W8  Teaching through Inquiry......$15.00

1 pm - 3 pm

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Target Audience: High School Teachers & Graduate Students/Undergraduate Faculty
Enrollment Limit: 50

Inquiry, which has been recognized as the method to drive science education reform, helps students discover and construct an understanding of scientific concepts on their own under the guidance of the instructor. This workshop will introduce participants to different kinds of inquiry and the general techniques of inquiry instruction using a variety of short, hands-on activities and information about the Introductory Botany course at the University of Oklahoma, which is taught using this method. In addition, participants will learn how to develop “discovery” activities on their own and how to make traditional laboratories more inquiry-oriented. We will also address the most common problems in teaching biology today, with suggestions and examples of how to deal with or overcome these problems. This workshop will introduce participants to a new biology education initiative from the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS); ideas for the initiative will be solicited.

Local/Companion Tours

Several companion/local tours of the Mobile area have been planned to enhance the conference program. Tour fees include transportation and lunch as indicated. Ticket prices are the same for adults and children. Tours require a minimum number of participants. All tours will depart from the lobby of the Convention Center. Please read the Refund and Cancellation Policy. Companion tours are ticketed events; tickets may be purchased while registering in advance and will be included in the registration packet. On-site registration may not be available.

**SUNDAY, JULY 27**

**LT 1  Bellingrath Gardens .........................**$34.00

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Minimum: 35 people

Enjoy a leisurely tour of one of America’s most beautiful Homes & Gardens. We will stroll the acres of magnificent gardens and view the home, with its priceless silver, fine china, and one of the world’s largest private collections of rare Boehm Porcelains.

Price includes: Transportation, admissions to garden and guide. Option: One hour House tour or Boat Ride are available and $7 per person will be collected on the bus to the Gardens if you wish to attend.

**LT 2  Mobile River Delta Cruise ...............**$44.00

10:00am to 12:00 pm
Minimum: 20 people

You will cruise the Mobile River Delta. You will have the opportunity to learn of the diversity of the delta’s ecosystem. Your captain will point out sighting of importance. You will see alligators relaxing out of harms way, many different wild flowers, and osprey.

Price includes: transportation, admissions, and guide.

**LT 3  Alabama Lunch ..............................**$27.00

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Minimum of 25 people

Board your coach and depart for one of our popular seafood restaurants. Felix Fish Camp. Enjoy your choice of one of three entrees. The view of Mobile Bay is as delightful as the cuisine.

Price includes: Transportation and lunch.
LT 4  Walking Tour of Church Street East...$10.00

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Minimum of 10 people

Walking tour of some of Church Street East Historic District that includes Fort Conde and Fort Conde Village... Bring sun hats. Water will be provided.

Price includes: water and your guide.

LT 5  Naval Aviation Museum....................$42.00

9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Minimum of 35 people

Depart for the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, Florida. Be sure you have a picture ID. Drivers license if fine. The Naval Aviation Museum displays a full-scale panoramic timeline of authentic aircraft and aviation memorabilia. This is the finest collection of historic Naval, Marine, and Coast Guard aircraft theme exhibits. Lunch will be at Mustin Beach Officers Club.

Price includes: transportation, admissions, guide, and lunch.

LT 6  Historic Mobile, Alabama & Mobile’s Botanical Gardens..............................$32.00

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Minimum of 35 people

Tour one of the most beautiful and historic cities in the Southeast. Visit Mobiles’ Three Historic Districts with their diverse architecture and beauty. We will also explore one of Mobile’s premiere Ante Bellum Museum Homes featuring beautiful furnishings and interesting history. We will also visit Mobile’s Botanical Gardens in Langham Park.

Price includes: Transportation, Admissions, and Guide.

LT 7  Mobile Botanical Garden......................$20.00

9:00 am to 11:00 am
Minimum of 20 people

We will ride through the fashionable Springhill area and into Langum Park. We will drive by the new Mobile Museum of Art before we arrive at the Botanical Gardens. They will have a horticulturist give a tour of the Gardens. The Gardens have been nurtured by the Master Gardener’s. Wear a sun hat. Water will be available.

Price includes: donation to the Garden, transportation, and guides.

LT 8  Dauphin Island, Alabama: Gulf Coast Estuarium/Ft. Gaines.......................$44.00

8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Minimum of 35 people

Board your coach for Dauphin Island, located at the mouth of Mobile Bay, and enjoy a morning of natural beauty and ecology. We will tour the Estuarium. Your guide will take you through the exhibit hall. The presentation includes the most important features of the Mobile Bay Ecosystem, beginning with Mobile-Tensaw River Delta, the Bay, the Gulf, and the Barrier Islands. You can stroll along the Gulf on the Nature Trail. Following we will also visit Ft. Gaines. This historic fort has seen tremendous historical battles that set the course for the United States, as we know it today. Lunch will be served at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab.

Price includes: Transportation, Admissions, Lunch, and Guide.

LT 9  Bellingrath Gardens............................$34.00

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Minimum of 35 people
(repeat of LT1)

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LT 10  Shopping in Fairhope ......................$26.00

12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Minimum of 25 people

Join us for an easy afternoon of shopping and browsing in one of the regions most picturesque bayside villages. There are numerous galleries, boutiques, and specialty stores for you to visit. There are also any number of restaurants and “treat shops” to sample.

Price includes: transportation, and escort.