

40th Annual North Carolina Council for the Social Studies Conference

Dreams and Deeds: The Civic Mission of Schools

Planning for this year's conference is well underway. In spite of the tight budgets our schools face, the NCCSS is committed to providing educators with a quality conference program that will inspire all who attend. I encourage you to take advantage of this year's lower registration fee of \$65.00. Use the forms in this mailer to register for the conference.

We will have a full conference program on Thursday and Friday. Only the Wednesday pre-conference program has been cancelled this year. The conference will begin on Thursday February 25 with a full morning of sessions for all levels from elementary to university. At the luncheon (included in your conference registration) the Council will recognize recipients of the Student Teacher Scholarships, Social Studies Teachers of the Year, Teacher Grant Recipients, and NCCSS Officers and Board members whose terms of office will be ending. Our Keynote speaker is Rob Christiansen, author of *The Paradox of Tar Heel Politics: The Personalities, Elections, and Events That Shaped Modern North Carolina*. Mr. Christiansen is a writer for the *Raleigh News & Observer*. Thursday afternoon continues with more sessions for all. The President's Reception, sponsored by Glencoe, will follow the afternoon sessions. Enjoy a social time to network with your colleagues and enjoy light refreshments.

Friday morning begins with a continental breakfast and more sessions. Later that morning the NC Department of Public Instruction will have a special session on the development of new essential standards for social studies. All conference participants are invited to this informational session to learn about the proposed curriculum changes for Social Studies.

Throughout the conference the exhibit area will have vendors showing social studies materials and products available for your viewing and purchase. The NCCSS will also have T-shirts promoting social studies for sale.

Other conference highlights include the Giant Traveling Map of North America, special sessions for beginning teachers (1-3 years experience) and pre-service teachers, and emphasis on social studies advocacy, and our annual NCCSS elections.

We look forward to seeing you February 25-26, 2009 at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. Please bring a colleague with you and don't forget to register. Thank you for supporting social studies.

Steve Pierce,
NCCSS President

Fortieth Annual North Carolina Social Studies Conference
February 25-26, 2010
Joseph Koury Center - Sheraton Greensboro Hotel at Four Seasons
Greensboro, North Carolina
Tentative Schedule

Wednesday, February 24
Early Bird Pre-Registration
And On-Site Registration
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 25

- 🌐 **Registration Desk Open**
7:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- 🌐 **Exhibits Open**
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- 🌐 **Concurrent Sessions**
8:30 - 9:30
9:40 - 10:40
10:50 - 11:50
- 🌐 **NCCSS Luncheon**
Awards and Keynote Speaker
(Included in Registration)
12:00 - 1:30
- 🌐 **Concurrent Sessions**
1:45 - 2:45
2:55 - 3:55
4:05 - 5:05
- 🌐 **NCCSS President's Reception**
5:15 - 6:45

Friday, February 26

- 🌐 **Continental Breakfast**
7:15 - 8:00 a.m.
- 🌐 **Registration Desk Open**
7:30 - 9:00 a.m.
- 🌐 **Exhibits Open**
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
- 🌐 **Concurrent Sessions**
8:00 - 9:00
9:10 - 10:10
10:20 - 11:20
- 🌐 **Snack Break**
11:20 - 11:45
- 🌐 **Special Session**
NC DPI Essential Standards
for Social Studies
11:45 - 1:15