

The ITAG 2011 Conference Committee eagerly invites you to join us for the 2011 ITAG State Conference: **“Cutting Beyond the Edge: New Realities in Gifted Education;** As TAG educators, are we ready for a world in which the edge is dead, the box doesn’t exist, and the sky is no longer the limit?”

October 17 -18, 2011, Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines, Iowa

With creativity as our focus, be prepared to look at the roles of gifted and talented students, teachers, administrators, consultants, classroom teachers, school counselors, and parents from an exciting new perspective.

ITAG 2010 Call For Presenters!

Iowa Talented and Gifted Association invites gifted and talented resource teachers, classroom teachers, parents, counselors, coordinators, and administrators to present successful practices and significant issues and theories related to serving the needs of gifted and talented students. In particular we are looking for sessions that have a creativity focus, including practices that are new and push conventional thinking, teaching, and learning opportunities.

Creativity Focus:

- Infusion of technology: online instruction techniques, virtual field trips, interactive technology use, Moodle, apps, ipads, use of cell phones in classrooms, etc.
- Re-structure of schools: schools without walls, schools with a focus on the arts, etc., non-graded schools, multi-age classrooms, school within a school
- Iowa Core Universal constructs: 21st century skills embedded into learning opportunities
- Serving the often overlooked gifted populations: poverty, twice-exceptional, rural...
- Platform for rethinking: sessions that encourage “What would happen if.....?”
- Your imagination – it is a conference with a creativity focus!!!!

In addition to the need for a creativity focus, past conference participants and survey respondents requested the following sessions be offered by colleagues throughout the state:

General Interest PK-12

- Sessions which illuminate the “cognition” of learning in all subject areas
- Virtual and hybrid learning opportunities, programs and courses
- Consulting with GT parents
- Successful options/programming for students from poverty
- Successful options/programming for ELL and refugee students
- Managing the small and/or rural GT program
- Personal Education Plans
- Individualized student planning and monitoring (contracts, etc.)
- Mental health concerns of GT students and their families
- Teaching GT students with ADD and ADHD
- Counseling and advising GT students
- How to get your building/district administrators on board
- How to provide quality GT staff development for regular classroom teachers
- Advanced differentiation strategies and lessons

Elementary and Early Childhood Specific Interests:

- Early childhood GT identification
- Curricular ideas, particularly in math, creativity and science
- Curriculum Compacting
- Cluster Grouping
- Early childhood GT programming



Middle school specific interests:

- Underachievement
- Curriculum compacting
- Cluster grouping/flexible grouping
- Curricular ideas in math and creativity
- 4 year plans, post-secondary and career planning

High School specific interests:

- Career/college planning
- Underachievement
- AP and Honors courses
- Competitions and competition-based curricula
- Curricular ideas in science, math and social studies

Arts Programs and how they support and enhance the needs of gifted learners:

- Those of you in the Arts can help us with ideas

Also requested, seminar/facilitators leaders for:

- New GT consultants and all new to the field information and resource group
- Seasoned GT consultants issues and trends group
- Categorical funding review
- Small district and rural resource and information session
- Balancing it all – self care for the GT consultant
- Urban GT consultant information and resource sharing session
- Book review session – professional development and student favorites

If you have great ideas for any of these or other topics of interest, we welcome your participation! If you have colleagues who would be great presenters for any of these topics, please let us know and we will contact them or you could encourage them to submit proposals. Also, if you had a “full house” at a past session, please consider presenting the same session twice. Each session length is 60 minutes. A table is provided, and the presenter provides all other AV equipment. Presenters receive a reduced conference fee.

Proposals should be submitted by Monday, June 8, 2011.

Thank you in advance to all of you who will consider this request to present at the ITAG Fall Conference!!!

Creative work is play. It is free speculation using materials of one's chosen form.
Stephen Nachmanovitch



2011 Call for Presenters Form

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2011 ITAG Conference Presentation Proposal

Mail to: ITAG, 200 W. 2nd Avenue, Indianola, IA 50125. Or Fax to: 866-442-6751.
With questions, e-mail: itag@assoc-serv.com

Title of my presentation(s)* _____

Session will target (please check all that apply):

- Audience: New G/T
 Experienced G/T
 Classroom Teacher
 Parents
 Administration
 Support Personnel
 Counselors

- Student Level: Primary
 Middle School
 High School
 General

Session Preference: Monday Tuesday

Willing to present twice? Yes No

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

School/Organization: _____

E-mail: _____

Position/involvement w/GT students: _____

Fax #: _____

* Please attach a typed 25-50 word abstract of your presentation for use in the conference program.

