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Pre-College Outreach: Section Options, Region Goals

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Precollege Outreach Talk Agenda

Why?

- Why does IEEE care about pre-college outreach?
- Why should I care about pre-college outreach?

What?

- What are my options for individual involvement ?
- What are my section's options?

How?

- How does our Region coordinate & communicate?
- How can we be successful?



Why should IEEE care about precollege outreach?

- Woo-hoo! Future membership dues!
 - Aging membership
 - Middle-age leadership
 - Death is bad
- Maintain Our Strength
 - Yes, our IEEE overall size, but that's covered above
 - Patriotism! IEEE was originally, and is still primarily,
 a US org. STEM outreach maintains technical leadership here!
 - Besides, USA dues are higher.
- Corporate goodwill
 - Outreach goes in and out of vogue
- It's the right thing to do.





Why should I care about pre-college outreach? What's in it for me?

- Satisfaction
- Fun—in multiple ways
- It really is the right thing to do
 - You enrich a child's life
 - You enrich society
- Pride in leaving a legacy
- For some, retirement leaves time on their hands and this sure beats gardening







Why should my Section and Region care? All of the Above!

- Satisfaction, pride, and interest for the individual.
- Section Morale, membership retention
- We play a role in strengthening the profession, the IEEE, our nation and our nation's economy, AND our local Section and Region
- We promote our Region, Section, and membership therein
- It's the Right Thing To Do!



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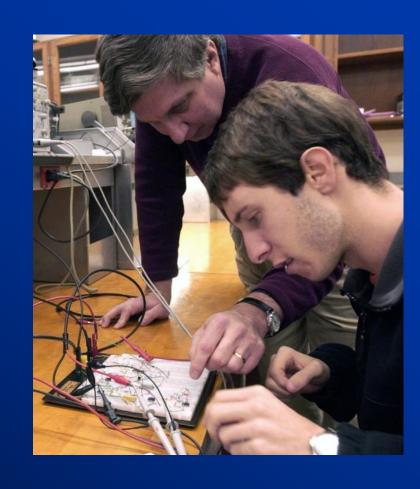
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Everyone needs letters like this!



So What Are the Options?

- DIY
- IEEE-TISP
- OSP's
 Other science programs
- OIP'S
 Other IEEE programs









Do-It-Yourself









DIY: Do-It-Yourself Classroom Visits

- You make the contacts
- You make the curriculum
- You keep their attention—
 i.e. You make it work
- You get invited back next year or You make a new contact



DIY: Making the contacts

- Corporate sponsors / corporate match-making
 - Gets you hot prospects, motivated teachers
 - E-Week sponsors, e.g. Lockheed-Martin, LLNL
 - Frequently includes training, help
 - Won't happen every year; work the long-term relations
- Cold Calls...with IEEE name-dropping
 - Under auspices of your section: eWeek letters, brochures
 - See your PACE Chair
 - Getting school addresses
- Teacher contacts: friends, through your own kids
- Truly cold letters—eWeek.org's suggestion
 - You won't even get finger-printed!





DIY: The Big Picture

- + Brief, 1-day-per-year interactions

 If you want more, there are other programs

 But don't doubt you'll have an impact!
- + Big bang for your temporal (& literal) \$ buck
- + No commitment; no need to come back
- + Science teachers have multiple classes

 Get into production mode...teachers do this daily

 Devote a solid day every year! Small investment; big payback.
- Brief interactions! (No real relationships, just Hero status.)
- You really need to plan, hold their attention, keep things moving, use PowerPoint!
- Experiments/projects aren't primary
- + Kids love to ask blue-sky questions





The basic prescription:

- Engineering has been fun for me
- Engineering is important to others
- You can be an engineer
 - And have fun
 - And help others
 - And have understanding (Q&A)
- Activity/demonstration
- Farewell gift





