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January 2012 NASSCED Newsletter5 messages

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The January issue of our NASSCED Newsletter is below. Thanks to Michelle McGrath for all her hard work in putting these together. Enjoy!

Happy New Year Esteemed NASSCED Members,

“When you stop chasing the wrong things you give the right things a chance to catch you.”

Maria Robinson

There is just something about a new year that gets us all thinking and dreaming about what will unravel in the year ahead. We all, I would guess, took time over the past several weeks to contemplate the roads traveled in 2011 and even more importantly, the roads we will attempt to maneuver through in 2012. Robinson's words serve as a great reminder to us all as we evaluate the strides we will take in the year ahead. "Chasing the wrong things" is common ground for us all and done for a variety of reasons. I'm not sure about you, but "chasing the wrong things" has made me the person I am today! Whether I have exhausted my time and strength on an idle initiative, over-analyzed a situation, or shared time with people who sucked the happiness right out of me, bottom line, no matter how things went wrong, one thing is for sure, those "wrong things I chased", helped me find the things and people that were right for me.

So with an abundance of enthusiasm, I wish you all in 2012 a quiet spot to put your feet up to reflect on the "wrong things you chased" in 2011. And hopefully while you are at it, there might be just enough time for those "right things" to have a chance to catch you! Speaking of the "right things" catching you! How about a little help on technology! I want to thank our experts this month – Terri Johnson and Todd Burlington, as well as Ann Postlewaite our first ever: Creative Corner Captain!!

Terri Johnson, Missouri, on Technology!!

We have created a Technology Tips page on our website for our membership - complete with directions and information. I would encourage the NASSCED membership to go to our site to see if there is anything there to help them. <http://masc1.org/tech/tech.html>

LiveBinders.com - This is a FREE online tool to collect your resources, organize them and make them look great. The site has tutorials and excellent information. There are many "binders" already created and ready for classroom teachers to use. There is a great list of subjects and examples of tons of great stuff. We are in the process of creating binders with all of our summer workshop resources and pages. One of our goals is to also provide a binder for our advisors - new and experienced. We envision this to be a working resource guide.

aTube Catcher - This FREE program will allow you to pull a YouTube video from their site and save it on your computer, put it on a cd/flashdrive/ipod/phone/pc/tv. It is perfect for those who are making presentations where internet may not be available OR you do not want to run the risk of the internet not working. The site is at:

<http://atube-catcher.dsnetwb.com/video/>

TWITTER - This continues to be a great way to communicate with your membership. We have set up Twitter accounts for everyone of our events and have the advisors and students "follow" us during the event. We open the account at the beginning of an event and ask followers to "stop" when an event has concluded. We do maintain an account throughout the year for advisors and students to follow MASC also. The important thing to remember - the "follower" does NOT need to subscribe to Twitter. They are receiving a TEXT MESSAGE from our account. It is easy to set up and you control the messages and what you want others to know. NASSCED members are welcome to go to our website for the instructions on how to set up one of these accounts. http://masc1.org/tech/2011_level2_handouts/Twitter_-_Text_Message_Instructions.pdf There are several other technology pages and tips on our website.

APPS FOR YOUR PHONE:

1. **Sound Hound** - This free app will let you "tap" to identify a song. Then you have the option to share it via email, text, FB or Twitter. I use it all the time when I hear a song at a conference, on the radio or tv and want to remember it for later.
2. **Dragon Dictation** - This free app will let you dictate (speak) and to your phone which in turn turns it into text. You have the option to share it. You do have to speak slowly and some words are not recognized clearly - but it really helps when you are driving in the car and need to remember something. I also use the microphone on my iphone to record myself messages to remember later.
3. **Air Horn** - Free app which has three different horn sounds. I use this app when I am leading a group to get their attention. I used it recently with a group of teachers (75 people). I had my iphone hooked up to speakers because I was playing music and then used the Air Horn to bring them back together after a break.
4. **NeoReader** - Free app which allows you to "tag" QR codes. Nearly all magazines/articles have a QR code link now. This is one of the best apps I have found for this. We show our membership this app. We have created QR codes for all of our events and tested it at a summer workshop. QR codes are relatively new - but have great potential. Easy way to advertise!

Todd Burlington, Michigan, shares his ideas on technology:

wallwisher

I remember a friend of mine from a while ago who had an annoying little saying that he kept in his back pocket at all times. "If it's free, it's for me!" While at the time I thought his over-the-top cheap attitude was quite "tacky" if you will, but when looking to discuss this month's January technology topic, it seems to be the thing in my head.

The truth is--my buddy's saying is quite true when it comes to technology applications that are the most effective. Especially those in student leadership organizations like MASC/MAHS and our members. This month, I'll discuss the web-based free application WallWisher--an app that doesn't just take on one use or identity, but really could be used in a number of different ways. There are two reasons why this is timely;

1.) January is the month that many people identify with organization, record-keeping, and resolutions. It seems as if students and advisers are always looking for new ways to keep track, garner feedback, and get things in motion while not officially in meeting or business.

