

NTI 2009  
"I GROUP" PARTICIPANTS

**What's New at NTI**

- All "I Group" Participants will have classes in one building on Campus. You will not be spread out in different buildings as in the past.
- All "I Group" Participants will be eating lunch together in a different building from your classes.
- Our goal is for everyone to have an on-campus experience. You will be moving around more and seeing different parts of the University of Michigan.
- "I Group" will no longer be segregated. There will be more interaction with other participating groups at NTI. You may be walking to class or sharing a break with Training Directors, Committee Members, Technical Training Participants, Outstanding Apprentices, etc.
- There is NO parking on campus. Everyone will be shuttled from their hotel or dorm.
- Thursday after Graduation the NJATC will be providing dinner and entertainment outside on Ingalls Mall.

**"I Group" Curriculum Changes**

- Third Year – Course 32 *Teaching and Managing in a Technical Laboratory*
  - This course was first launched in 2008. The Professional Educators of this course have worked very hard this year to make changes and additions to this course to make it better suited to meet the needs of our Instructors.
- Fourth Year – Course 42 *Creating an Active Training Environment*
  - The development of this course in 2008 was a great addition to our Instructor Training program. This year the Professional Educators of this course worked on making changes and additions to the existing curriculum to better educate our Instructors.
- All "I Group" curriculum will be on a five-year revision cycle. The NJATC and Committee Members will be reviewing and revising "I Group" curriculum one year at a time.

**Things to Remember**

- The Trade Show will open on Saturday, August 1 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and again on Sunday, August 2 from 8:30 a.m. – Noon at the Indoor Track and Field Building.
- Participant Check-In will be at the Indoor Track and Field Building on Saturday, August 1 from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and again on Sunday, August 2 from 8:00 a.m. – Noon.
- All Fourth Year Graduates will have a meeting on Sunday, August 2 from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. at Angell Hall.
- All "I Group" classes will begin on Sunday, August 2 at 10:00 a.m.
- Opening Ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 2.
- Monday – Friday all classes will start at 7:30 a.m.
- Graduation will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 6.
- Friday, August 7 classes will end at 3:00 p.m. Please keep in mind when making flight reservations that the airport is about 25 minutes from campus.

- Any participant that leaves before 3:00 p.m. on Friday will NOT get credit for the week.
- Bring your Pre-NTI Assignment and Portfolio with you to Ann Arbor, MI.

### **Pre-NTI Assignment Reminder**

All 2009 Second, Third, and Fourth Year “I Group” participants MUST complete a mandatory assignment before their arrival at NTI in Ann Arbor, MI. All Instructors are to bring their assignments with them to the first day of class on Sunday, August 2. These assignments can be downloaded from the NTI website at <http://nti.njatc.org/igroup.aspx>. Be sure to click on the Pre-NTI Assignment link that corresponds with the “I Group” Year you will be attending at NTI.

### **Portfolio Assignment Reminder**

All “I Group” participants who attended the 2008 NTI were given Portfolio assignments at the beginning of the week and should have been working on these assignments throughout the year. NTI 2009 is quickly approaching and all “I Group” participants are required to bring their Portfolio notebooks along with their completed assignments to NTI this year. On Sunday, August 2 at 10:00 a.m. your first “I Group” session will start. At this time, you will be discussing your Portfolio assignments with your “I Group” peers and Professor. All 2009 First Year Participants will be introduced to the Portfolio on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. First Year Participants DO NOT have any assignments that need to be completed before arriving at NTI.

All Portfolio assignments and templates can be downloaded off of the NTI website at <http://nti.njatc.org/iport.aspx>. Be sure to complete the assignments from the “I Group” Year that you attended in 2008.

We are asking ALL Training Directors to assist the NJATC in evaluating your Instructors with their Portfolio. Please take time to sit down with your Instructors to make sure that they are completing the assignments that were given to them at NTI 2008. We recommend that you familiarize yourself with the Portfolio and the assignments that were given to your Instructors before you meet with them. You may have some ideas that would benefit your Instructors and their Portfolios. Also, please remind each returning Instructor to bring their Portfolio to NTI in Ann Arbor, MI.