

### Session Evaluations

#### Chance to Win a Kindle Fire HDX 7"

Help NSTA's GREEN efforts by completing session evaluations online **March 11–26, 2015**, while the session is fresh in your mind! To evaluate a session, you should visit the conference session browser ([www.nsta.org/chicagobrowser](http://www.nsta.org/chicagobrowser)) and search for part of the session title or presenter's name using the **Find Keyword** search option. Once you find the session you wish to evaluate, simply click the **Evaluate Session** button, enter your badge number, and answer the evaluation questions. When you finish evaluating the session, click the **Submit Evaluation** button. Repeat this process for each session attended.

*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.

When you fill out a session evaluation, you get entered into a drawing for a chance to win a Kindle Fire HDX 7" courtesy of the NSTA Conference Department. Remember, the more sessions you attend and evaluate, the more chances you have to win!

Concurrent session presenters may also complete an evaluation for their own sessions in order to track professional development credit. Remember—the last day to evaluate Chicago sessions is **March 26**.

Beginning **April 7, 2015**, you can view your transcript at the NSTA Learning Center ([learningcenter.nsta.org](http://learningcenter.nsta.org)) by clicking on "My PD Record and Certificates." 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 development experiences (online and face-to-face) for your long-term growth and professionalism.

For more details, see page 19 of Vol. 1. A Professional Development Documentation Form is included following page 32 of Vol. 1. This form can help you keep track of sessions/events attended that are NOT available for online session evaluation...and it can be used to take notes on sessions attended that are available for online session evaluation.

### Ticket Updates

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| PDI-4 | Developing Next Generation Science...     | <i>Sold Out</i> |
| SC-3  | Ocean Plastic Pollution: Issues...        | <i>Sold Out</i> |
| SC-10 | STEM for ALL: Practices...                | <i>Sold Out</i> |
| T-1   | World-Class Neutrino Science...           | <i>Sold Out</i> |
| SC-8  | "All Standards, All Students" Appendix... | <i>Canceled</i> |
| S-2   | Butterfly Biology                         | <i>Canceled</i> |

### New Ending Time for Featured Presentation

Secretary of Education Arne Duncan's featured presentation (Vol. 1, page 120) will now end at 1:15 PM.

### Science Store Hours

Be sure to shop the NSTA Science Store. Open Wednesday evening and early in the morning before the Exhibit Hall opens, the hours are very convenient.

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| Wed., March 11 | 5:00–8:00 PM    |
| Thu., March 12 | 7:00 AM–6:00 PM |
| Fri., March 13 | 7:00 AM–5:00 PM |
| Sat., March 14 | 7:00 AM–5:00 PM |
| Sun., March 15 | 7:30 AM–12 Noon |

### Exhibit Hall Hours

Located in Hall F2 of McCormick Place, exhibits will be open for viewing during the following hours:

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| Thurs., March 12 | 11:00 AM–6:00 PM |
| Fri., March 13   | 9:00 AM–5:00 PM  |
| Sat., March 14   | 9:00 AM–3:00 PM  |

### Special Offer



**International Museum of Surgical Science**  
*A Division of the International College of Surgeons*  
 1524 N. Lake Shore Drive • Chicago, Illinois 60610-1607

NSTA conference attendees can receive free general admission to the **International Museum of Surgical Science (IMSS)** from March 11 to 17, 2015, by showing their NSTA conference badge.

The International Museum of Surgical Science is the only museum in North America devoted to the art and science of surgery. Four floors of exhibits housed in a historic lakefront mansion portray the ancient and modern healing practices of Eastern and Western civilizations—from acupuncture to X-rays—through artifacts, fine art, and archival materials.

The museum is easily accessible by bus or train—take the Red line to Clark/Division, the Brown line to Sedgwick, or the CTA #151 bus to North Avenue.

Discounted parking is available with ticket validation at three locations: 1350 North Lake Shore, 1445 North State, and the Chicago History Museum lot on the corner of Stockton and LaSalle.

## NSTA TV

NSTA is partnering with the international film and broadcasting company, WebsEdge, to bring NSTA TV to this year's National Conference on Science Education in Chicago.

NSTA TV is an on-site conference television channel featuring a new episode daily, screened around McCormick Place as well as on a dedicated television channel in selected guest hotel rooms and online.

The TV segments will profile prominent science educators and scientists, highlight the hard work of teachers and organizations committed to elevating the quality of science education in the U.S., and provide an opportunity to learn about new teaching strategies and techniques and innovative programs and initiatives that are helping to transform science education and learning.

