



Mission

The Teacher Circle supports the Washington Pavilion in its mission to educate, entertain, inspire, and enrich the community by making arts and science a part of our lives.

This program offers a great sense of comradery as an educator; continued pride to be a part of such a wonderful organization!

Molly Wilson, Art Teacher
Laura Wilder Elementary

Group Overview

The Washington Pavilion Teacher Circle provides a unique professional development opportunity for regional educators in the area of STEAM integration. In addition to presentations and interactive workshops led by experts in the field, teacher participants will be given time to collaborate with other passionate educators from the region to create innovative learning experiences for students. This opportunity exposes educators to the evolving activities and resources available at the Washington Pavilion.

The Teacher Circle will consist of 12 innovative educators (representing grades K-12) who will attend professional development sessions at the Pavilion four different times throughout the school year and for one 2-day session over the summer to participate in interactive workshops and behind-the-scenes tours at the Washington Pavilion. Participants will develop STEAM lesson plans to bridge the connection between the classroom and the museum resources present at the Pavilion. Educators will implement these lesson plans in their classrooms and be given the opportunity to bring their students to the Washington Pavilion for a field trip experience in the fall of 2018.

Teacher Circle Goals

Teacher-Focused:

- Develop and distribute standards-based lesson plans that can be utilized in area K-12 classrooms to connect museum resources to students.
- Increase leadership skills and knowledge about the Washington Pavilion and informal education best practices.
- Foster meaningful professional development experiences that honor teachers' expertise and empower them as creative educators.
- Create a collaborative connection between passionate professionals in the field of education.

Museum-Focused:

- Establish a group of informed, invested teachers who will serve as advocates for museum programs and partners in planning future professional development and educational programs.
- Build awareness of the Washington Pavilion as an educational resource for schools.
- Serve as a leader in arts and science education for the region.

Student-Focused:

- Engage students through STEAM lessons that utilize hands-on activities to teach core concepts.
- Provide the opportunity to attend a field trip to the Washington Pavilion.

Fusing ART + SCIENCE in the Classroom

The 2018 focus of the Teacher Circle will be centered on integrating art and science in the classroom. As the region's premier arts and science center, the Washington Pavilion is excited to share its resources with Teacher Circle members. The professional development meetings will provide dedicated time for collaboration with an emphasis on interdisciplinary learning and incorporation of Pavilion learning opportunities in the classroom.



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Participant Requirements

- Licensed educator currently teaching in a K-12 classroom setting
- Interest in museum education resource utilization in a formal education setting
- Passion for collaborative interactions with fellow education professionals

Participant Expectations

- Required attendance at professional development sessions at the Pavilion four different times throughout the school year and for one 2-day session over the summer to participate in interactive workshops, behind-the-scenes tours, and collaborative work sessions (*see dates below*)
- Develop and implement lesson plans that connect Washington Pavilion resources to classroom activities
- Bring students on field trip to Washington Pavilion
- Complete pre- and post-evaluation surveys on the Teacher Circle experience
- Present lesson plans to colleagues in another professional development setting

Participant Incentives

- \$250 stipend for participating teachers
- Free PALS membership to the Washington Pavilion for teacher (\$110 value)
 - Membership benefits include:
 - Free admission to the Kirby Science Discovery Center, Visual Arts Center and CineDome Mission Films for up to 5 people per day
 - Free general admission to over 300 museums worldwide through the Association of Science-Technology Centers passport program
 - 10% discount on youth camps and classes and adult workshops offered through the Community Learning Center
 - Access to exclusive promotions and additional member benefits
- Free field trip admission for a group of your students to visit the Washington Pavilion
- High-quality professional development
- The opportunity to earn Continuing Education Contact Hours

Timeline/Calendar

2017

December 15	Teacher Circle Application due to Community Learning Center
December 29	Teacher Circle Participant Selection Notification

2018

February 12	Introductory Teacher Circle Session – 6-9 p.m.
April 9	Teacher Circle Session – 6-9 p.m.
June 18 & 19	Teacher Circle Summer Intensive (2 days) – 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
September 17	Teacher Circle Session – 6-9 p.m.
Oct-Dec	Lesson plan implementation and museum field trips
December 10	Final Teacher Circle Session – 6-9 p.m.

2019

January	Lesson Plans available online
Jan-May	Lesson presentation in another professional development setting

To Apply

Complete the application by **December 15, 2017**.

Send completed application materials with required attachments to:

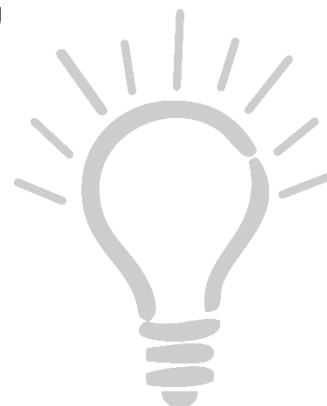
CLC@washingtonpavilion.org or Washington Pavilion
Community Learning Center
301 South Main Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Questions

Contact Lori at 605-731-2332 or via email at CLC@washingtonpavilion.org.



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Personal Information

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (home) _____ (cell) _____

Email address: _____

School Information

School: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (work) _____ Fax: _____

School District: _____

School County: _____

Please provide the following about your school if known:

Title 1? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Percent Free/Reduced Lunch: _____

Planned 2018-19 Duties

Grade Level(s): _____ Number of Students: _____

Courses: _____

Education

Current Teaching Licensure:

State: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Primary Area: _____

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Number of years as a professional educator: _____

List your three most relevant awarded professional degrees: Institution, Degree(s), Date (MM/YY)

Institution	Degree(s)	Date

Professional Training

List the two most recent specialty workshops, conferences, or training sessions you have attended: Workshop, Area of Focus, Date (MM/YY)

1. _____
2. _____

Attachments

Please attach the following documents:

1. A brief narrative (250-500 words) answering the following question – Why do you want to participate in the Washington Pavilion Teacher Circle?
2. A sample of an original lesson plan that you have implemented in your classroom

Continuing Education Units

Continuing education units are available through participation in the Teacher Circle (equivalent to four credits per year available). Do you anticipate participating in the Teacher Circle for credit?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Administrative Support

One administrator signature is required for participation.

Printed name, Title

Signature

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We worked through concepts that would have taken any one of us much more time individually. We developed a lesson that our alternative school now uses – that in and of itself made the whole experience worthwhile.

Michael Amolins, Curriculum Director, Grades 6-12
Harrisburg School District