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Dear VTEA Member:

On behalf of VTEA Board of Directors and the conference local planning team, I invite you to attend the 2010 VTEA Summer Conference in Roanoke, Virginia. The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Tanglewood in Roanoke, Virginia from August 4 – 6, 2010. The conference planning team is eager to meet your professional needs and provide you with networking opportunities and a variety of workshops in technology education. Our conference theme “*STEM – Integrate and Educate*” will be a component of workshops, tours and recognition programs.

STEM has been in the forefront of all current literature in our profession. We are encouraging the idea of how our coursework can be taught in tandem with other school subjects. It is really time for what we do to become well known in schools all across the state. Everyone in attendance is encouraged to bring at least one lab activity to share. A special time will be set aside during the conference to facilitate sharing of lessons and ideas.

Workshops are organized by middle and high school. Hands-on workshops will be provided to energize your school year. Remember to bring a USB drive with your best lessons, activities, projects, and assessments to share. All presenters have been asked to identify the competencies that their workshops address and to provide their materials in a digital format.

With your local school division approval, participants in the conference will receive 15 re-certification points for full participation. Certificates must be picked up on the final day of the conference.

Thank you for taking the time to review the attached information. I look forward to seeing you at this year’s summer conference.

Sincerely yours,

Ron Vickers
VTEA President

[Watch for updates at www.vtea.org/conference/annual.html](http://www.vtea.org/conference/annual.html)

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Inspiring Speakers
- Hands-on, competency based, classroom/laboratory ready resources
- Professional Awards Recognition Program
- Tours

Do your part by sharing what you have perfected and what works with your students!

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