You can access NSTA TV at the following hotels:

- Fairmont – channel 3
- Hilton Chicago – channel 44
- Hyatt Regency McCormick Place – channel 61
- Palmer House Hilton – channel 76

## ISBE-Approved PD Credit

Chicago conference attendees can receive Illinois State Board of Education-approved professional development credit through ISTA. For details, visit the Illinois Science Teachers Association (ISTA) Booth near registration in Hall F2 or visit [www.ista-il.org](http://www.ista-il.org).

## Graduate Credit Opportunity

Chicago conference attendees can earn one graduate-level credit hour in professional development through Framingham State University. For details, visit [www.framingham.edu/nsta](http://www.framingham.edu/nsta) or see Vol. 1, page 17.

## Wi-Fi at McCormick Place

Free wireless internet intended for light web browsing is available throughout McCormick Place, including the meeting rooms, public spaces, and food pod areas. There is no code to access.

## Complete List of Presenters

A complete list of presenters for each session is available at [www.nsta.org/chicagobrowser](http://www.nsta.org/chicagobrowser).

## Exhibitor Changes

### New Exhibitors

#### Army ROTC

433 Howard St.  
Wheaton, IL 60187  
Phone: 630-752-5680  
E-mail: [military.science@wheaton.edu](mailto:military.science@wheaton.edu)  
Website: [goarmy.com/rotc](http://goarmy.com/rotc)

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Start Strong in life—enroll in the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), the college elective for undergraduate and graduate students that provides unrivaled leadership training for success in any career field. If you have a passion for it, you can find a place to fit in the Army as an officer and get the training you need to turn that passion into a career.

#### Axis Scientific

8111 St. Louis Ave.  
Skokie, IL 60076  
Phone: 888-950-4459  
E-mail: [support@axisscientific.com](mailto:support@axisscientific.com)  
Website: [www.axisscientific.com](http://www.axisscientific.com)

Axis anatomy models are among the most popular types of educational anatomical models utilized in classrooms and medical education organizations. Relevant to a wide range of audiences, they are the perfect blend of price, performance, and selection.

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#### Creative Discovery Museum

321 Chestnut St.  
Chattanooga, TN 37402  
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E-mail: [jwr@cdmfun.org](mailto:jwr@cdmfun.org)  
Website: [www.cdmfun.org](http://www.cdmfun.org)

Creative Discovery Museum in Chattanooga, Tennessee, is working with the Bioenergy Science Center (BESC) in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, on a biofuels/alternative energies project. We offer FREE MATERIALS, including curriculum, hands-on activities, a "Road Trip Challenge" app, the [learnbiofuels.org](http://learnbiofuels.org) website, and distance learning lessons. Come by our booth to see what might work well in your classroom!

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## Exhibitor Changes, cont.

**Dept. of Energy** #990  
**Bioenergy Technologies Office**  
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 Washington, DC 20585  
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 E-mail: [eere.bioenergy@ee.doe.gov](mailto:eere.bioenergy@ee.doe.gov)  
 Website: [www.energy.gov/eere/bioenergy/bioenergy-technologies-office](http://www.energy.gov/eere/bioenergy/bioenergy-technologies-office)

Operation Bioenergy Me is the Bioenergy Technologies office's education and work development base camp for students and educators and anyone seeking to better understand the promises and challenges in developing a thriving bioeconomy.

**Forest Preserve District of Will County** #899  
 17540 W. Laraway Rd.  
 Joliet, IL 60433  
 Phone: 815-727-8700  
 Website: [www.reconnectwithnature.org](http://www.reconnectwithnature.org)

The Forest Preserve District of Will County (Illinois) offers a variety of programs and services to the regional education community. These include in-school programs, field trips, resource loan kits, teacher in-services, and classroom support materials. Programs and services cover a multitude of ecological and cultural topics.

**Happy Feet** #797  
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Happy Feet shock-absorbing insoles provide relief for pain in the back, knees, hips, and feet. Happy Feet allow you to stand, walk, or work—all day pain free!

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 Oak Brook, IL 60523 PreK-12, College  
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Legat Architects' K-12 Education practice is guided by the belief that educational environments impact student learning. We have provided programming and design services for over 400 schools. Educational clientele include public school districts, private schools, vocational schools, and government agencies.

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 Old Greenwich, CT 06870  
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 Website: [www.levelupvillage.com](http://www.levelupvillage.com)

Level Up Village provides add-on enrichment programs that connect K-12 students in the U.S. with students globally through design thinking via STEAM challenges they work on together through our P2P video letter system. LUV provides opportunities for teachers to supplement their income and bring programs to their school. Schools receive a free 3-D printer as part of the program.

**Meridian Public Charter School** #996  
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 Washington, DC 20009 3-8  
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Meridian is the oldest public charter school in Washington, D.C.

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**Booth Relocation:**  
 Northrop Grumman #534

**Canceled Exhibitor:**  
 C2 Collaborative #990