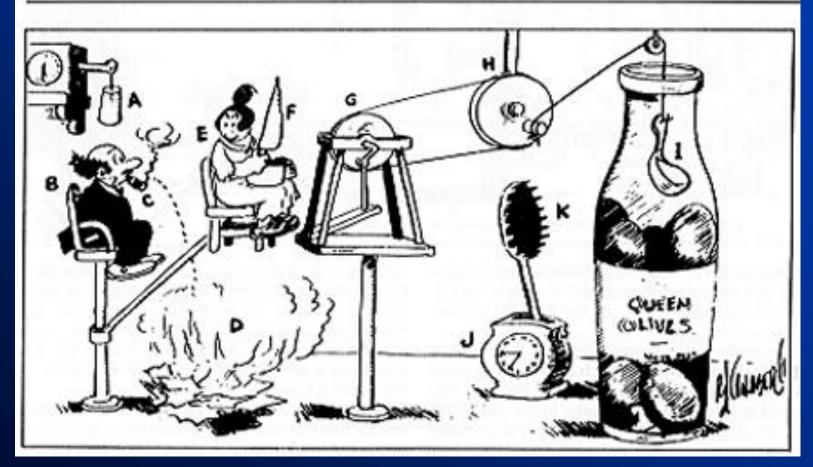
A DIY Typical Program:

- Who am I; why am I here (ref. eWeek, your employer...)
 - Dilbert...engineers not cool? Or...Agent Bristo!
 - "Can I tell you about myself?" I family...hobbies... engineering
- "You too can be an engineer and your job. Here's my story"
 - Family pics back 3 generations
 - My childhood, my kids and their hobbies
 - My career (pass around goodies)
- Is engineering important? (cameras, music, CD in detail)
 - Engineering brings advancement & good things
 - Fields and specialties
 - Quick projects, demonstrations (fountain pens, bottle rockets, etc)
- You can be an engineer, target girls & minorities, emphasize math & science
- Science/engineering/technology spectrum...test
- Stump the engineer! Q&A
- Leave a souvenir, leave a class project (e.g. a TISP project)



Everyone likes jokes...

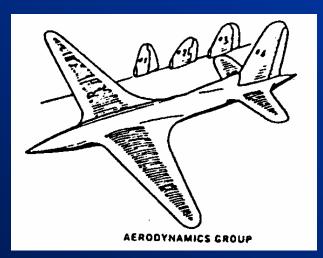
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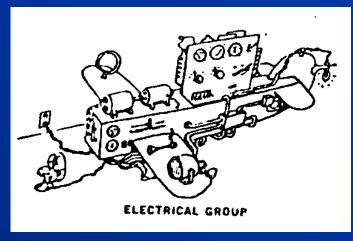


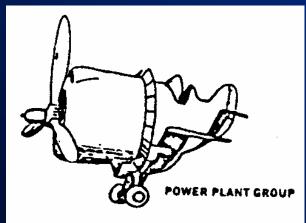
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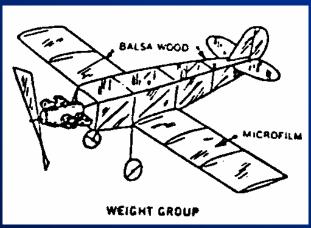


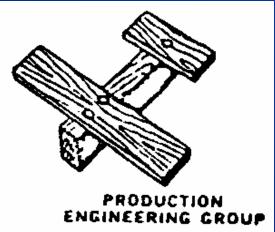
Jokes for all ages—intersperse them in your slides











An airplane, according to 5 different engineers



What's wrong with this picture??? Segue to Women & Minorities in STEM





Who saved the farm animals? Were Mac & Ginger Engineers?



- Chicken Run was a fantastic movie
- Unfortunately it's probably past the pull date for today's kids



A. Here's what I think about science classes:

- 1. I take all the science classes that my school offers and love them to death
- 2. I take all the science classes that my school offers and really enjoy them
- 3. I take almost all the science classes that my school offers and like them
- 4. I hate science classes and take as few as I can

B. My math grades are:

- 1. Always A+
- 2. Mostly A's & B's
- 3. Mostly B's & C's

Sample In-class Activity

Leave single sheets with teacher if time is tight.

