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AWFS WoodLINKS USA Teacher In-Service Participation Requirements July 15-19, 2009

In the continuing effort to raise WoodLINKS USA to a new level of excellence we are introducing some new guidelines for AWFS attendance.

- I. To attend AWFS 2009 this year WoodLINKS USA is enacting a new tool called, **“Where are they now?”** Teachers must collect the following information and have it in to the national director woodlinksusa@netcare-il.com by **May 29, 2009**. **Failure to submit this info will disqualify teacher from attending AWFS 2009.**
 1. How many students have tested for a WoodLINKS USA Certificate? (Male and Female)
 2. How many students are participating in a wood related internship?
 3. How many students have gone on to wood related post-secondary institutions?
 4. How many students have gone on to wood related jobs?

I will need the contact info of any companies that are hosting intern students and or where students have gone to work. **I need the company's contact info and person to contact at company, internship, or school.** This is information that the wood industry has been requesting for a long time. This information is how we are attempting to show that WoodLINKS USA is doing what it said it would do, ensure a supply of quality skilled employees for the wood industry and post-secondary wood related institutions. This information will also help insure that industry continues supporting WoodLINKS USA.

II. Teachers In-Service

1. The teacher in-service meetings will be trimmed to one per day except for the first day where we will have a morning and a noon time meeting.
2. The teacher in-service meetings will be held at lunch time to maximize time on the show floor. Teachers should bring their lunch to the meeting.
3. Teachers will sign-in at each teacher in-service meeting.
4. The teacher in-service will be topic driven by the attending teachers. We will be sending out an email asking for ideas.
5. Teacher in-service meetings will be 1-1/2 hour long. Punctual attendance will make this happen.
6. **Failure to attend will result in forfeiture of hotel and airfare reimbursement.**

III. AWFS Show Pass

- I. **WoodLINKS schools receive a complimentary AWFS Education Institution Membership which allows free entry to the show and seminars, but you must complete and submit an AWFS Fair Teacher Registration form and sign up for seminars of your choice. The form will be available at AWFSFAIR.org.**

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