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### **Discovery Educator Network Selects 140 Educators to Take Part in its National Institutes**

*Educators offered exclusive professional development opportunities*

**Silver Spring, Md.** (May 17, 2007) – The Discovery Educator Network (DEN), a global community of innovative educators passionate about teaching with digital media, sharing resources and collaborating with one another, has selected 140 educators from across the country to participate in its second annual DEN National Institutes. The DEN National Institutes are exclusive professional development opportunities open only to STAR Discovery Educators – DEN members who have been recognized for their outstanding efforts – to share their insight and expertise with their peers through activities such as facilitating trainings, workshops or presentations and demonstrating how to integrate Discovery Education products and services in the classroom.

Each national institute accepted STAR Discovery Educators based on responses they provided on their applications regarding their use of technology in the classroom and their efforts to promote the use of digital media in education. During their time at one of the three national institutes, educators hear from special guest speakers, participate in workshops, collaborate with educators from across the country on a variety of educational technology projects, network with their peers and share ideas. The DEN National Institutes will be held this summer on the following dates and locations:

- June 18-22, Discovery Communications' Global Headquarters, Silver Spring, Md.
- July 14-19, Bahamas Cruise, departing from Port Canaveral, Fla.
- August 6-10, University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, Calif.

“We are really excited about this year’s DEN National Institutes because they offer a unique opportunity for these passionate and dynamic teachers to undergo professional development in a fun, collaborative environment,” said Scott Kinney, Director, Discovery Educator Network. “Our hope is that these teachers will leave the event feeling inspired and energized, and integrate the innovative ideas they have learned into their classrooms.”

Debbie Bohanan, a technology coach from Reedy Creek Elementary School in Kissimmee, Fla., said of her experience participating in the institutes: “Last summer’s DEN National Institute was the most engaging, up to date, technology training I have ever experienced! We were on the cutting-edge learning about Wiki’s, podcasting and other wonderful tools while collaborating

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with teachers from all over the United States. The wealth of knowledge in the room and the willingness of everyone to share their expertise was amazing.”

To learn more about the DEN National Institutes and the Discovery Educator Network, go to [www.DENcommunity.com](http://www.DENcommunity.com).

**About Discovery Education**

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