on your own or back at Lakeshore Lodge.

TOTAL for Post Conference Activities = \$ _____

*Many other enjoyable activities are available in Estes Park for members and their families. Be sure to visit www.estesparkcvb.com prior to the conference and contact Susan Ryder at 970-231-8897 or susanryder86@hotmail.com if you have any additional questions. We want you to have an unforgettable experience in Estes Park!

**Please mail checks for Post-Conference registration to
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All post-conference registration forms must be received by May 15th in order to secure transportation and tour guides for events. After May 15th no refunds can be made for post-conference activities.