

## **Some Questions From a New Teacher...and some answers 2013**

**Q: I need help selecting a site and preparing students. Is there an orientation or class I can take before I take students out? I have the book you gave me, but I don't really feel prepared or like I know what to expect.**

Answer – We often do a teachers training session, however until we have enough demand we can pair a new inexperienced teacher up with a “veteran” teacher. You can spend a few hours after school with the veteran and discuss methodology and processes that work best.

**Q: The TMAGOG site says Order deadline is September 30. I registered - so is that the Order or is there something else I need to do.**

Answer - registration is the first step, it helps me to plan the project and includes access to all your contact information and student numbers. I can now know who is participating this year, and will send out an email with the supply order form and other information. Order Deadline refers to supplies. I will furnish the necessary supplies to you for participating in the program. Each year I solicit funding for the program from event supporters. It is through their generosity that we are able to provide this service. (I can help you select the right supplies to get started)

**Q: Also, on October 10 what am I picking up and where? Can you pick up before October 10? Is everything we need provided or do I need to gather supplies etc...**

Answer – October 10<sup>th</sup> is the pickup date for supplies that you may have ordered. They will be available at my TMACOG office (you can use google maps, it recognizes the name). I'll provide the hours and address. No, you can't pick up before that date as I place my order to the vendors for the supplies after I tabulate your needs. There is a lead time between ordering and filling the requests.

**Q: I am sure that my questions are annoying. I will do much better next year.**

Answer – No, they aren't, and I'll try to do better next year too.

**Q: I do want the students to participate in the summit. They are great at working together and presenting. Is there any info besides the one page outline that is on the website? Like a schedule for the day? What they can use to present? The location and time of the summit? It said something about workshops for posters etc...where would I find that info?**

Answer – the are presentation guidelines listed on the SWW page at <http://www.tmacog.org/sww.htm> There are a lot of resources on the page including the guidelines for presentations as well as some past presentations from students. I'll post an old program from the summit there so you can get an idea of how things run. I try to adhere to the same format and schedule each year as experience has shown it seems to work out the best. Presentations should be submitted in powerpoint, or of using any sort of video, wma file type is requested.

**Q: Maybe there is a site page I am missing that has all this info on it.**

Answer - What? Like life.com, where you could go to find all of life's missing pieces? I like that idea... Seriously, the SWW page has most of the information on it <http://www.tmacog.org/sww.htm>