



National Substitute Teachers Alliance

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Dear Fellow Members, Substitutes and Friends of Subs

I am very pleased to announce to you the NSTA 2009 Summer Conference. It will be presented by The College of Education of Florida Gulf Coast University, The Florida Alliance of Substitutes; and our local hosts, Lee County Substitute Teachers, in Fort Myers, Florida on July 24-26, 2009.



Friends and colleagues you will not want to miss this meeting if you are a substitute, work with substitutes, or provide professional services to substitute teachers. Housing, meals and all meetings will all be on the campus of Florida Gulf Coast University. Before you conjure up visions of a monastic retreat with hard beds and Spartan sustenance let me assure you this brand new 21st century campus will be providing wonderful meals and an apartment style residence hall. For those of us who graduated 15 or 20 or more years ago: Things have changed! The conference will kick off with a Get acquainted, Ice

breaking and Friendship evening on Friday. The word is the Florida U. folks know how to put on a great evening of fun and entertainment!

We will further expand the list of “break out sessions”, which has grown steadily since their initiation at the 2006 conference in California. If you are interested in presenting at the conference we welcome your application. Please send personal information and an outline of your presentation to the screening committee chair Ms Judith Keiffer at jkieffer@columbus.rr.com

Many thanks to our Florida members who made it possible to announce this to you so early in the year and I hope you will plan to attend this exciting event.

Sincerely,
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Dear Fellow Members, Substitutes, and Friends of Subs:



Your reaction to our announcement of the 2009 NSTA Conference in Ft Myers has been as gratifying as it has been enthusiastic. Many of you have expressed interest, and several have inquired about presenting at the conference. Our Florida hosts have received terrific cooperation from the College of Education, Florida Gulf Coast University, and have finalized physical arrangements. The total registration fee will be only \$185 and will include: housing, all meals from the Friday welcome through Sunday Lunch, conference materials, 2009-10 NSTA dues and the Saturday evening social activity.

In order to make the conference a “family friendly event,” conference attendees **and accompanying family** may arrive early or delay their departure in order to combine the conference with personal “Florida Time.” The FGCU Residence Hall has some larger rooms for families. These will be made available upon request. Cost for spouse and/or children staying with a conference participant but not registering for the conference will be \$130 for the two nights and six meals. Additional cost for extra time will be pro-rated at the same price and is, of course, the responsibility of the individual.

A reminder⁹ if you or your organization wishes to present at the conference, you should contact The Screening Committee Chair, Ms. Judith Kieffer, at jkieffer@columbus.rr.com as soon as possible.

The committee **welcomes suggestions of seminar subjects** from members and other substitutes as well. Some Florida Academics, members of other college faculties, and well-respected presenters from the private sector have expressed a willingness to tailor programs to our needs.

I look forward to meeting you in Fort Meyers.

Sincerely,

Jim Politis