

COLORADO CIVICS DAY



Engaging Youth in Representative Democracy

This special professional development program for teachers features a wealth of new civic education resources and opportunities to collaborate with policy makers, legal experts, and other teachers to improve classroom practice. Multiple opportunities will be provided for teachers to discuss Colorado's updated civics standards and learn about and receive resources, strategies, and content from the Representative Democracy in America Project.

Participants will return to schools prepared to:

- Provide instruction in government, history, law, and democracy → more specifically to provide opportunities for students to wrestle with larger issues, explore underlying principles, and learn how to participate in local government and civil society.
- Incorporate discussion of current local, state, and national issues into the classroom – particularly those issues that young people view as important in their lives.
- Encourage student participation in simulated and authentic democratic processes and procedures – trials, legislative hearings, and diplomacy.

Friday, December 3, 2010
Colorado State Capitol

Conference Fee of \$25 includes:

- Choice of two concurrent sessions
- Materials, exhibits
- Continental breakfast, box lunch

Credit options:

- .5 recertification certificate (no cost)
- 1 quarter hour of Adams State graduate credit for classroom teachers (\$27.50)

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- 7:45 Registration, Coffee, Danish, and Exhibits
- 8:15 "The Perfect Civics Storm: New Standards, New Resources, Emerging Issues"
- 9:10 Concurrent Sessions
- 10:40 Concurrent Sessions
- 12:00 Box Lunch with Colorado Legislators
- 12:45 "Perspectives from Three Branches of Government"
Moderator, Ryan Warner, Colorado Public Radio
Invited: The Honorable Mary Mullarkey, Chief Justice, Colorado Supreme Court;
Honorable Bill Ritter, Governor; Representative Terrance Carroll, Speaker of the House
- 1:55 "So Many Issues, So Little Time: How Will We Decide?"
Dr. Diana Hess, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 3:15 Adjourn

Concurrent Sessions:

1. A Conversation with Colorado's Attorney General: When Colorado and U.S. Laws Conflict
2. The Fourteenth Amendment: Dred Scott and Today's Debate Over Birthright Citizenship
3. Bringing the Real World of Public Policy to Classrooms
4. Preview 2011: U.S. and Colorado Supreme Court Cases for the Classroom
5. Doing Democracy: Linking Students to Local Governments
6. A Day in the Life of a Juvenile Court Judge
7. Colorado Redistricting: How Should Colorado's Political Borders Be Drawn in 2011?
8. Play the Budget Game: Taxes? Spending? Trade-offs?
9. Immigration Reform: Colorado Think Tanks Weigh In
10. Enhancing Non-Fiction Reading Skills Using Civic Content
11. How Do Legislators Decide? Scenarios for the Classroom



Center for Education in Law and Democracy is a non-profit nonpartisan educational organization offering programs for teachers and students through grants and contracts with national and state government and non-governmental organizations. The Center promotes and supports the development of responsible citizens committed to democratic principles and active participation in representative government.

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To Register

Return a copy of this form for each person registering by November 10, 2010, to: Barbara Miller, CELD, PO Box 18490, Denver, CO 80218-0490; or by fax to 303.733.4791. For further information, call 303.778.0756 or email Barbara at miller@lawanddemocracy.org.

The conference fee is \$25 per person. Make checks/purchase orders payable to Center for Education in Law and Democracy (CELD). Credit cards are not accepted. Space is limited. Payment for graduate credit will take place at the conference.

Additional information about Colorado Civics Day will be posted at CELD's website:
www.lawanddemocracy.org

Name _____ Title _____

School/School District/Organization _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Home __ School __ E-mail _____

For planning purposes, please list three preferred breakout sessions (by number) that you would like to attend:

Sessions: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Check here for vegetarian meal



Please join us at NCSS on Friday, November 12, 2:30–4:00 pm: “Rocky Mountain High: Medical Marijuana as a Case Study in Controversy and Direct Democracy.” Through the initiative process, nine states have legalized medical use of marijuana. Working with attorneys and legislators, participants will examine Colorado’s experiences with medical marijuana as a case study of the impact of direct democracy on constitutional and policy questions at all levels of government. Registration: <http://www.socialstudies.org/conference>

To support teachers’ attendance at the NCSS Conference, CELD is scaling back its December activity. The 26th annual December “Educating for Citizenship” Conference will be back in 2011.



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