

Mark your calendars for the SD STEM Ed Conference - February 6-8, 2025

It's never too early to submit your Speaker Proposal form. The 33rd Annual SDCTM / SDSTA Professional Development Conference will be held in Huron. It starts with Thursday night, February 6, 2025 sharing sessions, continues with Friday & Saturday sessions, and has a Friday night banquet with a featured speaker. There will be a few featured speakers, but some of the best sessions are presented by South Dakota's best (**that's you**)! If you have presented before, thank you. I hope that you will consider presenting again. If you have not presented before, please consider it this year. Let others benefit from your ideas and experience. If you're hesitant about going it alone, you can present with partner(s). Presenting your lesson can be a fun and rewarding experience! The Speaker Proposal form is online <https://forms.gle/hQ7BRvxwomNMqsgE9> and can be found online until October 31, 2024. You could wait until later to submit a proposal, but why wait until the last minute? If you remember a lesson that you taught this year or an activity that you did, write up a presentation to share with your fellow teachers. You have the link (<https://forms.gle/hQ7BRvxwomNMqsgE9>) so I'd suggest you do it now as I'd really like to see what you have in mind. If you have problems or questions, feel free to contact me at James@SDSTA.org ***We are looking for STEM activities at all levels.

- Each session will last about 50 minutes.
- Submit as many sessions as you want but you may not get acceptance of all.
- Both workshop or presentation styles are welcomed.
- Presenters must be registered participants or exhibiting at the conference.
- Proposals are due by October 31, 2024.
- You will receive confirmation of acceptance by December 1.
- Nearly all conference rooms have cables (projectors) with multiple ends that connect to the screens in the room, but not every type of cable connection is necessarily available.
- Presenters are welcome to bring their own devices. All other materials or technology is the responsibility of the presenter.

From the February 2024 conference, we awarded two free conference registrations at the membership rate. The first goes to Whitney Fischer from the drawing of conference surveys. The second goes to Darwin Daugaard from the drawing of speakers. Congrats to both of you!

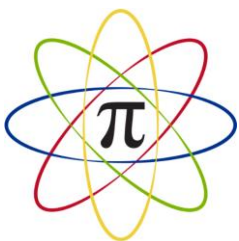
Did you want to reflect a little more on last years conference?

Then go to: <https://sdsta.k12.sd.us/Conf2024/Pic24.html>

The above page contains thumbnails of pictures taken during the conference. You can see various award winners, vendors/exhibitors, speakers, and a lot of participants enjoying a variety of sessions. Can you find yourself in the many pictures?

Hope to see you there!!!

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