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Springing into Spring

Hello CALM fans, and welcome to spring! The beautiful weather and warmer temperatures are a welcome change. Unfortunately, it is also a time for students' minds to wander outside without their bodies. Although spring fever has hit, we here at IU would like to remind you that there is still much happening for you and your students to take advantage of. From demo ideas to Outreach programs, and of course CALM, it's all here! **Those that are new to the CALM community especially, please check out our upcoming workshop dates.** I am hoping that this newsletter finds each and every one of you excited and ready for the push to summer vacation. Best wishes, and be sure to check out the rest of the newsletter.

-James Clark

Upcoming Events

Upcoming CALM Workshops

Currently, we are looking for interest in the following workshops. Space is limited so be certain to sign up as soon as possible. If there is enough interest we will definitely attempt to schedule more workshops, as funding and time permit, so as to accommodate all interested parties. To sign up, simply follow the links below, however if none of these dates work feel free to let us know. (ACP and BCCE attendees will need to register through the conference.) You can also watch for new workshops from our [Workshop Scheduling](#) page. Also, if you would be interested in assisting the CALM project by attending one of these workshops as a Master teacher please let us know, we are always excited to have new teachers help us reach out to the High School community!

Workshop's Currently Scheduled:

[IU Bloomington – June 12- June 13](#)

ACP @ IU Bloomington – July 2

BCCE @ IU Bloomington – July 29

[IU Bloomington – Aug 7 – Aug 8](#)

Chemists Celebrate Earth Day

April 22nd is Earth Day. The theme for 2008 is "Streaming Chemistry." For complete information on the events and contests planned, be sure to visit www.acs.org/earthday.

Recent Events

ICE Conference, January '08

Jeremy Anderson and James Clark headed to Union Station in Indianapolis to promote CALM at the Indiana Computer Educators conference. We met several of the indispensable computer experts from schools around the state as well as some teachers. CALM was the only program of its kind at the conference and we're looking forward to it leading the way for a long time to come.

CALM Attends HASTI '08 Conference

We would first like to thank Cheryl McLean, Westfield High School, and Stacy McCormack, Penn High School, for providing new users with wonderful instruction of the CALM program through two condensed workshops. While there, Romualdo De Souza, Jeremy Anderson, and James Clark had a wonderful time meeting all of you and the response for CALM was very encouraging. James was especially happy to see so many of you stop by the IU College of Arts and Sciences booth to chat about CALM and IU Chemistry. We definitely look forward to an opportunity to meet many of you this summer as we hold our Summer Workshops.

Outreach

IU Chemistry Outreach

As the spring semester moves to a close, I know that the students sometimes need extra inspiration. For that reason, I would like to emphasize the outreach opportunities that we can provide here at IU.

- Demos — Everyone likes a good demonstration. The kids love to see them and we love to do them. If you are looking for a demo to spice up your lessons this spring, check out our list of demos at www.chem.indiana.edu/academics/demos/default.asp. For those of you close to Bloomington, we can even provide you with things that your school may not have lying around.
- Equipment and Chemicals — As mentioned above, we can help provide things that the average school does not have available. Just e-mail James at clark95@indiana.edu and ask!
- Tours — If you still have the opportunity to take a class on a field trip, we've got just the place. From the mass spec machines to the glass shop, we've got plenty of exciting places for young chemists to experience. Again just e-mail clark95@indiana.edu to set up a time, or e-mail Tina Gilliland at mgillila@indiana.edu for tours around the rest of the campus.

CALM System Updates and Notices

Last but certainly not least, I am proud to say that a lot has been going on behind the scenes in and around the CALM program. Work has been progressing steadily on the creation of the CALM Question Editor v2.0. My goal with this utility is to incorporate all of the versatility of the original tool while breaking the confusing and cluttered layout into a far more user friendly multi-step process for question creation. As I reach the end of the development process I will need some assistance from our CALM users to help me test and finalize the new utility. If any of you might be interested in taking part in the further refinement of the Question Editor feel free to contact me at CALMDEV@indiana.edu. In the meantime, please remember that I'm always here to answer questions or concerns as they pop up and I hope you all have a wonderful spring!

-Jeremy Anderson

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