4. Less than a C, if you know what I mean



C. The first time I used a copy machine:

- 1. It jammed, so I asked Bob to copy the paper for me
- 2. I was dying to know how the thing worked
- 3. I was dying to take it apart
- 4. What's a copy machine?

D. If I have a quadratic equation to solve:

- 1. I complete the square and take both positive and minus square roots
- 2. I put it in good ol' standard form, then I use the quadratic formula
- 3. I talk to Bob. He's a whiz at math and always helps me out
- 4. I take a nice stroll in the park and ponder the meaning of life



E. It would give me great satisfaction in life:

- 1. To win the Nobel Prize in Physics or Chemistry
- 2. To invent something that cures cancer or aids its diagnosis
- 3. To maintain high-tech equipment so it doesn't leak, squeak, or give bad data
- 4. To experience the injustices in being a public welfare recipient

Add up your answers...

Score of 0-6: You're a natural-born scientist

Score of 7-13: You're a natural-born engineer

Score of 14-17: You're a natural-born technician

Score of 18-20: You're a natural-born poet



Further DIY Details

- Preparation: Bring stories of your life as an engineer, your hardest project, your best day, etc.
- Encourage the kids to take all available math and science classes, even when they seem hard.
- Point out that there are also interesting jobs in allied fields such as theoretical science or technological (technician) work
- Be prepared to answer questions from the kids on just about any career or science question.
 - Answers like "Let's think about that..." and then solving problems in realtime are especially valuable in demonstrating the scientific method and engineering approach to problem-solving.
- Extrapolate where technology is going and emphasize the importance of today's kids becoming engineers so they'll "design tomorrow".
- A white board (or chalk board) should be provided—ask!
- A screen and VGA projector may be provided for showing prepared slides. I suggest bringing your own laptop (and a backup projector) even if they insist they have good equipment.





Your Section is made up of Individuals



- By their nature, DIY's are individual outreach opportunities
- Your section probably has many individuals who can, or would like to try to, do this.
- Find someone good at it and have them coordinate others
- Brag about it in your publications
- Provide projectors, ANYTHING requested
- Send the bashful out with a mentor
- Your Region can help you get started
 Your Region can give you ideas





TISP

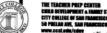


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Hands-on Math, Science & Technology Education

for K-14 teachers & future teachers Tuesday & Wednesday, June 8-9, 2010





- HT placements - HT con call - HT placement com

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General TISP Benefits



- Leveraged, multiplicative effects
 - Traditional outreach: 1 engineer $\rightarrow m$ students
 - TISP model: 1 engineer → n teachers → 5x30n students/yr
 - Even for large m and small n, TISP can be highly efficient!
 - "Give a man a fish... Teach a man to fish..."
- IEEE has done the homework of identifying and satisfying Fed and State curriculum standards
 - This is incredibly boring stuff to engineers
 - But it shows <u>relevancy</u> to teachers. And there's just not time for enrichment "extras" any more.
 - There's still a choice of projects with content varying from design/drafting to pure math
 - Build-a-better Goody Bag...Sail-away...Motors...Cryptography
 However, remember you're handing this over to teachers...



More TISP Highlights



- Work with teachers, not students
 - No fingerprinting, no background checks
 - No childish behavior issues to deal with
 - This is also seen by some as a disadvantage
- Trick is that teachers are motivated to participate:
 - Continuing Ed units
 - Satisfies State & Federal curriculum standards
 - Teachers are presently a bit disheartened & overwhealmed
 - Motivates, builds relationships
- Kit cost per project \$2-20 per student
 - Section support required for follow-on
 - Region and HQ funding available
 - "No punishment for success!"





