Teacher Application Form

Thank you for your interest in Project ASTRO Appaloosa

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please return the application form before April 15, 2005, to Project ASTRO Appaloosa, c/o Dr. Michael Allen, Dept of Physics & Astronomy, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99164-2814. For more information, see http://astro.wsu.edu/appaloosa/. You can contact us by fax: 509-335-7816, and e-mail, mlfa@wsu.edu or gworthey@wsu.edu. Project ASTRO is coordinated by the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, http://www.astrosociety.org. We are partnered with the NASA Space Interferometry Mission (SIM), http://sim.jpl.nasa.gov, and the Palouse Discovery Science Center, http://www.palousescience.org.

The Project ASTRO Appaloosa teacher selection will be based upon:
• Ability to attend a workshop on Aug 5-6, 2005 (Fri-Sat) at WSU Pullman
• Interest in hands-on astronomy & space-science teaching during 2005/6 (experience is not necessary)
• Support from a school or district administrator to participate in the project
• The availability of a volunteer scientist in your area

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name ______________________________________________________________
Mailing Address ____________________________________________________________
Phone (home) _____________________________________________________________
E-mail (home) _____________________________________________________________
Years of teaching experience _________________________________________________
Grades and subjects you will teach next year ______________________________________
What is the preferred way to contact you? _________________________________________

SCHOOL OR ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

School/organization name ______________________________________________________
District _________________________________________________________________
Mailing address _____________________________________________________________
Phone ______________________________ Fax _________________________________
E-mail _________________________________________________________________
Approximate number of children expected per class ________________________________

Participation in the Project ASTRO program can be with another teacher (same grade) at your school. If applying as a team, each teacher must fill out a separate application. The applications should be sent together. Please enter the name of your teaching partner in the space provided.

Teaching partner (if applicable) _______________________________________________
How did you hear about Project ASTRO? ________________________________________
1. Briefly describe your educational background, and recent professional development activities:

2. Please list any science-related activities in which you are involved (e.g., clubs)?

3. How would you rate your knowledge of astronomy (e.g., limited, level of popular magazines, extensive)?

4. What astronomy/space science topics do you teach in class? What topics would you like to see covered at a training workshop?

5. Do you have the flexibility to teach astronomy at any time of the year? If not, please explain.

6. Is there other information you wish to convey to the organizers of Project ASTRO?

There is a $125 fee per teacher for the training workshop. This fee is used to offset the administrative costs, including food and materials for the participants. This fee is due in June, after selection notification.

Signature and date: ________________________________

DEMONSTRATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Administrator support is key to making the teacher-astronomer system work. Please have an appropriate administrator in your school, organization, or district certify support for the Project ASTRO program.

- I will support the participation, by the above-named teacher(s), in the Project ASTRO Appaloosa program
- I understand that an astronomer will be visiting the school
- I support the use of the phone/fax/photocopier as necessary for teachers to prepare for Project ASTRO
- Given sufficient notice, I support properly-supervised activities such as field trips, or the use of school grounds for night observing

Signature and date: ________________________________

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