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Mark Your
Calendars!

Western Region Fall Leadership Conference

September 17-19, 2006

Broyhill Conference Center, Boone, NC

Plan to come and join us this year for our regional leadership conference! This year's conference location will be the Broyhill Conference Center in Boone. A conference announcement and a Call for Presentations Form will be distributed by May 1st. We will be changing our conference format on **Monday to a full day of breakout sessions**. We will also have national speakers and updates from Raleigh. This conference will be for **superintendents, central office staff, principals, assistant principals, and aspiring administrators**.

- Reading First Training
Grades 2 & 3
- It's Our Water – Teacher
Workshop
- Poverty Workshops
- Reading/Writing Training
- ...AND MORE!!

Upcoming Events At WRESA

Mark Your Calendars Today!! 

Revision: How to Teach It, Learn It, Love It!

Barry Lane
October 3, 2006

Additional Training with **Stephanie Harvey**
November 29-30, 2006

Reading Seminar with **Debbie Miller**
December 5-6, 2006

Reading Comprehension/Reading in
Content Area Institute

Stephanie Harvey, Debbie Miller,

Cris Tovani
August 7-9, 2007

Registration information for the above 2006 sessions will be in the August 2006 WRESA Update. Registration for the 2007 session will be in the January 2007 WRESA Update. No registrations will be taken until the registration information is distributed.

Summer Leadership Conference 2006

Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC

June 25-26, 2006

NCASA Superintendents' Retreat

June 26-28, 2006

Summer Leadership Conference 2006

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and register online at
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STAFF DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

Reading First Training



July 18, 19, 20, 2006
Grades 2 & 3 Teachers
8:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$45

WRESA, in collaboration with the NC Department of Public Instruction, is offering *Reading First Training for teachers* in **Grade 2 and Grade 3**. This three-day session will be **limited to 25 participants per grade level**. Participants will **receive the NC Reading First Participants Manual for their grade level**. Training will be conducted by an approved Reading First Trainer. A certificate for 20 contact hours (equivalent to 2 CEUs) will be issued to each participant at the end of the three-day session. **To register, please complete the information on the enclosed registration form and fax to Vicki Wilson at 828.665.7710. Registration Deadline: July 1, 2006**

To register for the sessions listed below, please complete the Registration Form and fax to 828.665.7710 or call Kathy at 828.418.0011, ext. 118.

Kathy Bumgardner

Reading Workshop: Includes Guided Reading/Book Clubs/Independent Reading Grades 3-8

September 8, 2006
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$50

Registration fee MUST be received with registration form. Registration fee is non-refundable.

What is Reading Workshop and how can I make it happen in my classroom? This session will include an interactive opportunity to explore and experience the components of Reading Workshop. These components include **Mini-lessons, Interactive Read Alouds, Book Talks, Guided Reading, Teacher/Student Conferencing, and Buzz Groups**. Participants will leave with a toolkit of highly effective and practical ideas that they can put to use immediately. This session will be led by **Kathy Bumgardner, a 30-year veteran teacher, who was formerly the K-5 Language Arts Instructional Specialist for Gaston County Schools. Kathy is well-known for her lively, entertaining, and highly informative sessions at numerous state conferences. Registration Deadline: August 22, 2006**

A Professional Development Workshop: Effective Planning With A Purpose

June 20, 2006 June 21, 2006
July 6, 2006 July 7, 2006
August 8, 2006 August 9, 2006

(Participants may register for any number OR combination of sessions.)

