Giant Map of Colorado

Workshop for Teachers
Explore the Giant Map of Colorado in a beautiful mountain setting
Develop lessons for your classroom and to share with the state
Sign up for a giant map visit to your school for 2016-2017

Details
August 9, 10:00 am through August 10, 4:00 pm
Catamount Center, 3168 Co Rd 28, Woodland Park, CO 80863
Four meals and overnight in the Tava Lodge included
(http://www.catamountcenter.org/)
$100 stipend for teachers who submit a lesson plan ready for review

As space at the Catamount Center is limited, please register early to reserve your spot by completing the registration form found at the bottom of this document. The form can either be mailed or emailed. In addition to the registration form, please send a $25 check to the Colorado Geographic Alliance. This fee will reserve your place, and will be returned to you upon your arrival at the workshop.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why do we have a giant state map?
The giant state map program is designed to encourage geographic learning through physical movement and games, teaching place names, physical geography, and cultural geography as well as map reading skills. Based on the national giant traveling map program featuring continents and the Pacific Ocean, National Geographic created a giant map of each state to travel to schools, libraries, and museums. The Colorado Geographic Alliance has the map in hand for the state of Colorado. Now we need to develop lessons that will enhance the content and skills already in place in Colorado schools.

What kind of curriculum comes with the map?
Several general lessons are available from National Geographic introducing concepts such as cardinal directions, grids, scale, measurement, and physical features. While the map and lessons are geared toward upper elementary students, this is a resource that reaches across all levels. You are invited to participate by sharing your ideas and resources. How has population changed over time? What watersheds are in your region? Why are many cities located near rivers? The purpose of this workshop is to create lessons and materials that will be useful to Colorado teachers from a variety of disciplines and grade levels.

How is the Giant Map of Colorado constructed?
The Giant Map of Colorado is an oversized vinyl floor map. It is a 14’ by 21’ and requires a school gym or large room for use. The map is in one piece, and requires no assembly. It comes with a trunk of materials.

How much does it cost to borrow the map?
At this time, there is no cost to rent the map.

How do I care for the map?
There are a few rules to using the Giant Map: No shoes. No sharp objects. Ensure that everyone who stands on the map wears socks. Instructions for folding and storing the map are included, along with lesson plans.
Will there be other professional development workshops?
If your school year will already be underway, if you have scheduled a family vacation, or if you cannot travel to Woodland Park in August, no worries. Additional professional development workshops will be held in a variety of places across the state over the next several years. We expect that educators will continue to use the giant map as a tool to reach students who learn in a variety of ways, developing lessons and projects.

I can’t come to this workshop, but how can I reserve the map for my school?
COGA is testing an online scheduling process. Please visit this website to see when the map is already busy: https://teamup.com/ksd7ac071121f599a0. Add your preferred date to the calendar with your name, school, district, address, email, and phone number. Initially, we also request that you email coga@uccs.edu to confirm your interest in having a map visit. We may have to adjust dates based on efficient map distribution.

How is the map delivered and returned?
A COGA member will deliver the map to your school on your scheduled date. We encourage you to coordinate with your colleagues so all students in your school or particular grade may explore the map. We suggest that you and your colleagues work with COGA to look at the map and lesson materials available for the map prior to its arrival so that the map can support your curricular goals.

To Register: Cut off this part of the sheet and send it in with your check (alternatively, you can email the information to coga@uccs.edu and send your check in the mail later). Your check must be received by Monday, August 1st. Space is limited so send your check in as soon as possible. We will keep a waiting list in case of cancellations. Please note that internet connectivity is limited at the Catamount Center.

Name ________________________________________  Position ______________________________________

School or Organization ____________________________________________________________  District _______________________

Home Address/City/State/Zip ____________________________________________________________

Mobile phone number ____________________________ Email Address ____________________________

I agree to attend the entire workshop, participate in all activities, and submit a lesson plan for use with the Giant Map of Colorado.
Signature ____________________________  Date ____________________________

One lesson idea off the top of my head ____________________________________________________________