

Taking Charge of our Future

Iowa State Education Association 2008 Summer Conference

August 5-7

Buena Vista University, Storm Lake



Reservation Form

1. Participant Information:

Name _____

Address _____

city state zip

UniServ unit _____

Local _____

E-mail _____

2. Housing: Please check the nights you will need overnight housing.

Monday Tuesday Wednesday

Roommate preference: _____

(Please note that roommate preferences are not guaranteed and changes will not be made.)

3. Demographics: Please check the items that apply.

- ISEA Executive Board member
 State Committee member/alternate attending for member
 Higher Ed member ESP member AEA member

4. Please sign up for one of the following:

- Summer Conference**—This entitles you to attend any of the Training and Interest Sessions. *This excludes SPARKS and any class offered for re-licensure or credit.*
- SPARKS**—You must be nominated by your UniServ unit in order to register for this session. Participants will be required to attend all SPARKS training and may not participate in other sessions or classes. Registration is free for SPARKS participants.

Credit Courses—These courses are offered for graduate or re-licensure credit and begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesday. Maximum enrollment of 25 people per session. The cost of the graduate credit is an additional \$65 to be paid at the conference. Participants must attend the full 15 hours to qualify for recertification/graduate credit.

NEW **Learning Strategies That Address Childhood Obesity**—Childhood obesity is addressed by providing a comprehensive understanding of health-related physical fitness using multiple learning strategies that stress the importance of teaching both physical activity and nutrition education within the same curriculum.

NEW **Using the Iowa Professional Development Model**—This class explores the Iowa Professional Development Model created by the Iowa Department of Education. Participants will understand various planning components of the model as well as the operating principles. Participants will engage in studying the theory, applications, and possible tools to use with the model.

Increasing Student Effort and Responsibility—This course will focus on motivational theory; its applications, strategies, or actions a teacher can take to encourage effort; and to encourage students to be responsible for their learning.

5. Fees—Registration fee must be enclosed with this form.

- \$105 (Basic conference fee—meals only—no lodging) \$145 (Basic conference fee includes two nights of lodging & meals)
- \$175 (Includes a \$30 fee for Monday night housing for participants who are not ISEA Executive Board members or State Committee members) Fees will be paid with a scholarship from my local or Unit

Return no later than July 1, 2008, to: Kathy Bosovich, ISEA, 777 Third Street, Des Moines, IA 50309.

Training and Interest Sessions (tentative)

Leadership 101—This series of sessions is designed to give an overview of basic leadership information for the “new” local leader, the “recycled” local leader or the “wannabe” local leader. Five 90-minute sessions are included in the entire curriculum. **Participants may elect to attend all or part of the sessions.**

Legal Issues—The ISEA legal staff will examine many of the legal issues that confront our members and offer some insight into how to avoid these problems and how to work with members who may encounter them.

I Think I Have a Grievance—Are you having trouble telling the difference between a grievance procedure and a grocery list? Have “arbitrary” and “capricious” become foreign words to you? If so, this session is for you! We will define contract maintenance, local grievance procedures, and discuss evaluation and RIF procedures in terms of grievances.

Special Ed and the Association—This session focuses on serving your special needs classroom while protecting your well-being. Discussion will include parent, child, and employee rights; handling dangerous situations; documenting behavior; and having your voice heard at IEP meetings.

Introduction to National Board Certification (NBC)—This session is for those interested in knowing more about the benefits of NBC and ISEA’s support for candidates. We will review the assessment process, the incentives available to Iowa teachers who become candidates, and tell how ISEA and locals can support members who seek and attain NBC.

RESPECT us with a Living Wage!—Hey ESPs! Maybe you’ve heard about the Living Wage Campaign, but want to learn more...or you started your local Living Wage Campaign, but don’t know where to go next. This session will review the basics of why **every Education Support Professional** deserves a living wage and how we can work together and with others to get one.

The Power of Teaching/Working in a Diverse Classroom—This session will give you some valuable tools to use in the classroom to enhance diversity. This session is open to all educators.

Teacher Quality Committees: Sharing Stories and Successes—This session will feature members of local TQCs who will share stories about their work, including identification of successes; challenges faced; and strategies used to address the challenges.

World Café—A team from the Cedar Rapids Education Association will share how they use this new communication technique.

Bullying and Safe Schools—Learn more about the new anti-bullying legislation and how it may impact your students. A variety of anti-bullying resources will be discussed.

Cultural Competency—This session will explore how you interact effectively with people of different cultures. Cultural competence is comprised of four components, (a) awareness of one’s own cultural world view, (b) attitude towards cultural differences, (c) knowledge of different cultural practices and world views, and (d) cross-cultural skills.

Tools for Teacher Quality Committees—This session will feature tools and instruments available through the Iowa Department of Education, ISEA, and other groups that TQCs can use in their work.

The Good ESP—What every support professional needs to know about their rights! Protecting member rights, working with administrators for the best working environments, and understanding your contracts. Learn what rules protect ESP members and how to be a good advocate for your members and colleagues. The session is designed for ESP members.

SPARKS—This program is designed for the novice member who wants to learn more about the Association. Each Unit will be asked to nominate someone to participate. Participation is by invitation only. Participants must attend this session throughout the conference.

Jumpin’ Jack Flash (Drive): Using Technology To Promote Association Membership It’s A Gas! Gas! Gas!—This is a follow-up to last year’s popular session. Presenters will share stories of how they used the Flash Drive project and how it can be implemented in your local.

“Can We Talk?”—Bridging the Generation Gap—Generational influences impact how we communicate. There are four generations working together in our locals today: Veterans, Baby Boomers, Gen-Xers, and Millennials. In this workshop we will study generational differences and learn communication techniques in order to better respond to the needs of members.

Bargaining 101—During this session, participants will learn some of the basics of bargaining as well as gain new insights into any changes the Legislature may make in school finance or bargaining.

Well-Being Management 101—Having trouble managing change? Is your stress level over the top? If you’ve answered “yes” to either question, this session is for you. Engage in open-minded dialogue about negotiating change and the stress that it brings to our lives.

Understanding Iowa’s Model Core Curriculum—Hear firsthand from the Iowa Department of Education what the new core curriculum means to you.

ISEA Idea Fair—Each UniServ unit has been asked to invite one local or one educator with an innovative new program they can share with participants.

More sessions will be added as the Summer Conference approaches!