Our TISP History

- Region 6 took an active role in promoting TISP
 - Region 6's Loretta Arellano had coordinated SoCal's TISP
 Training at the Manhattan Beach Marriott, Apr 4-5, 2008
- Planning for a NorCal event began in February with bi-weekly telecons among committee members:
 - SCV Section: Ram Sivaraman, Paul Wesling
 - OEB Section: Bill DeHope, Rosanna Lerma
 - SF Section: Emery Fabri, Tim Ryan, James Jones
 - Region 6: Suresh Vadhva, Loretta Arrellano
 - HQ: Doug Gorham, Carole Levy, J. Callow
 - ~100 man-hours of planning
- SFBAC's Training event was held 11/7-8/08 at the SF Marriott Marquis Downtown





NorCal's TISP Training November 7-8, 2008

- Publicity was key to turnout
- Attendance of 100 member volunteers, 16 educators, &
 16 HQ staff for a total of 125, exactly on target!
- Talks emphasized curriculum requirements, teacher challenges & needs, TISP benefits, and panel discussions
- "Recess" included Robot Arm and Sail Away acitivities
- "Perks" included fantastic meals and a beautiful venue









Planning our local SFBAC TISP Event

- Our committee:
 - Of the 100 TISP training event volunteers, ~50 were local
 - 30 expressed further interest; 10 others "came out of the woodwork"
 - As planning progressed, interest flagged to 24
 - SFBAC budgeted \$1000 for 50-100 sample (teacher) kits
- Problems with our "Stand-Alone" TISP event local planning:
 - Many different districts are represented in our sections
 - Different SIP/PD days (school improvement programs, professional development) makes scheduling difficult
 - There's no unified mailing list of teachers to develop an invitation list –
 no SAMIEEE for teachers ②
 - Planning is not trivial and was proving daunting
- Instead, we "piggy-backed" on a local teacher conference
 - Large audience, although we compete with parallel workshops
 - Publicity gets done by organizers
 - Venue (even snacks!) provided by organizers & sponsors
 - We provide sample kits and expertise—our specialty





The City College of SF's Math, Science & CTE Conference

- Yearly conference, CE units available
 - widely publicized, via relevant means, 400 attendees
 - 4 half-day sessions, 8-10 parallel workshops
 - Mid-week (Tuesday and Wednesday)
- This simplified things immensely, planning became manageable
 - I still believe it was the right decision
- Setting the date
 - We discovered the CCSF conference too late for 2009
 - Committed ourselves to the June 8-9, 2010 Conference
 - Publicized at January 2010 Officer Training Event
 - The midweek date was a show-stopper for most of the committee to attend/assist—I was the lone participant

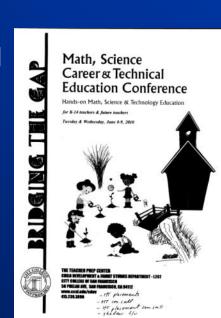




Our ISP Workshop at CCSF's MS&CTE Conf.

- Opened with a slide presentation
 - Importance and breadth of engineering profession
 - Importance of STEM education to a modern economy, our health, welfare, and quality of life
 - Kids seem to respond better to this than (jaded?) teachers
 - Intro to IEEE & TISP; it's goals and relevance to req'd standards
 - Pledge of future support, both funding or volunteers
- The wind power project was featured
 - Teachers self-organized into teams
 - Pencils, washers, post-its, & tape were distributed
 - For structure, support, axels, hubs, and airfoils!
 - A tea bag was the test load to lift via its string
 - And a hair dryer on low at 1 meter for wind
 - Finally the teachers got engaged.





Initial Observations

- The teachers seemed to have a ball
 - I would start out by awkwardly saying,
 "And you can tell your students..."
 - Soon our roles clearly became teacher & student, not engineer and professional teacher
 - I introduced auxiliary concepts of friction, force & pressure, etc. to what I found were weak science backgrounds—just like I do with classroom visits.
 - The more I treated them like students, the more they enjoyed the activity. They saw engineering in action and loved it.



