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Dear 2009 UF SSI Teacher:

We are looking forward to your participation in the 2009 UF Summer Science Institute program. We are really excited about hosting you for this program focused on bringing current and authentic research into your classroom. Don't hesitate to call or e-mail us with any questions you may have.

In addition to updating your research knowledge, the SSI program goals include facilitating your efforts to translate what you learn during the program into appropriate instructional methods/materials (products) for your classroom. Also, we will set aside time for professional development, for discussions of classroom issues, and for sharing best practices.

Schedule of events: The *Celebrate Science!* agenda includes work in astronomy, evolutionary biology, geology, and other areas of campus. Be prepared to learn, see, and do a lot while you are with us. A detailed schedule will be available at the conference start. **Due to the July 4th holiday (observed July 3rd at UF), we want to jump right into the science fun on Monday morning. We will have the orientation session Sunday evening at 6:00pm with dinner and introductions.**

Location: I will send directions and parking information once I have received room confirmation from our Registrar.

Academic credit: If you are interested in obtaining in-service points for the program, please contact the Staff Development Supervisor in your school district. We will be happy to work with you to meet their requirements. Please note: we cannot award in-service points; this must be managed through your school and/or district.

Housing: If you choose to reside on campus, home for the week will be the Keys Residence Facility. The residence hall will be available for check-in Sunday after 3pm and is open 24 hours.

In case you are wondering who "we" are:

Mary Jo Koroly, Director of the UF Center for Precollegiate Education and Training (CPET), also teaches in the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Department in the College of Medicine. Julie Bokor, UF CPET Science Coordinator and SSI Coordinator, handles planning and coordination of the Summer Science Institute.

We are delighted you are coming to UF and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo and Julie