

edCamp OKC: Education 'Unconference' Comes to Oklahoma in February 2013

edcamp OKC, a free conference for teachers, administrators and anyone involved in education comes to Yukon on February 23, 2013

(Oklahoma City, OK) January 11, 2013 -- edcamp OKC (<http://www.edcampokc.org>), an education conference like no other, will be held at Yukon High School on Saturday, February 23, 2013. The structure of the conference is very informal, with attendees signing up to run sessions first thing in the morning.

The conference will be free from corporate vendors and booths, with the focus being solely on conversations about education. Attendees will come from all over the midwest and will range from classroom teachers to administrators to coaches and school board members. There will be time for attendees to gather informally to share ideas as well as a variety of sessions for them to attend, run by their colleagues and fellow educators.

Hundreds of edcamps have been held around the United States since the first one was held in Philadelphia in May 2010, but this is the first time one has been held in Oklahoma. The nearest EdCamps to Oklahoma in the past have been held in Plano, Texas; Dallas, Texas; Kansas City, Kansas; and Omaha, Nebraska. EdCamp events are based on the *barcamp* model, also known as an unconference (<http://barcamp.org>). An unconference is:

- **an ad-hoc gathering born from the desire for people to share and learn in an open environment; and**
- **a conversational event featuring discussions, demos and interactions between participants, rather than a group of people listening to a particular speaker.**

The organizers of *edcamp OKC* are educators from around Oklahoma who have previously connected at face-to-face conferences as well as online via Twitter. Some organizers have attended “TeachMeets” and other unconference events at other state and international education conferences.

As with all barcamps, *edcamp OKC* is completely free, with all refreshments and other amenities provided solely through sponsorship. With the possibility of up to 300 attendees, the organizers are looking for local businesses who may be interested in being featured in the conference literature. Those interested in being a sponsor can make donations and/or contact the organizers on the website (<http://www.edcampokc.org/sponsor-edcampokc>). For additional information about this event, contact Wesley Fryer or visit <http://www.edcampokc.org>.

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