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I would like to attend the National Science Teaching Association's (NSTA) National Conference on Science Education (NSTA Denver24), one of the largest conferences focused exclusively on science and STEM teaching for K-20 teachers of science. NSTA Denver24 will be held March 20-23 at the Colorado Convention Center and nearby hotels in Denver, CO.

[NSTA Denver24](#) will give me an opportunity to attend science-specific professional learning, which is critical to my growth as a science teacher. The conference features over a thousand peer-led sessions and workshops that directly apply to my work. NSTA offers [professional development credit](#) (based on clock hours) and [graduate-level credit](#) through Dominican University of California for this conference. This highly specialized professional learning event will equip me with enhanced skills and knowledge on key areas vital to successful learning in my science/STEM classroom, including ensuring my teaching aligns with state teaching standards and research based teaching pedagogy. Strands for the NSTA Denver24 include:

- **Instruction and Assessment, Implementing Standards:** Sessions in this strand should focus on improving science and STEM classroom teaching and learning through the use of high-quality instructional materials or assessments.
- **Student Learning and Inclusion:** Sessions in this strand focus on including all children in the learning. Examples include inclusive environments, culturally relevant pedagogies, anti-bias teaching, special needs and inclusion, celebrations in the classroom, and multilingual learners.
- **Teaching Strategies and Classroom Practice:** Sessions in this strand focus on research-based teaching strategies that improve science teaching and learning.
- **Climate Science and Environmental Justice:** Sessions in this strand help educators dig deeper into the areas of climate science and environmental justice through classroom resources and lessons and using interdisciplinary learning to support decision-making.
- **Research to Practice:** Sessions in this strand focus on highlighting a specific research project, publication, or finding in education and how it can be implemented in the classroom.
- **Connecting with Nature:** Sessions in this strand focus on help educators dig deeper into the areas of climate science and environmental justice.
- **Leadership and Advocacy:** Sessions in this strand focus on supporting science/STEM leaders as change agents or on raising the profile of science education.

I will also have the chance to explore the Expo Hall to engage in one-on-one conversations with industry experts, participate in live product demos, and explore new teaching and learning tools and resources that will help sharpen my practice and boost student performance. The conference also provides opportunities for me to network with colleagues, education industry leaders, and solution providers. Finally, my conference registration includes a one-year NSTA membership so in the months after the conference, I will have access to hundreds of lessons, online learning webinars, and monthly journal articles.

As you can see, my attendance at NSTA Denver24 is a wise investment. Plus, I will be able to bring home conference materials, allowing me to share what I have learned with others in the department. Thank you for considering this request. Please let me know if there is any additional information I can provide.

Sincerely,