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$10 per person per day

It takes time to manage time effectively!! During this workshop, teachers will have the opportunity to **spend focused planning time working on a variety of strategies** for instructional success. These may include, but are not limited to, **developing unit and lesson plans, creating pacing guides, infusing technology throughout the curricula, integrating content areas, improving test scores, and generating school improvement plans**. Teachers may come in teams or individually, as needed. *WRESA will provide consultants, technical assistance, use of the computer lab, as well as, research-based resources if requested.* There are six dates available and participants may register for any number or combination of sessions. This workshop is open to all K-12 teachers. If you have questions, contact April Spencer at 828.418.0011, ext. 120 or Carol Bennett at ext. 130. *Registration Deadline: June sessions – June 14, 2006; July sessions – June 30, 2006; August sessions – July 31, 2006*

Teaching to Poverty

(Day One)

June 19, 2006

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$60

Using Ruby Payne's *Framework for Understanding Poverty*, this workshop will cover the basics about the culture of poverty. We will **discuss hidden rules and behaviors that impact our classrooms**. This workshop will be the *foundation for other in-depth workshops throughout the year as we delve deeper into how best to help these students*. **Each participant will receive a copy of *Framework for Understanding Poverty***. Presenter will be April Spencer, Teacher-On-Loan and Ruby Payne Certified Trainer. *To register, complete the Registration Form and fax to 828.665.7710 or contact Tina at 828.418.0011, ext. 133. Registration Deadline: June 9, 2006*

Children of Poverty: Now What?

(Day Two)

July 26, 2006

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$50

Prerequisite: In order to attend this session, you must have attended a "Day One" of the Ruby Payne Training.

*Understanding the characteristics of and issues that surround and impact our students living in poverty is the first step in being able to make a difference in their lives. This Day Two workshop in Ruby Payne's "Framework for Understanding Poverty" is the next step in working with our students who live in low socio-economic environments. We will first look at the discipline module and strategies for solving some of these issues. We will focus on the cognitive strategies that are undeveloped or underdeveloped in this population and will look at specific before, during, and after learning strategies that will help them be more successful at all grade levels. Each participant will receive a copy of *Understanding Learning and Learning Structures Workbook*. Presenter will be April Spencer, Teacher-On-Loan and Ruby Payne Certified Trainer. To register, complete the enclosed Registration Form or contact Tina at 828.418.0011, ext. 133. Registration Deadline: July 12, 2006*

Early Planning for A Successful Retirement

May 18, 2006

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$35

This one-day session focuses on **teachers who have taught 0 – 20 years** and want assistance with **critical retirement information and decision making early in their career**. This session will review the actuarial implications and repercussions of early-mid career decisions, laws, policies and processes, benefit options and investment plans. **The training will be conducted by a panel of skilled presenters**. The session will be facilitated by Bob Byrd and April Spencer. *To register, complete the enclosed Registration Form or contact Tina at 828.418.0011, ext. 133. Session limited to 40 participants. Registration Deadline: May 1, 2006*

Full TPAI Training

September 26, October 3 & 10, 2006

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$35

This three-day session plus one-day out of class work is for **new administrators** who need a working knowledge of the NC Performance Appraisal System for Teachers, specifically principals and assistant principals who have NOT had the original TPAI Training. The training includes the basic elements of performance appraisal as well as an overview of some of the current models especially the ECU Beginning Teacher Model and the UNC-C Career Teacher Model. The presenter will be Bob Byrd, School Improvement Specialist. **Please bring a copy of your local school system's Performance Appraisal Handbook to this session**. *To register, complete the enclosed Registration Form or contact Tina at 828.418.0011, ext. 133. Class limited to 25 participants. Registration Deadline: September 18, 2006*

STAFF DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

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"It's Our Water!" Teacher Workshop

June 23, 2006 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Registration Fee: \$35

It's Our Water! is a NC specific high school Earth/Environmental Science Curriculum centered around field activities in a local stream and aligned with the NC Standard Course of Study. This class will be offered as a joint collaborative training effort between WRESA and the NC Division of Water Resources, and is open to high school science teachers. Participants will receive the *It's Our Water! Teacher Guide* and much more!! Participants will earn CEUs as well as Criteria I EE Credit. Shelby Guill Laird, NC *It's Our Water* Coordinator, will be the presenter. The class will be limited to 25 participants. If you have questions, contact April Spencer, 828.418.0011, ext. 120 or Tina, ext. 133. *Registration Deadline: June 12, 2006*

"This is one of the most relevant workshops that I've attended in the past decade. I can actually use what I learned!"

