

Avatar Academy! (summer camp with Second Life) Fun & Professional Development Rolled Into One!

June 16, 2010 10 am – 2 pm

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Opportunity for any ASSET Educator...

What will the Avatar Academy! participants receive:

- 4 hours PD for Face to Face Workshops
- 30 hour PD Certificate for participation in Second Life & Online Community
- 1 hour PD for Virtual Culminating Event

What is the Avatar Academy!?

The Avatar Academy! is a **4 hour** face-to-face workshop to help all participants create Second Life accounts and begin to learn basics about the online interface. The face to face day ensures individuals feel comfortable with basic tools including moving, chatting, searching and exploring within Second Life. After the face to face day together, participants will meet online in Second Life to continue the learning! Professional development options online include activities with ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education), Virtual Pioneers (Social Studies Education), NPR Science Fridays, NASA, Virtual Abilities, and dozens of other professional organizations, colleges and universities offering online workshops. This model ensures in-depth learning focused on new teaching and learning methods. Participants will be asked to participate in an online environment to report on their events and travels in the virtual world. For participation in this professional development, participants will receive a certificate for 34 hours of professional development after completion of the online course.

1. Workshop #1 – June 16, 2010 - Face-to-face Workshop (4.0 hours)

Second Life Work is the leader of compelling, cost-effective virtual education solutions to amplify an existing curriculum or create new models for engaged, collaborative learning. Create a free account and learn the basics required to become an active participant in this virtual world-wide community. Hosted in the ASSET Lab (555 N. Central Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85004).

2. June 16, 2010 – August 8, 2010 – Second Life **Online** Professional Development (30 hours)

Participate in real-time virtual professional development experiences with a variety of professional organizations, colleges and universities in Second Life according to your own teaching and curriculum interests. Network with educators internationally. Your time will include developing a personal professional learning community and connecting your experiences to opportunities such as embedding virtual guest speakers into your curriculum during the 2010-2011 school year. Report on your experiences and your virtual travels in an online community provided and facilitated by ASSET. Throughout June, July, and the first week of August, participate and record your experiences to earn 30 clock hours for recertification credit.



3. Workshop #2 – August 8, 2010, 4 - 5 pm - Face-to-Face Virtual Workshop in Second Life sharing ideas and extending the course to enhance lesson planning for fall!

We will also explore Teachers Domain. Hosted ONLINE through Second Life.

What is the price?

Price for ASSET Educators = \$150 Become an ASSET Educator at \$5.00/month at www.asset.asu.edu.

Where do I register?

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