



Planning for the Denver Conference: Start now!

There are many of us who want to attend the NCSS conference in Denver but finding the funding in our limited budgets can be a challenge. When you think about the fact that it has been almost 40 years since there has been an NCSS conference in Denver, see the list of speakers and read about the conference at <http://www.socialstudies.org/conference>, excitement begins to build. But so do the concerns about credit card payments. So here are a few tips to for your planning easier.

- If you are planning to stay in Denver for the conference, make your hotel reservation immediately. Use the NCSS conference website, <http://www.socialstudies.org/conference/travel>. Usually, just one night's charge appears on your credit card, and that can be paid as soon as it appears on your monthly statement. Also, bring a colleague and share the room to save on costs.
- If you are asking for financial support from your school district, remind those with the purse strings that many of the sessions will be tied to the Colorado Revised Content Standards. These will be identified for you prior to the conference so that you can look for them in the conference program.
- Next month, while others will be making plane reservations, you can start putting aside some cash for conference expenses so that it will be available when you arrive in Denver. However, if you are flying from the far corners of the state, United Airlines is the official airline of the 2010 NCSS Annual Conference. The United MeetingsPlus program offers NCSS attendee discounts up to 10% off published fares to Denver. To take qualify, go to <http://www.united.com/> . Enter your dates and departure city, and enter meeting ID 586OF in the Promotion code box. Again, as soon as the charge appears on your credit card, pay it off.
- In August, when you are getting ready to start school, you should receive a copy of the conference PREVIEW. Register for the conference, using the special rate for Colorado educators. Do NOT register online if you want to get this discount. And...you guessed it... as soon as the charge appears on your credit card, pay it off. Information on the special registration rates will also be available at www.cosocialstudies.org.
- After the conference, the only remaining bill to pay will be the hotel. Yes, it will be December and you will have holiday expenses to consider, but you will also be smiling because you planned ahead and have already paid for the airline, the registration and conference expenses. You will have been part of the greatest social studies professional development program available and still be financially sound as you prepare for the new year.

Start today! See you in Denver!