

# WTEA 42nd Annual Spring Conference and Trade Show

## *Generating Innovation*

The WTEA invites you to participate at the 42nd Annual Spring Conference to be hosted at Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. The conference program is packed with two days of excellent presenters offering a variety of topics to help inspire and motivate each of us. Attend the WTEA conference with a fellow art or science teacher or administrator and your guest will be charged the same WTEA member rate, if they are currently a member of their respective state professional organization. All they have to do is present their current membership card at the time of registration.

Our first general session will be given by Tim Johnson who is the CEO of The Tim Johnson Consulting Group out of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. His presentation will cover the following major themes: 1) Overview of the National Center for Construction Education and Research, 2) Overview of Construction Industry Employment in the United States, 3) Overview of the National Choose Construction Initiative, 4) Conclusion - Why Technical Careers Like Construction are Critical to Our Economy. Tim serves in a consulting role as the Director of Governmental Affairs for the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) and is a national spokesperson promoting construction craft training and careers in the construction industry.

Thursday is also the key time to visit the trade show. Our vendors are extremely important to our association and our programs. The WTEA Trade Show features numerous vendor booths with professionals exhibiting up-to-date products and services for our field. This is the best "one stop" to bring an administrator or board member looking for input to update a program. Closing out the afternoon will be the WTEA membership meeting, and at conclusion, the popular vendor sponsored SHIPS program of door prizes. Will you be one of the lucky winners this year?

Later on Thursday evening, the WTEA recognizes all of our outstanding award winners during the Awards Banquet at 6:30 p.m. We honor our colleagues for their outstanding contribution to technology education. The

banquet cost is \$28.00. This is a great way to show appreciation and support for your peers. Immediately following the banquet will be the President's Reception in the Grand Ballroom.

On Friday following the traditional UW-Stout, UW-Platteville and Viterbo University sponsored breakfast, we will begin the day with diverse sectionals and vendor sponsored workshops.

At mid-day, we will have a luncheon sponsored by Madison Area Technical College. Our luncheon keynote will be stress management humorist Kay Frances mixing humor, reality and sound advice in her keynote titled: If You Can't Run with the Big Dogs, Get Back on the Porch with the Puppies! Kay has presented in 38 states and Canada for over 25 years. Kay believes that people who

manage their stress and embrace change are happier, healthier and more productive. In this energetic, upbeat and hilarious presentation, you'll laugh while you learn without straining your brain. In our frenzied world we need to be reminded of the importance of managing our stress, keeping our sense of humor and looking at change as an adventure. Kay does this in a way that is second to none!

This year's conference will again feature some of the top technology and engineering educators throughout Wisconsin sharing their expertise on topics such as: Aeronautics Pilot Training, Dealing with Larger Class Sizes, The Common Core (impacts on TE&E), Energy Education Resource Grants, Construction Careers, Dealing with Change & Stress, The Future of Electric/Hybrid Electric Vehicles, Wisconsin's Career Pathways, STEM Scholars Program, Hand Tool Sharpening Clinic, New Teacher Boot Camp, and much more!

Put March 10-11, 2011 on your calendars, get your release days approved, and fill out and send in your registration form today if you have not already done so. The convention fee is \$105 for members and \$135 for non-members. As a final reminder, please contact Chula Vista Resort early to reserve your room; often we are not the only event taking place at this busy resort. We hope to see you there!



**Chula Vista Resort, 4031 River Road, Wisconsin Dells, 1-800-388-4782**

Online registration at: [www.wtea-wis.org](http://www.wtea-wis.org)



# Project Showcase WTEA 2011

*Pistol Pete says . . .*



***I Want Your Projects!!!***

With the success of last year's event, we will be holding the second annual ***Project Showcase*** again this year at the WTEA conference. As Technology and Engineering Teachers, we all love projects. So....we are asking that you bring projects that we can display. Bring projects such as cribbage boards, Vex Robots, student poster board displays, electronic circuits, graphic arts and printing projects, CO2 cars, airplanes, 3D CAD drawings, machining projects, welding samples, or even digital pictures of projects. These can be student made projects or samples made by instructors. You are welcome to include supporting curriculum, but it is not required. This is different than the annual Curriculum Exchange. **WE WANT TANGIBLE PROJECTS.** *Drop off the projects Friday morning by 7:00 AM in the Grand Ballroom.* They will be displayed throughout breakfast and should be picked up after the luncheon. Please email Steve Meyer at [smeyer@brillion.k12.wi.us](mailto:smeyer@brillion.k12.wi.us) if you have any questions.

**Bring a project to display and be entered to win a prize!**

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**Curriculum Exchange to be Digital Files Only**

Beginning this year the WTEA will be accepting only digital files for the Curriculum Exchange. Submitted activities will be loaded on to a computer at the conference and will be posted on the WTEA website. Participants, upon dropping off their curriculum activity, will be given a gift from the WTEA. Files will be available to members on the association website within 7 days of the conference completion.

**What is the curriculum exchange?**

It is the best practices in the form of activities or other curriculum items that teachers have to offer. During the conference on Thursday, curriculum activities will be collected from teachers. The drop off location will be announced at the conference.

**What to bring?**

Everyone has something that works well in the classroom. We ask if you have submitted to the curriculum exchange in the past that you not re-submit the same activity. Please continue to make the exchange a success by sharing new ideas. Bring a CD or flash drive with the activity saved on it to submit to the WTEA for Association use.

**Organization of materials:**

1. Materials should include the activity with your address and school phone number for the purpose of future questions & amount of class time needed.
2. Include cost of supplies and an address for the purchase of special materials if needed.
3. The WTEA has developed a Curriculum Exchange Template. Please download your choice of document and prepare your lesson within this format. A link has been provided for you on the WTEA website <http://www.wtea-wis.org/curexch.html>. Our hope is this form will help you streamline your activities into a consistent format for all the Curriculum Exchange participants.

**Collection of materials:**

On Thursday at the convention, activities will be collected until 11:30 AM. (Note: This time is subject to change pending final program approval. Any time change as well as drop off location will be announced previous to the keynote address on Thursday).

**Questions?**

E-mail Ryan Ubersox at [rubersox@waunakee.k12.wi.us](mailto:rubersox@waunakee.k12.wi.us).

***Register NOW to win WIND***



All conference registrations received by March 1st  
will be entered into a drawing for a  
wind training system  
for your technology education program.

Drawing will be held during the convention.

To be eligible you must register by March 1, 2011

***Register today for tomorrow's Technology!***