- At last I was convincing them that engineering is great
- But was I also convincing them that they couldn't do this?



- I also had fun...and I guess I wasn't expecting that
 - It really was like teaching kids directly—major surprise!
 - Which is a major complaint I hear about TISP
 - But what was the long-term effect?







Metrics of success?

- We were expecting 40 attendees; had 16
 - I brought material for 25 teams, we formed 5
 - And only half were credentialed, others were student teachers or in undergraduate studies
 - Granted, we were competing against a free lunch

Aftermath

- Only 7 submitted the TISP feedback form
- No requests for further funding or assistance
- Only 5 provided email addresses on the form
- No response to email follow-up after 6 & 18 months



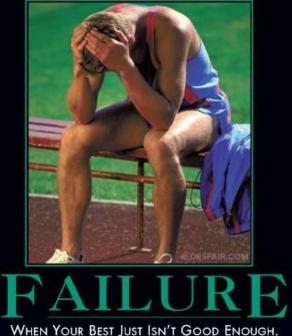
- Enthusiasm for science, but not science itself?
- Perhaps the Spirit was Willing but the Flesh was Weak?
- Even if teachers followed through with activities, was the "thinking like an engineer" lost in translation?





Workin' the numbers:

- TISP Training
 - 100's of volunteer hours,
 - 10's k\$ of expense
 - 125 trained
- Three sections, unified in a Council, took up the cause for half of Reg 6
 - 24 volunteers floundering
 - Piggy-backed on a single teacher conference
 - 1 event, 1 engineer
- 16 "teachers"; only 5 contacts
- No requests for kits
- Assumed student involvement = 0











SFBAC's TISP Lessons Learned

 I think the Ride-Along approach to an established local teacher's conference/workshop has merit



- But expect your "take" to be proportional to the number of parallel sessions—you're not the only game in town
- Schedule early and often for the best time slots
- Repeat yearly; we pretty much gave up after 2010
- I think the average teacher needs individual support and encouragement beyond the TISP event
 - You might need several hand-holding sessions before they can fly solo
 - Or you might need to show up for a class or 2. Or 3.
- It is critical to get reliable contact information

Make this the first thing at an event—TISP feedback forms can be saved to the end as the crowd dwindles

- Get snail-mail addresses as well--our 5 email addresses could all be bad
- Don't give up too soon...I think we did
 - <u>Time for a resurrection? How about you!</u>
 - CSTA Conference more appropriate?
 - https://www.cascience.org/csta/conferences.asp



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TISP Going Forward

- Don't lose heart
 - The TISP model: 1 engineer → n teachers → 5x30n students/yr is still valid for n a positive fraction less than 1
 - And fractional science and enthusiasm transfer is still success!
 - The IEEE glitz of "Training" probably sets unrealistic expectations
 - A single teacher session is probably not enough.
- It <u>is</u> more important to do good than feel good
 - 1 on 1 involvement with individual students is limited, but not necessarily 0.
 - TISP offers good leverage and ultimate time efficiency
 - It teaches the teacher. The key will be to make them feel confident.
 - This is never perfect; this is never complete.
- ROI!: IEEE has invested in applying teaching standards & requirements to credible projects and experiments (and some high-dollar training events too)
 - Nothing says we can't tweak TISP a bit...emphasize volunteers not free kits.
 - Use what's good; improvise the rest
 - Collaborate with CSTA ??
- Yet, there's always room for multiple approaches like TOPS
 - I think IEEE at all levels recognizes this







