**Regional Science Conference**

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**TEACHER TEAM RECRUITMENT FORM**

Thank you for considering participation in this conference. We are looking for up to 4 teams of 3-5 teachers and/or administrators to partner with us. Team members can teach different grade levels or different subject areas or include an administrator. The purpose of having a team is to build shared understanding of both science instruction and lesson study (a collaborative process for planning, analyzing, and continuously improving instructional practices, see www. http://lessonresearch.net/). The conference research lesson needs to be embedded within a science unit and align with the draft New York State Science Learning Standards.

This form will provide information for you and request information in order to guide us in our planning. By submitting this form, your team and school administrator agree to participate in alignment with the goals described below.

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|  | Team Names | Email | Grade | School | District |
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Administrator Signature Position

**Participation Goals**

* Teams will engage in lesson study to prepare and teach an open research lesson at the conference. Teams will also prepare a lesson introduction, a research proposal, discuss the live lesson with observers, and have one member participate in a panel discussion.
* Teachers will work with conference coordinators to recruit students from your school to participate in the live research lessons. Each lesson will be taught to two different groups of students from the team’s school.
* The team will attend a 2-day summer workshop on either July 18 & 19 or August 15 & 16.
* The team will meet with a lesson study coach 5 times between September 5 and November 4 (exact schedule to be determined collaboratively with team and coach).
* The team will attend the November 8 conference all day.

**Participation Benefits**

* Each participant will receive a $500 stipend.
* Coaches and professional development will be provided at no cost to participants, schools, or districts.

**Please answer the questions on the following page and submit with this form to Jessica Whisher-Hehl at** **jhehl@ocmboces.org** **by June 10. Notification of selection will be complete by June 17.**

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1. Why does your team want to participate in the live lesson at the conference?
2. How many of your team members have had previous experiences with lesson study (a collaborative process for planning, analyzing, and continuously improving instructional practices, see www. http://lessonresearch.net/)? Please list them and describe their experience.
3. Does your team have a grade level and standard in mind for the unit of focus for the conference? If so, please identify. If not, describe how we can help you identify them.
4. What curriculum materials does your team have access to in order to plan your research lesson and associated unit?