



Program Changes

NSTA New Orleans Area Conference

November 30–December 2, 2017

Chance to Win an Apple iPad mini 4

Help NSTA's GREEN efforts by completing session evaluations online **November 29–December 2, 2017**, while the session is fresh in your mind! Please visit page 12 for complete instructions.

Note: Our session evaluation system is designed to work from a computer and while it may work on smartphones/tablets, it is not really designed for them.

Beginning **January 3, 2018**, you can view your transcript at the NSTA Learning Center (learningcenter.nsta.org) by logging on and then clicking **My Profile** under the **Welcome**. Here you'll find a **Certificates** tab, which you can use to access your transcript. You can also document credit for activities that are not being evaluated (e.g., Exhibit Hall visits). In addition, the NSTA Learning Center offers professional learning experiences (online and face-to-face) for your long-term growth and professionalism.

NSTA Science Store Hours

Be sure to shop the NSTA Science Store located in Hall H. Open Thursday and Friday early in the morning before the Exhibit Hall opens, the hours are very convenient.

Thu., Nov. 30	7:30 AM–5:30 PM
Fri., Dec. 1	7:30 AM–4:00 PM
Sat., Dec. 2	8:00 AM–12 Noon

Note: There are no Wednesday hours

Exhibit Hall Hours

Located in Hall H, exhibits will be open for viewing during the following hours:

Thu., Nov. 30	11:00 AM–5:00 PM
Fri., Dec. 1	9:00 AM–4:00 PM
Sat., Dec. 2	9:00 AM–12 Noon

Limited Shuttle Service

Limited shuttle service will be provided to the Morial Convention Center for two hotels only (Hilton New Orleans Riverside and Omni Riverfront Hotel). The other three hotels are within walking distance. A shuttle schedule will be provided on-site at each hotel, as well as at the registration counter.

Interested in Joining NSTA?

Stop by the **NSTA Hub** located in the lobby of Hall H of the Convention Center to learn about the benefits of membership. We'll be handing out our new #ONLYatNSTA tweetshirts—come by and get one while supplies last! Computer stations will be available there and in the NSTA Science Store to sign up for a six-month membership.

New Time: Meet the Presidents and Board/Council

Be sure to stop by Friday from **11:30 AM to 12:15 PM** at the entrance to Hall H for a special session. Come “meet and greet” with your elected NSTA officers on your way to the exhibits. The President, President-Elect, and Retiring President along with your Board and Council members are looking forward to talking with you at the conference! One lucky person who attends this event will be eligible to win a \$100 gift certificate to the NSTA Science Store. Must be present to win. Drawing will take place at **12:05 PM**.

Correction to Maps

Please note that there are some mistakes on the maps on pages 14–17. NSTA Registration Area and Exhibits are incorrectly listed on page 14, but are correctly listed on page 15. Also, on pages 16–17, “Wisconsin Center” mistakenly appears in the center of the spread.

Graduate Credit Opportunity

New Orleans conference attendees can earn one or two graduate-level credit/s in professional development through Dominican University of California (dominicancaonline.com) course **#EDUO 8014**. Cost is \$95 for one credit or \$190 for two credits. Learn more about the assignment requirements at bit.ly/2iZhaEQ. Deadline is **January 6, 2018**.

Wi-Fi

Complimentary Wi-Fi is available in three distinct areas of the Convention Center:

- The Atrium Café—Lobby of Hall C
- The Food Court—Lobby of Hall F
- Jazz City Café—Lobby of Hall J

Click on the Service Set Identifier (SSID): **MCCNOFFREEWIFI** to access.

Thursday Program Changes

Canceled Sessions

NSTA Press® Session: *Argument-Driven Inquiry in Biology: Lab Investigations for Grades 9–12*, presentation, 12:30–1:30 PM, 291/292, Convention Center (p. 46).

Friday Program Changes

Canceled Sessions

iPhones, Microscopes, and Protozoans, presentation, 9:30–10:00 AM, 295, Convention Center (p. 67).

Children’s Literature and the Weather: Integrating the NGSS and Geography, hands-on workshop, 9:30–10:30 AM, 266, Convention Center (p. 69).

NSTA Press® Session: *Argument-Driven Inquiry in Physics: Mechanics Lab Investigations for Grades 9–12*, presentation, 11:00 AM–12 Noon, 291/292, Convention Center (p. 74).

Canceled Sessions, cont.

Engage and Motivate All Students with Differentiated Instruction, presentation, 11:00 AM–12 Noon, 299, Convention Center (p. 75).

Fly Me to the Moon, hands-on workshop, 12:30–1:30 PM, 293, Convention Center (p. 82).

New Time

The special session **Meet the Presidents and Board/Council** is now scheduled from 11:30 AM to 12:15 PM instead of 2:45 to 3:30 PM (same location) (page 89). Please note that the drawing for a \$100 gift certificate to the NSTA Science Store will now take place at 12:05 PM (must be present to win).

Saturday Program Changes

Canceled Sessions

NSTA Press® Session: *Argument-Driven Inquiry in Physical Science: Lab Investigations for Grades 6–8*, presentation, 9:30–10:30 AM, 291/292, Convention Center (p. 96).

Engineering Success! Exploring Engineering Practices in Your Elementary Classroom, hands-on workshop, 9:30–10:30 AM, 293, Convention Center (p. 97).

New Exhibitors

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Creative Discovery Museum (Chattanooga, Tennessee) is working with Oak Ridge National Laboratory (Oak Ridge, Tennessee) to provide educators and the general public with high-quality biofuels/alternative energy curriculum materials, software, videos, websites, and distance learning lessons. All educational resources are completely free!

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Stop by to learn about our forensic science lab activities for middle- and high-schoolers. “Murder at Old Fields” and now “Diablo Highway”—blended learning experiences featuring real-world lab kits and online digital lab activities—are exactly what the framers of the NGSS had in mind.

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