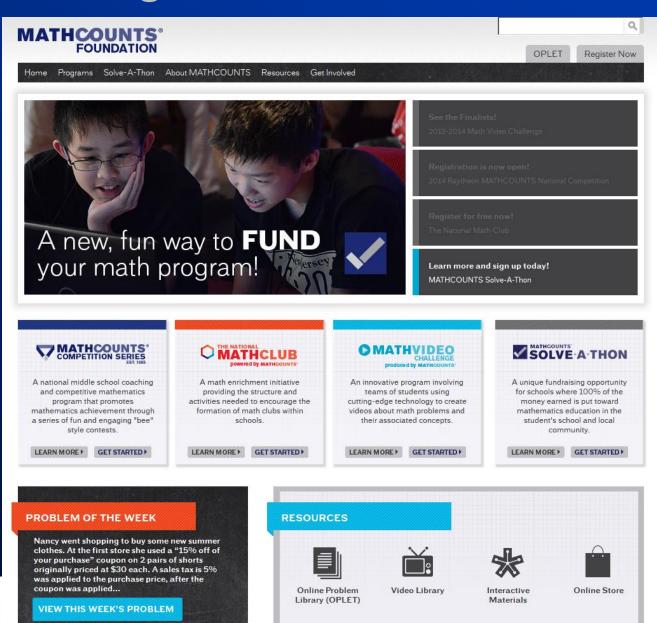
OSPs Other science programs

for STEM outreach to pre-college youth

- These are still individual-based
- But feature a large org structure behind them
- Better for the acutely bashful
- But one's time may not be optimally spent



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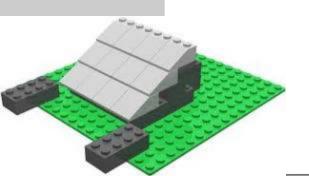
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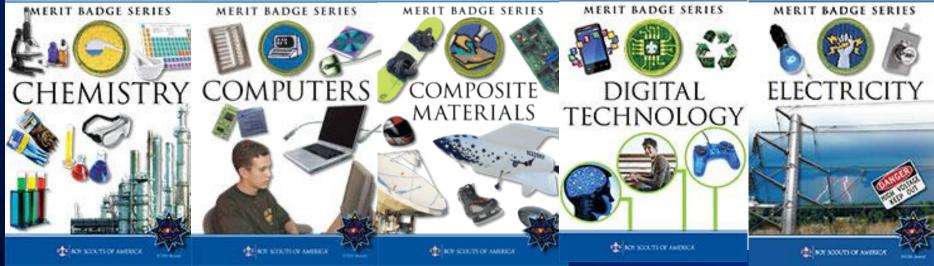
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http://www.scouting.org/ http://www.girlscouts.org



More Merit Badges...Heck, replace IEEE's society structure with these!

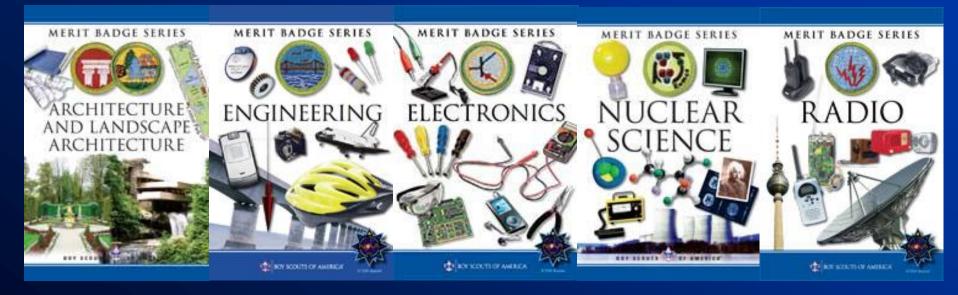












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Other options:

- Volunteer to judge science fairs
 - Synopsis, Intel, Tri-Valley, local school
- Churches & community centers
 - After-school programs, comfort level, curriculum
 - May be individual (DIY) or small group
 - Could be organized, could be yours to structure
- Volunteer to help on science club projects
 Volunteer to help as science bowl mentor
 Volunteer to help as math club/team mentor
- See your local IEEE section for ideas
 - Especially PACE, college student branches

Get involved!





