

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

Please provide name of institution granting degree, degree earned, date and field of degree:

Undergraduate Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Degree \_\_\_\_\_

**Employment Certification Letter from Principal:**

Your application will not be complete without a letter from principal stating that you are employed in a regular and on-going position. This letter can be included or sent separately.

**Personal Statement:**

Applicant must submit a personal statement of about 250 words explaining why you wish to attend, and how you plan to incorporate Institute information on mountains into the courses you teach. Please attach essay to application.

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**Credit:**

Three hours of free graduate credit will be offered for participation in the Institute. Credit will be arranged through the WVU Office of Extended Learning. Professional development graduate credit is offered, which can be used for re-certification and salary increments, but cannot be used as credit toward a graduate degree program.

**Eligibility:**

Social studies teachers, as well as teachers of other subjects, who indicate how they will utilize the material on mountains in class, are eligible to apply.

**Selection of Participants:**

The personal statements will be taken into consideration during the applicant selection process. Space is available for 24 teachers for each of the two weeks of the program. The curriculum will be virtually the same during each of the two weeks that are offered. Please be sure to let us know if you can attend either week.

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**What Will Teachers Receive?**

- ◆ Three hours professional development graduate credit through WVU [See Credit information on panel at left]
- ◆ Stipend of \$100 after required curriculum unit is submitted to the FACDIS office
- ◆ Tuition-fee waivers
- ◆ Free lodging and meals
- ◆ Teaching resource materials
- ◆ The "living laboratory" resources of the Spruce Mountain Learning Center in the heart of West Virginia's mountains in Pendleton County

**What are Costs to the Teachers?**

- ◆ \$10 application fee to WVU Office of Extended Learning for one-time admission to receive professional development graduate credit, if not previously admitted to a WVU graduate program.
- ◆ Cost of transportation to/from home to Spruce Knob Mountain Center

**Final Course Requirement**

Teaching units with detailed lesson plans for 5-7 class periods will be due to the FACDIS office six weeks after the Summer Institute concludes. The participant stipend of \$100 will be provided after receipt of teaching unit.

**University Admission Procedures:**

After teachers have been accepted to the Summer Institute, they will be informed of the University admission (or reactivation) procedures by the WVU Office of Extended Learning. Teachers needing to be admitted will be responsible for the application fee for graduate admission.

**Application:**

Please complete and detach the form at left and submit, with essay, by April 15<sup>th</sup> to Ann Levine in FACDIS office at WVU by mail or fax (see address on form). A letter of employment certification should be provided to accompany application.

*For additional application forms, please photocopy and circulate to others*

*For information on FACDIS, or to view more information about the Summer Institute, go to:*

<http://www.polsci.wvu.edu/facdis>

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FACDIS International Studies  
Summer Institutes for Teachers

CELEBRATING  
THE 2002 UNITED NATIONS  
INTERNATIONAL YEAR  
OF THE  
MOUNTAINS



SPRUCE KNOB MOUNTAIN CENTER  
Pendleton County, West Virginia

**TWO SEPARATE PROGRAMS**

July 28-August 2, 2002  
and  
August 4-August 9, 2002

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The West Virginia Consortium for  
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**The Sponsor: FACDIS**

The West Virginia Consortium for Faculty and Course Development in International Studies (FACDIS) is sponsoring, for the 14<sup>th</sup> summer, Summer Institutes for Teachers on an international topic. FACDIS is devoted to improving international education in West Virginia, and furthers its mission by providing professional development opportunities each summer for our state's teachers. Funding is from the State Legislature to FACDIS for the summer international study program.

**The Organizer: The Mountain Institute**

FACDIS is cooperating with The Mountain Institute (TMI) to organize a program to celebrate the 2002 U.N. International Year of the Mountains. TMI is a non-profit conservation and educational organization committed to preserving mountain environments and advancing mountain cultures throughout the world. It brings 30 years of field-based experience to environmental education, community development, and cultural and natural heritage conservation. TMI currently implements programs in the Himalayas, the Andes, and here at home in the Appalachians. Visit TMI's web site to learn more: [www.mountain.org](http://www.mountain.org)

**The Facility: Spruce Knob Mountain Center**

TMI has a "living laboratory" in Pendleton County where they regularly offer a variety of mountain learning programs and summer workshops. TMI's Spruce Knob Mountain Center is located on the western slopes of Spruce Knob, West Virginia's highest peak at 4,863 feet. The facility is bordered by the Monongahela National Forest, and is noted for its diverse mountain habitats, wildlife, and proximity to other protected and wilderness areas. Since 1972, the 400-acre campus has hosted over 25,000 visitors to the Institute's Appalachian and international programs.

