Get ready before the call:

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Conference call number (limit of participants?) – 20

Note taker?

Rules – Planning to either pose questions or have people state their agenda items & discuss from there

How best to take role quickly? (mark off when people state their name on a list)

12/13/12 Education Forum - Inaugural Meeting

Potential items:

GOTO Meeting Webinar

* Go over wiki – Google Site space (add them beforehand)
* Please remove any information you don’t want to share with the Network. Note: this is NOT a public site and can only be accessed after being invited.
* To add the SOS Google Calendar to yours: *Click the +google calendar button on the bottom right side of the calendar page.* To add events to the SOS Google calendar, please send me an email and I will add you to it and give you editing rights.

Intended Structure –

* Please let us know when you have joined so we can keep track of who is on
* Please say your name and which site you are from before speaking
* Feel free to converse and discuss specific topics as they may be helpful for us to hear, if the conversation gets too long or too specific I might ask you to consider touching base after the call
* Please consider uploading documents, links, videos, etc. to the Education Forum pages (or email them to the group and Hilary will add them) if you have referred to them during the call, rather than perhaps emailing them to a specific person.
* Keep your phone muted until you’d like to speak, to lessen the background noise. Plenty of wait time will be given between speakers.
* Please keep questions, ideas and collaborations active between meetings via email or SOS Collaboration Wall (Google Site).

Agenda Items

Hello all and welcome to our inaugural meeting. I’m Hilary Peddicord although my alias today is Jeff Van Buskirk. There are a few small annoying glitches in the GoTo Meeting that I haven’t quite sorted out. I’m very pleased at the response I received from the network about starting this group so thank you all for being here. I’m terming the group the SOS Education Forum, stressing the meeting concept as a place for people to share and discuss. I realize this is challenging with many people who are not in the room together but I do think it’s possible. I was very inspired by attending the SOS Workshop this year in Long Beach, so much so that I wanted to connect with you all more often. The SOS Workshop is a very valuable experience but it only comes every 18 months. After asking around about ways the Network would benefit from an Education Specialist I got a few ideas like 1- why doesn’t someone compile the hands-on activities and lessons that go with SOS or 2- perhaps they could take the existing scripts and programs and pair them with the National Science Standards or Common Core Standards. Ok. I can do that. But I want to make sure that what I’m doing will be useful and the best way to find out what the Network needs, is to ask. And frankly, I would rather pick up the phone a lot of times than email out a survey! SO part of the reason we are here is for me to learn how to best help you but I think the main reason I received such a large response is because there’s a lot of expertise here and a lot of great ideas and I think people find SOS challenging to properly convey. So that is the purpose for the audio call and what many of you may be getting visually in this webinar format is our Google Site called the SOS Collaboration Wall – the purpose for this is the compilation piece. How do we go about compiling the lesson and activities? I thought this might be a good way. And it can be used for so much more. Let me show you around briefly. Today I’d like to accomplish introducing you to the wiki, establishing network needs and group purpose, and getting to know each other a little.

* SOS Collaboration Wall overview - GoTo Meeting

Welcome to the site. This is pretty much a WIKI space for sharing documents asking questions and giving feedback. Has anyone had any trouble accessing this? YahooGroups does seem to be good for the Network but there are a lot of people on it. I feel that I’m more likely to just post away and ask questions on a more tightly managed and topic specific space. We’ll see how it works. I’m going to ask you to start to populate it after the meeting to get it up and going. I don’t expect to be giving you homework often.

Calendar – Can add calendar, can email requests to put events on it, or you can add events yourself by asking me permission to edit.

SOS Contacts – So far we have only added this group not only to the contact list but to the site. This is a private site so the public will not be able to access it. You can add or delete information here.

Content Creation – Eventually Shilpi would like to launch this to the content creators and perhaps you all are content creators. If so, you are welcome to populate this too. Like Sara in Alaska, for instance. As you probably know, most sites have their own content that isn’t shared because perhaps they don’t think anyone else would need it. This would be a place to say, hey – do you have? I’ve already added a few things to the DATASET WISHLIST.

Education Forum – Explains the group and how to join. Then I listed the expectations like a good teacher. AGENDA – I’ll try to detail out the plan for the meeting but I’m really hoping we just get on a roll sometimes brainstorming so PLEASE bring up any topic during the call that you’d like feedback about, that is the purpose. SUGGESTIONS?

Discussion wall – We have already started to populate this. This is where you might be compelled to complete your homework after the call. Formal Ed notes – If you’re just starting your K-12 programming you may want to look at this. You can sign up for notices of changes to this page specifically. This is what I like about this site that is different from the YahooGroup. QUESTIONS?!

Files & Documents –This is where I will post the meeting notes and maybe some big documents that take fewer explanations. UPLOAD NEXT GEN SCIENCE STANDARDS

SOS in the News – This would be a great place to post your local news stories.

Technology – This too will eventually get populated by more techy folks. We’ll see what happens here. We made the decision to combine different interests around here into one WIKI but I’m not exactly sure when we’ll launch those. However, you may want to add feature requests. Shilpi is subscribed to this page so feel free to ask her to program something specific. It might not actually take a lot of time.

* Please share one item on the Discussion Wall or Files & Documents Page before the holidays to help populate and get used to the format of the new collaboration space
	+ Example: K-12 SOS activity, public education program document, works in progress, questions, comments, feedback

DOES ANYONE HAVE design ideas or questions about their homework?

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* Why did you join this group?

I started this group for a number of different reasons:

1. I’ve been doing tours for kids of all ages here in Boulder for about 2.5 years and I’m starting to see where we don’t serve certain age-groups and I’m interested in revamping our SOS program by training our docents to understand 2nd, 5th & 8th grade standards. I have a feeling many of you are doing this better than I.
2. I think that the network benefits from connectivity and communication. Since education is implicit in SOS itself, just sharing what’s happening at your site helps spark ideas that can be implemented in other places. We all get a lot further in education if we share, instead of reinvent.
3. I’m beginning to offer teacher PD directly centered around SOS and I’d like to gather your experiences in this and share mine
4. I am interested in compiling a set of hands-on activities or demonstrations used to highlight concepts in or next to SOS, and also supplementary activities that complement SOS in the classroom before or after the Sphere experience. I thought if I started a group to talk about these then you’d start to send them my way. I mentioned at the SOS Workshop that I’m looking to be responsible for what’s happening in the Network, what’s working, what’s not, and eventually consulting with sites on how to improve.

How do you envision this group supporting you in your mission?

What’s happening with SOS at your site – successes and struggles - that we should know about?

1. I’m inviting secondary ed teachers during a PD day to brainstorm focused

of the sphere with their units. What I’d like to do is find cross-cutting concepts and content that applies to all grades and all subjects like – Global change and Water then put together a tailored presentation with before and after pieces. Do you have any ideas for this?