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Utah teachers participating in last year's Teacher Symposium

USU OFFERS FREE BIOTECHNOLOGY SYMPOSIUM TO TEACHERS

Science, health-science, and agriculture teachers who teach grades 7-12 are invited to the Eighth Annual Biotechnology Teacher Symposium to be held on November 10, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The symposium covers current approaches to biotechnology education.



Symposium instructor and Murray High School science chair Steve Scheidell

Hosted by the Center for Integrated BioSystems at Utah State University, this program offers teachers one-half service credit from the Utah State Office of Education.

The symposium is designed as a forum for middle school, high school, and pre-service educators to learn and share ideas, classroom activities, and laboratory investigations. The day includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and free parking.

"This symposium will provide teachers with the tools to share information about this growing and exciting field of biotechnology," said Dr. Afifa Sabir, symposium director.

Steve Scheidell, science chair at Murray High School, will teach a laboratory session on how he started a biotech program at his school.

"It's important that we, as science teachers, help students learn to examine ethical issues in this field and make good decisions," he said.

"Teachers can take the exercises they learn here and put them to use in their classes," Sabir said. "Their students will benefit so much from this knowledge."

The deadline for registration is October 28, 2008. Participants may either register online at our web site or by calling USU's Center for Integrated BioSystems.

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