--Participant Jan. 2006

TPAI Orientation for Teacher/Peer Observers

May 16, 2006 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Registration Fee: \$35

This one-day session focuses on teachers who conduct Performance Appraisals of Peers. Training includes Multiple Data Collection, Data Analysis, Feedback, and IGP Planning. The presenter will be Bob Byrd, School Improvement Specialist. **Please bring a copy of your local school system's Performance Appraisal Handbook.** Class limited to 25 participants. *Registration Deadline: May 2, 2006*

Mentor Training

August 15, 22, 29, 2006 OR October 30, November 6, 13, 2006
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Registration Fee: \$50

Participants must attend all three sessions plus complete the equivalent of one-day out of class work assignment to receive credit. The presenters will be Bob Byrd, School Improvement Specialist, and April Spencer, Teacher-On-Loan. Class limited to 25 participants. *Registration Deadline: August classes: August 7, 2006; October/November Classes: October 20, 2006*

WRESA Has Gone WILD

NC WILD Workshop

October 17, 2006
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

No Fee Required



The best resource for hunting, fishing and boating information, educational programs, WILD products, and other wildlife services for the citizens and visitors of North Carolina.

Project WILD is a wildlife based education program that fosters responsible actions towards the environment, wildlife and other natural resources. This class will be offered as a joint collaborative training effort between WRESA and the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, and is open to all interested educators. Participants will receive the **Project WILD Activity Guide** and other supplemental resource materials. Participants will earn credit and EE (Environmental Education) certification credit. Lindsay Green, Regional Education Specialist, will be the presenter. The class will be limited to 40 participants. *Registration Deadline: October 3, 2006*

All sessions listed in the *WRESA Update* are held at WRESA unless otherwise stated.



Elementary and Middle School Staff Development Sessions



Engaging Reluctant Readers and Creating a Context for Assessment

**On-Line Course
June - August**

Registration Fee: \$40

Registration fee MUST be received with registration form.

In this **ten-hour online course**, you will learn to put reading conferences at the center of your teaching. You will learn how to assess student reading abilities more accurately and how to plan effectively for reading improvement. You will learn how to manage your students' reading records and guide them in selecting "just right" books. You will learn to create instructional environments that foster life-long reading. You will explore strategies for getting students to choose to and engage in reading across the curriculum. You will discover what readily makes the most difference for helping struggling readers. **Participants must have access to the internet and e-mail. Additionally, participants will need to have PowerPoint and Adobe Reader. Participants will be contacted by the instructor by June 1st. Upon completion of all course assignments, no later than August 31, 2006, participants will receive a certificate for 10 contact hours (equivalent to 1 CEU in reading).** To register for this class, please mail the enclosed registration form and your check to Kathy Carver at WRESA. **Registration Deadline: May 22, 2006**

To register for the sessions listed below, complete the Registration Form and fax it to Kathy at 828.665.7710. If you have questions, please contact Carol Bennett, 828.418.0011, ext. 130 or Kathy, ext. 118. A certificate of credit will be issued after each session.

Be Active Kids! July 13, 2006 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Registration Fee: \$25 (lunch/refreshments)

Early Childhood Educators

This session is **specifically designed for early childhood educators who work with four and five year olds.** Be Active Kids is an innovative **physical activity, interactive nutrition, and food safety curriculum.** Each participant will receive a **free Be Active Kids' kit** which includes learning materials and notebook of successful lesson plans. The overall goal of each lesson is to promote positive attitudes toward physical activity and nutrition

habits for a lifetime of good health. Unfortunately, NC ranks 41st in the nation on the health and well-being of children. Be Active Kids was created to provide the skills, training and tools for teachers and child-care providers to help four and five year olds learn the importance of eating healthy and staying active. All training and materials are provided free of charge. **Presenter will be Carol Bennett, Communication Skills Consultant and Be Active Kids Certified Trainer. Lunch will be provided. Each participant will receive 5 contact hours of credit.** **Registration Deadline: July 3, 2006**

