

Teaching Geography in Tennessee's Classrooms

Registration is from 8:30 - 9:00

Welcome and Introduction is from 9:00 - 9:10

Strands Times	Elementary Standards Grades 3-5	Geospatial Grades 3-12	AP Human Geography High School
9:15 - 10:00	Integrating Social Studies with ELA Stacy Trentham, Sherri Collie, and Jenny Shorten	Storytelling with Maps Using Google Tour Builder Brian Smith	Successful Teaching Strategies Cassie Bates, Kristi Neuroth, and Michael Robinson
10:15 - 11:00	Rivers, Ridges, & Regions in TN Its Land & People (Grades 3-7) Sherri Collie, Jenny Shorten, and Julie Mitchell	Annotating Google My Maps Brian Smith	Interactive Classroom Activities Cassie Bates, Kristi Neuroth, and Michael Robinson
11:15 - 12:00	"Mountains, Mussels, and Moonpies" Julie Mitchell, Jenny Shorten, and Sherri Collie,	Mapping from a Google Spreadsheet Brian Smith	Approaches to Students' Writing Cassie Bates, Kristi Neuroth, and Michael Robinson
12:00 - 1:15	Lunch, Door Prizes, and Introduction to the National Geographic Teacher Certification		
1:15 - 2:00	Spicing Up Your Instruction with Geospatial Tech Jessica Everett and Stacy Trentham	National Geographic: Geo-Inquiry Process Brian Smith	Assessments Cassie Bates, Kristi Neuroth, and Michael Robinson
2:15 - 3:00	Bored to Tears with the Trail? Jessica Everett and Stacy Trentham		Preparing for the AP Exam Cassie Bates, Kristi Neuroth, and Michael Robinson

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<p align="center">Integrating Social Studies with ELA</p> <p>Join us for a session that will help you create a more engaging platform for your students. This session will provide basics on how to integrate Social Studies into ELA standards. Research shows that integrating Social Studies and ELA increases the rigor of the content and deepens understanding of topics that students are learning. Join us as we discuss the best ways to help students make the connections bridging these two content areas (Please bring a laptop to this session).</p>	<p align="center">Storytelling with maps using Google Tour Builder</p> <p>Starting with a blank tour, participants will learn how to easily tell a story in its geographic context on the web with locations, photos, and videos. Tours can be opened in a web-based version of Google Earth. Laptop (not a tablet) is required for this session.</p>	<p align="center">Teaching Strategies for a Successful Class</p> <p>The session will provide teachers with strategies that have been used successfully in AP classes. The session will have three 15 minute mini-presentations: 1) Openers: ways to begin class, review, and get students thinking the first five minutes of class, 2) Using photographs as ways to stimulate student thinking, and 3) A Typical Day: giving an overview of how a daily lesson begins and ends. The session will conclude with a list of top resources for teachers.</p>
<p align="center">Rivers, Ridges, & Regions in TN: Its Land & People</p> <p>From West Tennessee’s flat land and rich soils, through the gently rolling hills and fertile land of Middle Tennessee, to the mountains of East Tennessee, our state enjoys a rich heritage. Join us as we share fun and interactive lesson plans, worksheets, and information on the major river systems, 3 Grand Divisions, and physical regions of Tennessee. (Grades 3-7)</p>	<p align="center">Annotating Google My Maps</p> <p>Starting with a blank map, participants will learn how to import a file, add place-marks, paths, polygons, photos, and YouTube videos to Google Maps. Laptop (not a tablet) is required for this session to create your own map.</p>	<p align="center">Fun and Interactive Classroom Activities</p> <p>An effective addition or alternative to traditional teacher lectures are the use of student activities. This session will have three 15 minute mini-presentations: 1) Interactive ways to bring development indicators to life, 2) “Speed Dating” lessons emphasizing student to student engaging discussions, and 3) An overview of student group activities for each of the AP units of study.</p>
<p align="center">"Mountains, Mussels, and Moonpies”</p> <p>Tennessee has it all! Take an unforgettable trip across Tennessee and be amazed by the variety of resources found. By exploring our state's resources and economic activities, students will not only learn about Tennessee's physical features, but will they will also enrich their knowledge of its incredible history, culture, and people.</p>	<p align="center">Mapping from a Google Spreadsheet</p> <p>How to quickly map data from a spreadsheet, style points and shapes, and give your map a beautiful base map. We will use data from Dr. John Snow’s cholera research from the 1854 Soho, London outbreak. Laptop (not a tablet) is required for this session to create your own map.</p>	<p align="center">Approaches to Students’ Writing</p> <p>Understanding how to interrupt and answer a Free Response Question (FRQ) on the AP exam is critical. This session will provide tips and ideas on how best to prepare students to write effectively. This session will have three 15 minute mini-presentations: 1) FRQ <i>Round Robin</i>: Helping students see common factors in the rubrics, 2) Another version of <i>Round Robin</i>: Helping students expand on their ideas in writing, and 3) Using rubrics as class instruction.</p>
<p align="center">Spicing Up Your Instruction with Geospatial Tech</p> <p>Join us for a session that will help you spice up your social studies instruction, creating a more engaging and hands-on learning experience for your students. This session will provide basics on how to integrate and utilize standards-aligned Geo-Inquiries and Story Maps to facilitate engagement and learning in the social studies classroom. (Please bring a laptop for session)</p>	<p align="center">National Geographic: Geo-Inquiry Process</p> <p>Geo-Inquiry is a process designed to guide educators and students through the phases of asking and answering geographic questions in order to make a difference in the world. Come learn how to engage your students using a new pedagogical framework.</p>	<p align="center">Assessments</p> <p>Knowing how to assess student understanding can always be a challenge. This session will discuss strategies that have proven to be effective. The session will have three 15 minute mini-presentations: 1) Impactful ways to review content with students, 2) Building assessments with stimuli: writing test questions with photos, maps, graphs, and charts, and 3) Students showing understanding of the vocabulary through writing.</p>
<p align="center">Bored to Tears with the Trail?</p> <p>Bored to tears with your instruction on the Trail of Tears? Join us for an interactive session with Tennessee geography and STEM to focus in on the Trail of Tears and bring the content to life for students.</p>		<p align="center">Preparing for the AP Exam</p> <p>Preparing students for high stakes exams can be stressful and challenging. In this session strategies and ideas will be discussed on how to make the review process engaging and impactful for students. This session will have three 15 mini-presentations: 1) Reviewing for the AP Exam with the use of Stations, 2) Creating a Band for reviewing, and 3) Group Exams: Reducing the stress of exams with exam games.</p>