

Dear Parents and Educators,

There have been multiple changes from the conferences last spring. Please note the following:

1. The Program for Women in Science and Engineering (PWSE) has received some additional funding to support the Taking the Road Less Traveled Conference. As a result, we are passing the savings on to you. **Each participant (adults and students) will only pay an \$8 lunch fee to attend the conference** rather than the \$18 cost of attendance during the past several years.
2. PWSE and Western Iowa Tech Community College (WIT) received an Iowa Math and Science Education Partnership (IMSEP) Grant to take the TRLT conference on the road to Sioux City in Northwest Iowa. That conference will be held in the Sioux City Convention Center on November 3, 2009. More details will be forthcoming.....
3. Many of you and/or your students participated in the PWSE Outreach Needs Assessment that took place during the 2008-2009 academic year. We have compiled some interesting data and have scheduled a session to share that with you during the conferences. Note the session on “Needs Assessment Feedback”.
4. One of the requests that we received from teachers and parents was to provide more sessions for adults. As a result, you will find an opportunity during each of the time frames to attend a session specifically for adults.
5. Please remember that we DO NOT reserve spots for conference attendees. We are limited by space and are only able to accommodate 500 participants at each conference. To ensure that our process is equitable, registration is on a first come – first serve basis. Once again, I would like to thank each of you for your interest in attending the Taking the Road Less Traveled Career Conferences. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at: heaverlo@iastate.edu or Samantha Meyer, my conference assistant at: trlt@iastate.edu.

Sincerely,

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