K-12 Professional Development Programs

Education GeoSource

The geoscience education resources on this site come from a variety of providers. The site provides visitors with the widest possible collection of curricula, classroom activities, teacher professional development opportunities, science education standards, virtual field trips, teaching ancillaries, and much more.

EarthComm

(High School)
Acquire information about how to plan and lead workshops on Earth System Science in the Community (EarthComm) at this comprehensive professional development website.

IES

(Middle School)
Information about providing professional development on Investigating Earth Systems (IES) can be found on this website.

ESBD

(Middle School)
Earth Science by Design (ESBD) is a professional development program to enhance the capacity of middle and high school teachers of Earth science.

K-5 GeoSource

(Elementary School)
This one-stop professional development website for teaching Earth science at the elementary level offers content, activities, and services.

NASA Triad
An online professional development guide for lead teachers to use in conducting workshops for peers using NASA’s extensive collection of geoscience, technology, engineering, and mathematics resources.

**AGI: Earth and Space Science 2020**

Introductory Earth Science Course for K-12 Grade Teachers. This Fall we look forward to welcoming teachers supported by the SouthWest Section of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (SW AAPG).

- Course flyer
- Course introduction
- Overview of course components
- Correlation to the TEKS
- Correlation to the NGSS

**Earth Science Teacher Leadership Academy K-8**

A week-long academy, funded by ExxonMobil, will be held virtually **July 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 29 in 2021**. K-8 teachers will be provided with inquiry activities, instructional resources, access to research facilities, and leadership development activities. Email us at tla@americangeosciences.org for more details.

**Featured Member Society Programs**

AGI is a federation of 52 member societies. Many of those member societies also provide outstanding resources for teachers. Three of those are featured below.

**AGU/NESTA GIFT Workshops**
The American Geophysical Union (AGU) works with the National Earth Science Teachers Association (NESTA) on the annual Geophysical Information for Teachers (GIFT) Workshops. The GIFT Workshops allow science teachers to hear about the latest geosciences research from the scientists making the discoveries explore new classroom resources for their students, and visit exhibits and technical sessions of the AGU meeting for free.

**GSA TAP**
The Teacher Advocate Program (TAP), from the Geological Society of America (GSA), provides K-12 Earth science teachers with professional development opportunities, digital resources, and connections to attend field experiences during the summer. TAP is a source of minds-on, easy-to-use, and inexpensive resources that are made available for classroom use. Resources are developed and maintained by a distinguished Earth science teacher in residence.

**PRI Virtual Fieldwork**
ReaL Earth System Science is a project of the Paleontological Research Institution (PRI) and its Museum of the Earth that helps introduce Regional and Local Earth system science using an inquiry approach. The project is grounded in the idea of using the local environment to understand the global environment.

**NESTA Events at NSTA**
The National Earth Science Teacher Association (NESTA) offers a full program of events at the National Science Teacher Association (NSTA) conferences. These happenings include field trips, multiple professional development workshops, Share-a-Thons, rock and mineral raffles, lectures, receptions, and membership meetings.

For more information about these and other programs, visit the Center for Geoscience and Society. There you will find databases of information about curricula, professional development, policy concerns, and much more.