



Aloha!

Thank you for choosing to participate in the California COSEE Outreach Event at the 2004 Ocean Research Conference! We are excited to have you join us and hope you enjoy the experience and that you and your students gain a better understanding of current ocean science research.

California COSEE is one of seven National Science Foundation-funded COSEE (Centers for Ocean Science Education Excellence) sites across the country. We have joined with the organizers of the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO) and The Oceanographic Society (TOS) Ocean Research Conference to include students in this exciting meeting planned to bring together ocean scientists from around the world and allow an open exchange of information on issues surrounding ocean research.

This packet is designed to help prepare you and your students to attend the conference. The poster sessions and panel discussions you will be attending have been organized specifically for the students, and it is important that you be prepared to gain as much as possible out of the event. The first steps to arranging your participation are as follows:

1. Determine how many students will come and how you will transport them to the Hawaii Convention Center. Plan to arrive by 10:00 am and leave at 1:30 pm.
2. Decide what you will do for lunch. I recommend having the students bring their own lunches that they can eat during the panel discussion from 12:15-1:15 pm. If you want to have the students buy lunches or the school has money to have lunch provided, you may order box lunches in advance from the Convention Center caterers for \$17.93/person. If you want to eat outside along the Ala Wai after the panel discussions (this will require you to stay until after 1:30 pm), there are a few local places that I can recommend.
3. Prepare the students to view scientific posters using the information provided or other appropriate materials.
4. Set aside some time following the conference for follow-up with the students and the scientists as outlined in this packet.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions as you prepare for this event or after it is completed. I look forward to seeing you in Honolulu in February!

Sincerely,

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