



GLE & Annual Conference Newsletter Part One, 5 March 2008

For our GLOBE community, we have lots of news to share about the GLOBE Learning Expedition and 12th Annual Conference. We hope you are planning to come!

Early Bird Registration ends on 1 April 2008!

Now is the time to register your delegation for the GLE. Participation, food and lodging in the UCT Dormitory are available at the \$450US rate through 1 April. The price will go up to \$500 on 2 April. GLOBE Partners should also remember these deadlines for their registration in the GLE and the Annual Conference. If you are wiring payment, you must have proof of the transfer dated 1 April or earlier to qualify for the lower rate. Contact Loretta Quinn at the GLOBE Program Office (lquinn@ucar.edu) if you have questions about registering.

A Note on Lodging

Please read the general information from the GLE/Annual Conference page carefully before you register (www.globe.gov/southafrica2008). Registration Option 1 includes accommodation in the UCT dormitories from check-in on 21 June to checkout on 28 June. Registration option 2 includes accommodation in the UCT dormitories from check-in on 21 June to checkout on 29 June. Should you arrive sooner or wish to depart later, please visit the GLOBE link on the Tribal Meetings website (www.tribalmeetings.co.za) to make a booking for additional accommodation at UCT. For GLOBE Partners and other adults who wish to stay off-campus, using Registration Options 3 and 4, no lodging is included, and you must make your own hotel arrangements and/or contact Tribal Meetings!

Safety, Security and Event Releases

The GLE Organizers are working together to ensure that we have a safe and enjoyable event. As part of the registration process, we will ask each student to agree to our Behavior Policy, with a signature from the student and parent. Parents are also asked to sign participation and photo releases. To preview these forms, please visit the General Information link at www.globe.gov/SouthAfrica2008.

Cultural Presentations

Share your unique culture with your fellow students! On several of the GLE conference evenings, we will invite our delegations to present a performance that tells us something about

their home. At past GLE evenings, we have seen songs, dances, and even a wedding celebration (not a real wedding, just for fun!). We provide a stage and microphones as needed, you dazzle the crowd. Contact Paula Robinson at the GLOBE Program Office (probinso@globe.gov) to sign up and get more details.

Partner Annual Conference

We encourage all GLOBE Partners to attend the GLOBE Learning Expedition (22 - 27 June) and take part in the student/teacher activities associated with the GLE. There is no better way to see the result of GLOBE in action than to witness student participation in this international event! On Tuesday, 24 June, Partners will have the opportunity to present their local activities through poster presentations and/or concurrent sessions. Partner discussions will include strengthening and sustaining the GLOBE Program, with particular attention paid to building regional consortia that strengthen and empower GLOBE coordinators and learning communities with top scientists and educators from around the world. Sharing information about how partners have conducted regional and international GLOBE Learning Expeditions will also occur during the discussions. Please submit an abstract to present your ideas at

http://www.globe.gov/fsl/html/templ.cgi?gle08_conference&lang=en&nav=1

News from South Africa:

We would like to introduce our Professional Conference Organizers, Tribal Meetings, Inc. In collaboration with GLOBE In Africa, the Africa Regional Consortium, and the GLOBE Program Office, Tribal Meetings has come on board to provide the coordination and support that will make this event successful – and fun! Take a look at their Web site (www.tribalmeetings.co.za) and follow the GLOBE logo to the GLE information. Be sure to look at the exciting pre-and post-tour options that are available for delegations in Cape Town, around South Africa and beyond.

Sponsorship News

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A Message from the GLOBE Africa Consortium

The GLE provides the greatest enrichment for the children when its participation is diverse. The financial cost of attending a GLE is considerable, and we applaud all the efforts of GLOBE students, teachers, and partner who are working hard to make it to the 2008 GLE in Cape Town, South Africa. For some of our excellent GLOBE schools, though, the cost of participation is

simply beyond the reach of local support and fundraising. To meet this need, the GLOBE Africa Consortium requests all members of the GLOBE community to consider contributing to the sponsorship of a student or delegates. Should you be willing and able to give to this effort, please contact Mrs.Margaret Besong, GLOBE Africa Consortium Chair (margieb84@yahoo.com).

We look forward to meeting you at the GLE!!

As our friends at Tribal Meetings say,
Take care and Sala Kahle! (*IsiXhosa for Goodbye / Stay Well*)