**Celebrating the 2002 U.N.  
Year of the Mountains**

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**The Program:**

FACDIS and The Mountain Institute are cooperating to plan and host two 5-day professional development opportunities for our state's teachers, and to commemorate 2002 as the U.N. International Year of the Mountains. The U.N. states:

*Mountains come in all shapes and sizes. Found on every continent, from the equator to the polar regions, they rise to different altitudes, in a great variety of climates and particular combinations of ecosystems. For millennia, mountains have served as vast reserves of valuable resources - such as water, energy and biological diversity - as well as key centres of culture and recreation.*

*Today, however, the rapid pace of globalization, urbanization and mass tourism are threatening mountain communities and the resources they depend on. Worldwide, mountain areas face increasing marginalization, economic decline and environmental degradation.*

Our summer mountain program, held at Spruce Knob Mountain Center, will maintain a comparative approach as it focuses on such topics as:

- ◆ Importance of Mountains
- ◆ Natural Resources of Mountains
- ◆ Mountain Peoples of the World
- ◆ World Mountain Biospheres and Conservation
- ◆ Sacred Mountains

While instruction will maintain a global focus, the diverse and dynamic ecology of the Central Appalachian Mountain setting will serve as a laboratory for afternoon field trips to sites such as Spruce Knob, nearby Indian artifact sites, and to a case study biosphere, Blister Swamp.

**Instructional Staff**

Instruction will be conducted by staff of The Mountain Institute, supplemented by West Virginia University faculty. The lead instructor and organizer for the program is TMI's Director of Research and Education, Alton C. Byers.

Alton C. Byers, PhD, is a mountain geographer, specializing in mountain protected areas, conservation and development programs, and landscape change. He received his doctorate from the University of Colorado in 1987, focusing his research on landscape change in the Mt. Everest area of Nepal. He has been with TMI since 1990, and has worked with their programs in both Nepal and the Andes, as well as in Appalachia. Dr. Byers has organized a number of teacher workshops at TMI, including three years' experience with the Eisenhower teacher training program on mountain studies for science teachers in West Virginia, and a successful 2001 summer workshop for 24 teachers from the Missouri Geographic Alliance. He is married to Elizabeth Byers, Senior Program Officer for the Mountain Forum, a global network of mountain organizations which links grassroots organizations, research institutions, government and intergovernmental decision-makers, who will also participate on the instructional staff.

**Facilities at Spruce Knob Mountain Center**

The modern campus facilities include two "bunk houses," accommodating four people per room in bunk beds. A nearby bath house with modern shower and toilet facilities is available, with separate facilities for men and women. Meals are provided in the main building, which also includes a classroom and mini-library. Limited computer connections are available.

SKMC is located in Pendleton County, about 35 minutes from Franklin, WV, about one hour from Petersburg, and 90 minutes southeast of Elkins, in some of the least disturbed wilderness area remaining in the eastern United States.

**Weekly Time Frame:** Participants will arrive on Sunday, after 4 pm, and leave on Friday, by 4 pm.

FACDIS International Studies  
Summer Institutes for Teachers  
**APPLICATION FORM**  
Application deadline: April 15

*Please complete this application, detach, and mail or FAX together with supporting statement/essay no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002 to:*

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*(Please print or type)*

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E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
School Name \_\_\_\_\_  
School Address \_\_\_\_\_  
School Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
School Fax \_\_\_\_\_

*Please indicate your preference as to week:*  
*Week 1 (July 28-August 2) \_\_\_\_\_*  
*Week 2 (August 4-August 9) \_\_\_\_\_*

**If no space remains in preferred week, may we assign you to other week? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No**

**Additional Information:**  
Grade(s) you teach \_\_\_\_\_  
Subjects you teach \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Principal \_\_\_\_\_

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