

2015 OKAGE Summer Institute Descriptions



"Water: More Precious Than Gold!"

June 7-11, 2015

This four-day institute will provide participants with an authentic and close-up look at Oklahoma's most valuable resource: water. With an institute focus on field research, daily journaling and web postings, interviews, and geographic process and literacy skills, educators will learn of the historical, present day, and future importance of water to the quality of life in Oklahoma. The institute will incorporate five major water themes: where is it, what's in it, who owns it, who uses it, and where does it go. Teachers will receive instruction in dynamic student-centered model lessons that integrate. Field study sites may include a water treatment plant, an EPA Superfund site, an "Okie caviar" production facility, and a hydroelectricity generating plant. Discussions with experts, sharing ideas with colleagues, and K-12 lesson development will be part of this awesome learning experience. Participants will be expected to develop original lesson plans that focus on the *Oklahoma Academic Standards for the Social Studies*; the National Geography Standards, *Geography For Life*; and STEM components; and that incorporate the knowledge and experiences gained from the institute. *Limited to 20 teachers.*

OKAGE GeoBootCamp

June 11-13, 2015

This three-day institute will provide participants an intensive learning experience and the opportunity to work with some of OKAGE's most talented and accomplished Teacher Consultants. Educators will receive in-depth training in the National Geography Standards, *Geography for Life*, and the *Oklahoma Academic Standards for the Social Studies*. Participants will be guided through the writing of lesson plans using the OKAGE template. The GeoBootCamp provides teachers with classroom-ready materials and affords TCs-to-be important feedback and advice on the "hows" and "whys" of presenting to fellow teachers at all grade levels (preK-12). GeoBootCamp graduates who complete all requirements will be part of the OKAGE Teacher Consultant "family!" Among the benefits of being a TC are exclusive opportunities to participate in state and national conferences, programs, travel, and professional development, as well as involvement in National Geographic Society programs and initiatives. *Limited to 12 teachers.*

[Contact OKAGE regarding prerequisites to participate.]

Please Note:

- Space in each institute is limited and registrations will be accepted on a "first-come, first-served" basis.
- Each participant may receive a small stipend upon successful completion of each institute.
- Each institute will be conducted pending sufficient registrations and availability of funding.
- Teachers who are accepted will receive a confirmation email with more details.
- Teachers who are not accepted will be notified promptly.
- For more information or for accommodations on the basis of disability, please call 405.325.5832.