Competent Assessment in Reading (C.A.R.) Grades 3-6 Professional Development Training

June 1-2, 2006 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Registration Fee: \$50

This training is **designed for teachers of grades 3-6, literacy and instructional specialists, and school/LEA curriculum facilitators.** The training will focus on how teachers can **assess students' reading abilities and design an assessment approach to help their students become more effective readers.** The training will be interactive with small group work and practical application of the concepts. **Participants will receive and learn how to use the activities and resources in the Competent Assessment of Reading Toolkit.** Carol Bennett has recently been trained by the Elementary Division of the NC Department of Public Instruction as a C.A.R. trainer and will be leading this session. A certificate for **10 contact hours** (equivalent to 1 CEU in reading) will be given to those completing the training. **Registration Deadline: May 17, 2006**

Phase IV, K-2 Writing Training

July 25, 2006 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Registration Fee: \$65

This **NEW** K-2 writing training is for the explicit purpose of training educators in the state's newly developed K-2 writing curriculum. It was designed to ensure that all K-2 teachers in North Carolina have continuity in the understanding, interpretation, and implementation of the NC Standard Course of Study. This session is a continuation of K-2 writing Phase I, II, and III. The support documents include research, curriculum lesson plans, strategies, and multimedia resources. The session's emphasis will be on **conferring** with student writers, **planning** and delivering effective **mini-lessons**, using **author studies** and **mentor texts** to engage students, and **real writing** in a prompt-driven world. **Participants will receive the book One to One: The Art of Conferring with Young Writers.** Carol Bennett, NCDPI Certified Trainer of Writing, will conduct this professional development session. A certificate for 5 contact hours (equivalent to .5 CEU) will be given at the end of the session. **Registration Deadline: July 10, 2006**

Integrating Science Content Areas and Literacy for Grades 3-5 August 30-31, 2006 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Registration Fee: \$55

This session will focus on the **four major science themes** from the NC Standard Course of Study for Grades 3-5. Emphasis will be placed on **authentic literacy integration, as well as, mathematics and technology integration. High-quality instruction in teaching content** and preparing for assessment for Grades 3-5 will be shared, in addition to **specific integration strategies.** Carol Bennett, who recently was trained at the five-day Excellence in Science Teaching Institute from Western Carolina University Center for Mathematics and Science Education, will be facilitating this session. Upon completion of this training, participants will receive a certificate for 10 contact hours (equivalent to 1 CEU). **Registration Deadline: August 14, 2006**

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete ALL information requested. We will need this information in order to contact you if there is a schedule change or cancellation.

Name _____ E-Mail _____
 School _____ LEA _____
 Home Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
 Home Phone _____ Grade Taught and/or Position _____

Please check session(s) you plan to attend.

Check Here	Sessions/Registration Fee
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	Be Active Kids! July 13, 2006 WRESA Members \$25
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	Phase IV, K-2 Writing Training July 25, 2006 WRESA Members \$565
	Reading First Training (Circle Grade Level Attending) Grade 2 OR Grade 3 July 18, 19, 20, 2006 WRESA Members \$45
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	Teaching to Poverty June 19, 2006 WRESA Members \$60
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	Early Planning for A Successful Retirement May 18, 2006 WRESA Members \$35

Register online at
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We do not confirm registrations. Please plan to attend if you register. If we receive your registration and the session is full, the schedule has changed, or the session is cancelled, we will contact you.

You must call to register for any classes that are not listed on this registration form.

Checks for registration fee, if applicable, should be made payable to WRESA.

Due to trying to reduce our invoice costs, when registering for sessions, please mail check prior to the session date. If this is not possible, please bring it with you to the session.

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