Other existing IEEEsponsored programs

- These are typically local to a county, section
- Don't overlook other engineering or physical science disciplines
- Can your section sponsor one?
- These frequently start up as DIYs
- These can offer 40 hour/week "jobs"

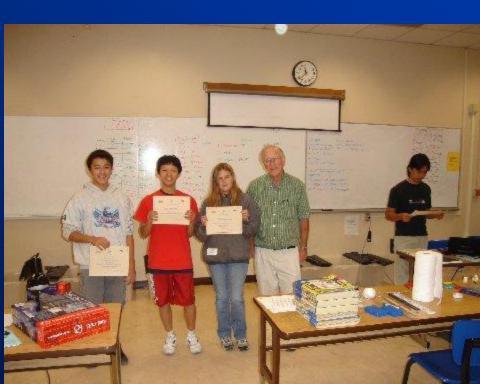


RAFT

- Resource Area For Teaching
- Received grant from Applied Materials
- Fuel Cells and Solar Cells projects
- \$10k donation from SCV Section
- Project-oriented, hands-on
- 3-4 hour time periods
- Motivated kids
- Dedicated engineers
- See http://www.raft.net
- And Lee Colby lee.colby@att.net





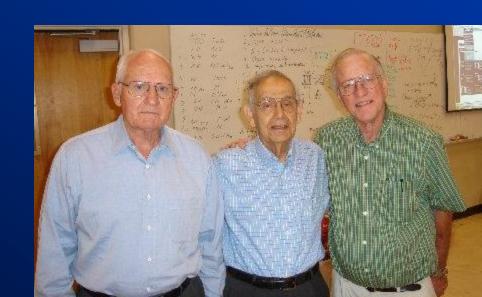


RESEED is TOPS!



- http://www.reseed-sv.org/
- Retirees Enhancing Science Education through Experiments & Demonstrations
- Hands-on
- Dedicated students
- lee.colby@att.net
- Now is TOPS !!!!





A Region 6 Plan for Success

...why you're here



STEM outreach is part of IEEE

- It is NOT everyone's cup of tea
 - For some, it is juvenile and unprofessional
 - For some, it is the best part of IEEE
 - It's a Section's Chair job to identify who is who
- It's a Section's Chair job to devote some fraction of time, effort, publicity, and funding to STEM outreach
 - It can be 3% or 33%...but not 0!
 - Even if it's not YOUR cup of tea
 - Delegate! Frequently a PACE Chair function
- Sections need to provide and communicate options to members, encourage involvement, publicize successes



What must Region do?

- Region 6 must assemble a mail list of Section Pre-College Outreach Chairs
 - The default for a section will be its section Chair and PACE Chair. Add Pre-College Outreach Chair contacts as sections appoint them.
 - This must be periodically refreshed
- Region 6 must provide webspace for pre-college resources (such as these viewgraphs!) and section entries.
 - We need a webmaster!
- The R6 Pre-college Chair(s) will:
 - Remind the sections of options
 - Offer help, suggestions
 - Nag the sections to provide info on events, visits



Our Section Commitment

- My section will do at least ONE STEM outreach event or function this year.
- We will document it with at least photograph and one paragraph
- We will post it on our section webpage or newsletter with a contact
- We will forward it to Region 6
 - dehope1@llnl.gov



Timeline

- January: Commit my section to SOME outreach
- February: Identify a PreCollege Outreach Chair
- March: Region's first mailing / mail list needed!
- April: Have a plan for a visit, an event, an effort
- May: Post each Section's plan to Region website
- June: Execute the visit, event, effort. Take pictures!
- July: Provide at least one picture to Region
- September: Post pictures to Region Website
- October: Encourage further events
- December: Recognize the Pt, Au, and Ag sections!



Summary:

- Pre-college outreach is vital to our profession and our nation. IEEE is on board. You must be too.
- There's lots of approaches to Pre-College Outreach
- Not everyone wants, or can, do it. Find the people who will.
- Give them the tools
- Promote a plan, communicate it to Region
- Execute the plan, share the documentation
- Repeat until you're the Platinum Section in Precollege Outreach!