



Traverse City State Conference
April 30 - May 2, 2010
Sharing Our Sisterhood - We Hold the Key
Tentative Sessions



Pre-Convention Technological Seminar

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Peninsula A, B, C

How can those 'things' your students are using for fun make teachers more productive? This session will spotlight the many types of communication technology. The session will include the Internet as a way to cut costs and natural resources for personal, professional, classroom, and chapter productivity. Topics will include digital etiquette, efficient and effective emails, sharing documents, rethinking search engines, video conferencing with your colleagues, friends, or your grandchildren, and the educational value of blogs, social networking, and online meetings. Appropriate for all levels of computer users, including the timid beginner and the confident daily user. Tamara Webster, Gamma Theta; and Margaret Meehan, Beta Rho will help you build your technological ability and your confidence! 2 SB-CEUs AVAILABLE

Saturday General Session:

9:00 AM - 10:45 AM Tower Ballroom

Model United Nations: Bringing the Classroom into the World



Educators face the challenge of instilling in our children a concern for global problems and arming them with the knowledge necessary to promote social change. No one country or generation can solve global problems alone. Participants will learn ways to join with the United Nations and incorporate the U.N.'s resources and expertise into school curricula. Teachers can use their own ideas to bring the world to their classrooms, trying to see the world through the eyes of other countries. Anne Wade, Alpha Lambda, is Michigan Social Studies Teacher of the Year from Williamston High School. Anne will share some of her experiences in the Model United Nations program. SB-CEU AVAILABLE

Saturday Workshop Sessions:

Little House in the Elementary School

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Peninsula A



Learn more about the Little House Books from Barbara Hawkins, Beta Tau. Barbara, a Little House national presenter at reading conferences, will have participants travel to the various home sites of Laura Ingalls Wilder via a slide presentation. A handout, slides, samples of children's work, and posters give you the opportunity to see twenty-nine learning centers—all related to the Little House Books and easily transferred into your curriculum. About 100 books for all ages will be displayed along with several items mentioned by Laura in her writings. SB-CEU AVAILABLE

Sand & Heat & Glass: Linking Art, Science and History

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Peninsula B



Any artist knows that a full understanding of the science involved in her particular medium is necessary, always with an eye on history. With a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, Lynn Dinning, Beta Omega Chapter, was able to film her educational demonstration of glassblowing, showing the links shared by Art, Science, and History. After viewing the film, Lynn will facilitate a discussion about how these links can be utilized to integrate, excite, motivate, and enhance the learning environment. SB-CEU AVAILABLE

The Impact of Peter Dougherty on the Traverse City Area

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Peninsula C



History comes alive with Jackie Burns, a member of the Peter Dougherty Historical Society, and her presentation about Reverend Peter Dougherty. She will provide some information about his historic home located approximately 18 miles up the peninsula. Because of Dougherty's work 170 years ago, the Grand Traverse area has multiple churches and schools, homes and stores and miles up the peninsula that can be used in the classroom during your Michigan Week studies. These serve a population of direct descendants of the Grand Traverse Bay Indians that Peter ministered. They are now members of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, along with descendants of the European settlers of the Grand Traverse area, as well as multiple newcomers to the area. SB-CEU AVAILABLE

Don't Believe Everything You Think

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mackinac A

Students come to us with an armload of baggage. What do they believe about themselves? Explore with Pamela Chappell, Gamma Theta Chapter, and Olympics of the Mind Coach and Judge, the messages we give ourselves that tend to limit us, and the negative programming we may have received over the years. Learn some techniques to change the way you think, and in turn enable you to create more positive outcomes, better relationships, and better self-esteem. We'll share a song to help reinforce the power of positivism. SB-CEU AVAILABLE

Service to our Military through Mail

12:10 PM - 1:10 PM Peninsula A



Patriotism is a core democratic value being taught in Michigan schools. Making students aware of the men and women defending our country is one way to achieve this goal. Jodi Ring, Gamma Gamma Chapter, will show participants how her class activity integrates friendly letter writing skills, geography, and patriotism to our American military personnel. This activity can be used in any classroom setting. SB-CEU AVAILABLE

Native American Challenges

12:10 PM - 1:10 PM Peninsula B



The State of Michigan encourages teachers to create learning opportunities that will enrich the understanding that students of Native American background have for their heritage while enlightening all students about the wealth of contributions made by Native Americans. There are twelve federally recognized and two state historic Native American tribes in the state of Michigan. The Native American students who help to make up our K-12 classrooms, as well as students not of Native American heritage, deserve to learn about Native American history, arts, cultures, and politics. Mr. Derek Bailey, Grand Traverse Band Chairman, will share aspects of research and experience on this subject. SB-CEU AVAILABLE

The Creative Process

12:10 PM - 1:10 PM Peninsula C



In this session, artist Mary Hartman, Omega Chapter, will teach participants about the creative process. Attendees will understand that the creative process is something that they all have the ability to engage in and that this process is useful in all subjects, not just art. They will see how this process involves using their imaginations, critical thinking skills, problem solving skills, a strong work ethic and their ability to reflect on their finished product. Participants will explore the creation of paintings from inspiration, methods and final product along with evaluations of the product. This session is

suitable for those teaching art or just interested in art. SB-CEU AVAILABLE

Calling Chapter Officers: Money, Minutes, Membership, and More

12:10 PM - 1:10 PM Mackinac A

Incoming presidents and other chapter officers are encouraged to attend this informative session. You have just received the gavel and the responsibilities that come with being the president of a chapter. But you don't have to do all the work alone. Join the Presidents-at-large Bernice Haglund, Lynn Kosto, and Anne Wade and discover some ideas, strategies and tips for working with your chapter's leadership team. Loretta Miles, Psi Chapter, will provide treasurers' tips and helpful hints to make the job easier. Kathy Muench, Alpha Omega Chapter, will share techniques to making the secretarial duties easier, shorter and more complete. Lynne Elssesser, Gamma Alpha, will include some membership tips.

