

SMILE Teacher Newsletter

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[Click Here for 2023 Winter Teacher Workshop Materials.](#)

Upcoming Events

- Spring Teacher Workshop:
May 11 - 13, at H.J. Andrews
Experimental Research Forest.
 - Summer Teacher Workshop:
August 7 - 9, at OSU

Check out our website:
smile.oregonstate.edu



Spring Teacher Workshop



May 11 - 13, 2023

H.J. Andrews Experimental Research Forest



- We are looking forward to seeing teachers at the 2023 Spring Teacher Workshop!
 - Important Note on Directions:** Not all GPS mapping units have the location mapped accurately. Please use the link below for directions:
[Click Here for Directions](#)
 - During the workshop, we're going to have a great time in a scenic setting, with opportunities for reflection and celebration. We also can't wait to see some of your favorite activities at the **Share Fair!** If you haven't signed up to share an activity or strategy at the teacher workshop, please do so. We are asking that you share an activity or strategy that you believe other teachers should know about.
 - Fill out [THIS GOOGLE FORM](#) by May 5th!
 - What to bring:** We will be spending time outdoors. Bring sturdy, comfortable shoes for walking, and clothing for inclement weather as spring days in Oregon can be unpredictable.
 - SMILE will cover costs including subs, personal vehicle mileage, housing, and will provide meals at the event.
 - NOTE:** Thursday, May 11, will be a travel day with dinner provided. The workshop will start in the morning, on Friday, May 12.



See the next page for a general workshop schedule.

Spring Teacher Workshop Schedule

Thursday, May 11

5:30 - 6:30 pm	Arrival/Registration/Dinner
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Friday, May 12

7:30 - 8:30 am	Registration/Breakfast
8:30 - 9 am	Welcome/Teambuilding
9 am - 12 pm	Activities
12 - 1 pm	Lunch
1 - 3 pm	Activities
3 - 5 pm	Outdoor Experience
5:30 - 6:30 pm	Dinner
6:30 - 7:30 pm	Share Fair
7:30 - 8 pm	Awards

Saturday, May 13

7:30 - 8:30 am	Breakfast/Clean Rooms
8:40 - 11:50 am	Activities
11:50 am - 12 pm	Closing

Year End Reimbursement Information



Recently, several teachers have reached out with questions surrounding reimbursement for travel, substitutes, etc. Here is some helpful information on that process provided by Kami Hammerschmith. Please email Kami, if you have any questions.

In May, School District Business Managers will receive an email requesting invoices for reimbursable expenses associated with SMILE's Winter Teacher Workshop, Spring Challenge events, Spring Teacher Workshop and field trips. They will also receive a Year-End Report to account for the SMILE funds they received for teacher stipends and club budgets.

We will reimburse for:

Winter Teacher Workshop (January 27, 2023): subs at a rate of \$220 per day.

Elementary School Challenge (April 7, April 15 or April 22, 2023): transportation cost.

Middle School Challenge (April 4-5, 11-12 or 11-13, 2023): subs at a rate of \$220 per day; transportation cost.

High School Challenge (April 18-19 or 18-20, 2023): subs at a rate of \$220 per day; transportation cost.

Spring Teacher Workshop (May 11-12): subs at a rate of \$220 per day.

Field trips: transportation, admissions, meals up to \$1,000 per club.

Regarding travel reimbursements:

Per the SMILE contract: "OSU will only reimburse District for its actual travel expenses up to: a) the rates allowed under the General Services Administration (GSA) per diem rates in accordance with: <https://www.gsa.gov/travel-resources>; b) a maximum of \$2 per mile; and c) to the extent that District has provided transportation in the most efficient and cost-effective manner that meets the purpose of this Agreement."

For the SMILE Spring Teacher Workshop:

Teachers will be reimbursed for mileage incurred if driving their personal vehicle. Housing and meals will be provided from dinner on Thursday, through breakfast on Saturday.

For Field Trips:

If teachers have incurred any personal expenses for field trips, they should submit actual receipts, an agenda for the field trip and number of participants for reimbursement.

All invoices should be submitted by June 15.

LaCuKnoS Corner



Spring Teacher Workshop

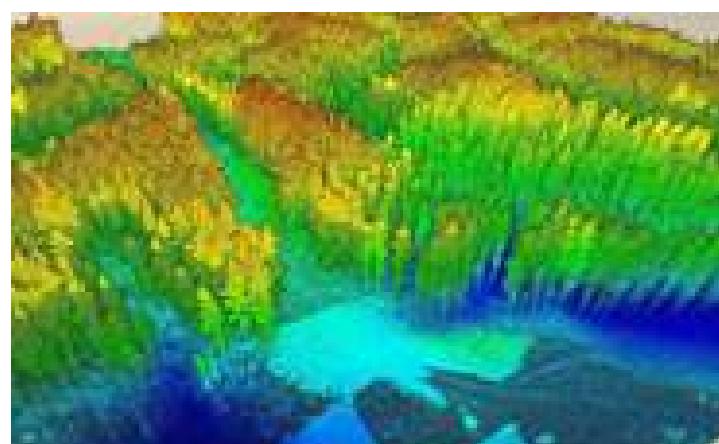


The LaCuKnoS team is looking forward seeing you at the Spring Teacher Workshop!

Forestry Lesson: We will introduce our new lesson: *Forestry Sensors!* We will talk about the use of sensors in forestry applications and specifically, the use of sensors to determine the volume of trees growing in the forest. Forest managers call these "forest inventories." We will measure trees with traditional methods and then with new methods, so we can better understand the impact of these new technologies. Then we will have a discussion and feedback session around a hands-on activity we are developing on this topic (to share at the Summer Teacher Workshop, in August).



Measuring tree diameter.
Photo by Ogano-Lawn.



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David Herries Interpine.nz.

Focus Groups: We are excited to reflect with you on the LaCuKnoS lessons, practices, and tools you have enacted in your clubs and classrooms this year. We look forward to listening to your insights and suggestions for the year to come.

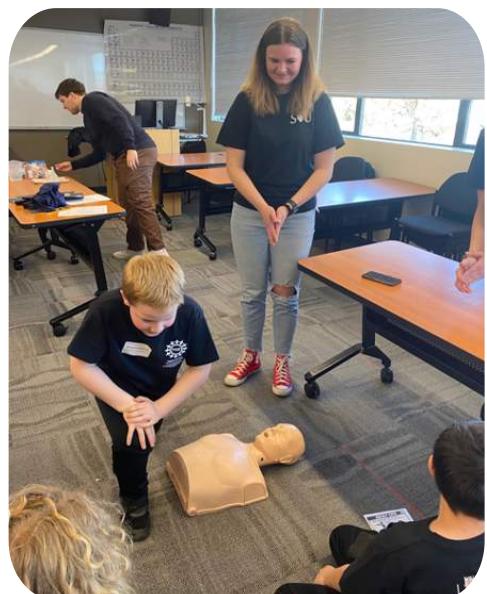
Check out LaCuKnoS Lessons!
[Click Here](#)



ES SOU Challenge Highlights

On **Earth Day**, Saturday, April 22, elementary clubs from our Southern Oregon contingent in Grants Pass and Cave Junction, joined us at Southern Oregon University (SOU), for a day of hands-on STEM activities. Special thanks to our Science Department partners at SOU, for sharing their building and leading several activities. SOU STEM clubs who led activities included: the Chemistry Club, Computer Science Club, Pre-Healthcare Society, and the Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS).

Thank you to all teachers and students who participated in the ES SOU Challenge. Your students came ready to engage and it was an amazing day!



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