2.) As an organization, you will be seeing some use of WallWisher within our own site. Why not look into it now? (Examples that are already in place are with the 2012 Adviser's Conference, and the 2012 High School Student State Conference).

As in past technology articles, you know that there is much to be said about a simple app that does not require a login and password (even if it is free). [WallWisher](#) is just that--free and without need to register for limited use. The premise: an online "sticky board" where people can post short thoughts (150 characters or less), comment on others, and use a common URL for online collaboration.

I featured the online tool WallWisher and ways that people can use it. The end of the story is a step-by-step "how to" like I normally do with my tech stories.

http://mascmahs.org/story/spread_good_tidings_wallwisher

CREATIVE CORNER: Ann Postlewaite, Minnesota

Staff Appreciation ideas

1. Using the spiral mints that are on sale now in a variety of colors : Take three different mints wrap in saran wrap and use a note saying -- "Thanks for your Commit**mint**, Involvement**mint** and Encouragem**mint**
2. Banana sundaes after school --- Hand out bananas in teachers and staff mailboxes. The bananas have mailing labels on them that say --- **Lincoln High School goes bananas for its staff!!! Join us for ice cream sundaes after school.** We often had extra bananas for those who ate their banana in the morning and joined us for more fun after school.
3. Clean windshields for the staff. On the day of a snow fall. Have the student council get out a few minutes early from the last period of class or stay after school to clean off the windshields in the staff parking lot.

The Pencil Maker Story --- attached. - Give pencils to new teachers, staff and student at the beginning of the school year or grading period. Can be used with your student leaders, camp staff. It can be used for school climate, recognition events.

Animal Shelter Cage mats

Animal shelters use different sized mats for the bottom of cages. I have included some guidelines that we were given from an area shelter. Using old bath towels or fleece – create tie blankets for the animals. The shelters fill them with newspaper and then just un – tie and edge when they was the covers.

For creating the Tie Blankets -

Increase the dimensions of finished size by 3 – 4 inches. Using masking tape and a yardstick – measure the 3 to 4 inches in from the edge. Place a long strip of masking tape around the whole blanket. Estimate and cut 1 inch strips all around the blanket – cutting until you reach the tape. Remove the corner cuts. Tie all of the edges around 3 sides of the mat. Add newspapers. Some

shelters use folded newspapers, others use shredded papers making it fluffier. Tie remaining edge.

•Size guidelines:

-14" x 14" for cats and small animals

-24" x 24" for cats and small to medium dogs

-36" x 36" for medium to large dogs

Mark your calendars for the upcoming events:

NASSCED Board Meeting – February 19-20, 2012, Phoenix, Arizona

NASC Conference – June 23-25, 2012, Oklahoma City, OK

Happy New Year!

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Thanks Lou....Happy New Year!

just curious, do you have the CD with all of our pictures on it from the NASSCED Conference? If so could you send me my picture and Flora's?

Thanks,

Mike

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Finally out of the stadium and into a new office. In Broward County I have identified a life form with a number of heads and no brain, I think it is called the District Site and Land Acquisition Department. The move that involved 6 weeks several thousand dollars and a number of 3 margarita nights, placed the Department that I am part of (Activities and Athletics) in another leased facility and that lease expires on December 31, 2013 (less than 2 years from now). Probably a good reason to retire at that time. Oh well, for years I have said that the motto for those of us involved with co-curricular activities should be, "Illiegitmus non carborundum".

Anyway, attached are the catalog pages for the NASSCED Shirts. With the NASSCED logo embroidered on the left chest the dress shirt is \$21.00. If a state is added to the NASSCED logo, it's 24.50. The pull over with just the NASSCED logo is \$12.50, it's \$14.50 with the state added to the left chest logo and \$16.50 if the state is added to one of the sleeves.

To order a shirt or shirts send me a note with the the style (Dress or Pull Over), gender, size and color. The person ordering should specify if they want their state added to the NASSCED Logo and, on the pull over, where they want the state name placed. They should include a check for the total amount made payable to Mike Roland. There will be no charge for shipping.

The deadline to order shirts is Friday, February 3, 2012. I will order the shirts on Monday, February 6, 2012 and delivery will take from 2 to 3 weeks.

Everything should be sent to:

Mike Roland
SBBC, Department of Activities and Athletics
Sawgrass Technology Park
1643 North Harrison Parkway
Sunrise, FL 33323

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This is from Mike Roland, regarding NASSCED shirts...

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"In matters of style, swim with the current; In matters of principle, stand like a rock." - Thomas Jefferson

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Thanks, Lou and Happy New year. Hope you had a great Holiday.