Everything You Always Wanted to Know about CHERRIES!

2:00 PM - 2:00 PM Peninsula A



This session is perfect for "Michigan Week" classroom activities. Judy LaCross, Dr. Nikki Rothwell, and Nita Send are involved in the Cherry Industry and will explain why cherries are so important to the agricultural business of Michigan. They will highlight everything from what makes our area conducive to growing this jewel of a fruit, to the planting, growing, harvesting, processing, and marketing of cherries. Additional topics will include research on the health benefits of cherries, information about the variety of cherry products, and other aspects of interest. There will be time for questions and samples of products.

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Taming Your Tigers: Dealing with Stress in Your Life

2:00 PM - 2:00 PM Peninsula B



Education can be stressful for teachers as well as our students. "Taming Your Tigers" is designed to help teachers and students deal with the stresses of their lives. Dr. Dorothy Sample, Mu Chapter, will help participants learn to tame their invisible tigers with practical choices for growth, staying healthy, meeting challenges, while emphasizing accountability, authenticity, and altruism.

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The Scoop on Being an "Ontrupnr"

2:00 PM - 2:00 PM Peninsula C



Teaching children about financial literacy is an important lesson in these rough economic times. Managing allowances, saving, earning money, starting a small business are life skills lessons every child should learn. Barbara Plummer, a former first grade teacher and entrepreneur, is well aware of this and will illustrate these points to participants. Barbara will tell how she used her skills and knowledge as a teacher to pursue a second career as a Moomers Dairy Farm and Ice Cream Store owner in Traverse City. Barbara still uses her teaching skills with classrooms who visit her establishment.

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Solving the Reading Puzzle

2:00 PM - 2:00 PM Mackinac A



Back by popular demand, this is a multi-sensory balanced literacy program based on songs, chants, rhyme, hand signals, and body movement. It is a whole class curriculum that addresses phonemic awareness, phonological awareness, vocabulary, spelling, and building background knowledge. The program is firmly based on 'best practices' for teaching reading skills and the newest brain-based learning research. Sandy Wuwert, Beta Rho Chapter, is an experienced teacher who has presented her program at the 2009 NERC and at the 2008 Instruction and Professional Development Conference in Dearborn.

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Aromatherapy: Essential Oils

3:10 PM - 4:10 PM Peninsula A



Come and learn about health, nutrition and the role of therapeutic grade essential oils in our body. Essential oils are liquids distilled from shrubs, flowers, trees, roots, bushes and seeds. They were mankind's first medicine. Therapeutic grade essential oils have the ability to heal. Tropical, inhalation and internal use will be discussed. Sample some Young Living therapeutic grade essential oils, including some newly discovered in Ecuador. Susan Reasner, Beta Phi Chapter will instruct and delight us with information.

Creating Digital Learning Tools

3:10 PM - 4:10 PM Peninsula B



Computers are tools everyone should know how to use. This session creates an opportunity for children to make an interdisciplinary connection. In this session, you will learn how to teach your students to use digital means to design cards and write sentiments for special days. You will be e-mailed a copy of the card to download and print at home. Ranae Beyerlein, Alpha Mu Chapter and an administrator with Grosse Point Schools, will also teach us to create cards using stamps, inks, chalk and other materials. SB-CEU AVAILABLE

Legislative Impact on Education

3:10 PM - 4:10 PM Peninsula C

Be in the know! An informed member is what we want. The session will include the latest legislation dealing with children, education, and women. Get a preview of ballot initiatives that are proposed for the 2010 election and how they will impact education. Judy Foster, Upsilon Chapter, will keep members up-to-date with what is happening in Michigan. SB-CEU AVAILABLE

The Fruit of the Vine

3:10 PM - 4:10 PM Mackinac A

Michigan's agricultural history comes alive in Traverse City. An agricultural research program at Michigan State University supported the wine industry in Michigan by beginning experimental vineyards around the state in 1970 and established a winery on campus in 1972. Dennis Fitzpatrick, wine expert, will discuss the historical and contemporary role wine has played in the Traverse City area and the state of Michigan. Take some time after the conference and visit several wineries on Leelanau and Old Mission Peninsulas. SB-CEU AVAILABLE

Presidents' Banquet

6:30 PM - 10:00 PM Governors' Hall

Keynote: Standing Up and Out: Leadership in the 21st Century

As our nation stands at the crossroads of making major policy changes in health care, banking, and foreign relations, the importance of effective leadership is brought to our attention once again; specifically, a leader's ability to inspire and to steer people along a carefully selected course of action. Dr. Cathy Daugherty, Southeast Regional Director from Virginia and our International guest, will share information that advocates looking to the U.S. military for leadership models. SB-CEU AVAILABLE