

You are invited to come and participate!

**Tenth Annual Country School Association of America Conference
June 21-23, 2010 Chickasha, Oklahoma**

Blazing the Trail: *Education Among the Earliest Americans*

The 2010 CSAA Conference will take place on the campus of The University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma on June 21-22 with an optional bus tour to several one-room schools in the Oklahoma City area on June 23. Visit a fully restored African American one room school in Chickasha, Oklahoma.

You are cordially invited to participate in and/or lead a panel discussion, present a research paper, conduct a workshop, present a play, organize a symposium, or give a demonstration on country schooling. Decide which topic most interests you and submit a brief proposal. The following topics may spark your creativity.

Preservation: Envisioning the restored country school, raising money, recruiting and managing volunteers, promoting the project, collecting artifacts, preserving a restored school, preparing for and/or recovering from a natural disaster, etc.

Research: Native American and African American one-room schooling, teachers and the rural community, the process of digging up the history of a school, oral history-making, the architectural significance of one-room schools, the supervision of one-room schools, teacher training for one-room schoolteachers, the consolidation movement, educational methods (maps, music education, nature study, reading charts), etc.

Programs: Stories, camp, holiday celebrations, music schools, musical instruments, dramatic reenactment or living history programs, etc. Videotapes and other resources are welcome.

Memory Makers: Come and share your memories, photographs, artifacts, books, facts and fiction related to country schooling, etc.

Presentations related to the conference theme will be noted in the program.

Proposal Formats

Proposals should not exceed three double-spaced, printed pages. Add a cover sheet with title of the proposal, names and affiliations (if any) of participants, and the address, email address, and phone number of each participant. If you want to discuss your topic before submitting a proposal, contact CSAA Executive Director Lucy Townsend (815-753-1236 or ltownsend@niu.edu). **Proposals are due March 1, 2010.**

E-mail your cover sheet & proposal to: Loretta Jackson lyjackson1@suddenlink.net and Richard Lewis richard.lewis@nasa.gov Or send 2 copies of your proposal and two self-addressed, stamped envelopes to Loretta Jackson, P.O. Box 2044, Chickasha, OK 73023.

For updates on the conference, visit our website at: www.countryschoolassociation.org