Center for Geography Education in Oregon  
2014 Advanced Summer Institute  

Sustainability: an Italian Exploration  

The Center for Geography Education in Oregon 2014 Advanced Summer Institute will travel to Siena, Italy, where participants will engage in an exploration of sustainability practices in Tuscany and compare them to sustainability practices in Oregon. The group will be based at Spannocchia, an organic working farm in the heart of Tuscany.

Dates: All participants arrive in Siena, Italy, on July 14th. The program ends in Siena on July 25th.

Who is Eligible? Any Oregon teacher who has completed a C-GEO program and any Oregon pre-service teacher.

Physical Requirements: Easy to moderate walks on most days.

Graduate Credit and PDUs: Each participant will, upon successful completion of the institute requirements, receive four graduate credits in Geography or Curriculum and Instruction at a reduced rate. Ninety-six Professional Development Units (PDUs) are also available. All participants must register for graduate credit.

Cost: $125 (four graduate credits and materials fees)  
$40 (approximately) student travel/health insurance  
Travel (air and train to Siena) that exceeds $1,500  
(C-GEO will pay first $1,500)  
Most meals  
Personal and incidental expenses such as laundry and alcohol

Passport: All participants must have a passport valid through January 25, 2015

C-GEO will pay: Lodging  
Some meals  
Airfare and train up to $1,500  
Ground transportation  
Entrance fees

Important dates: We will have two mandatory orientation meetings from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on March 8, 2014 and May 31, 2014. Attendance is mandatory, failure to attend means you will be dropped from the program.

Wait lists: If you are put on the waiting list we will advise you as soon as possible if a space becomes available.

Application Due Date: Application along with a non-refundable $10 application fee is due in the C-GEO office by February 1, 2014. Make check payable to Portland State University.
APPLICATION

Last Name: ___________________________ First: ___________________________ Middle Initial: ______

If you have a PSU ID number, enter it here: ___________________________

Email Address: _______________________________________________________

Please Note: We will use email as our main means of communications. We will contact you by email when we receive your application, and we will notify you of acceptance by email. It is your responsibility to give us the correct email and to check that email for notices from us!

Phone Number: ___________________________________________________________

Mailing address: _______________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ______ Zip: _______

Are you a pre-service teacher? Yes □ No □ If yes, grade level?

Gender: □ Male □ Female (for purposes of room sharing.)

What C-GEO programs have you attended?

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The focus of this institute is sustainability and sustainable practices as seen through the lens of geography. Geography is concerned with the interaction between humans and their environment. Geographers study the physical environment (landforms, climate, natural resources, etc.) as well as human systems (agriculture, transportation, settlement patterns etc) and the complex relationships between these systems.

1. Within the context of geography described above, explain your understanding of sustainability and sustainable practices in Oregon drawing on at least three examples. (1 page max.)

2. From your understanding of sustainability and sustainable practices in Oregon, and thinking about your experience in Italy, speculate on how you might incorporate the information and concepts learned in this institute into your curriculum upon returning. (1 page max.)

DUE DATE: Application and a $10 non-refundable application fee must be received in the C-GEO Office by 2/1/2014.

NOTE: ACCEPTANCE INTO THIS PROGRAM IS THE DECISION OF THE C-GEO CO-COORDINATORS, AT THEIR SOLE DISCRETION.

Application materials should be mailed to:
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