ASTERS Teacher Training will not be offered during the 2013-2014 school year.

For information regarding our program, see below.
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FREE Training
AND 3 PLU credits
AND $180 stipend
AND Fun science lesson plans aligned to GPS
AND A classroom visit and project help
AND a FREE field trip?
If you answered, “YES!”
Join us for ASTERS Teacher Training

Each grade level explores GPS concepts through an inquiry based hands-on adventure that incorporates activities, problem-solving, information gathering, application, synthesis - and fun!

The Wonderful World of Plants - For Teachers Grades K - 2
This course will assist you in teaching the GPS concepts of plant structure, function and plant life cycles, including pollination.
Thursday, December 6 and Friday, December 7
8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Grades K-1: Message in a Bottle
After reading a message that was found in a bottle in the Garden, students complete teacher led plant activities which enable them to move “Buzz the Bee” from flower to flower enabling pollination to occur.
Grades 2: Survivor: Botanical Garden
Working as a member of a tribe, students complete mental and physical challenges in order to get points. These challenges will consist of problem solving activities, plant investigations, endurance tests, and creative tasks.

Habitats, Energy Cycles, and Adaptations - For Teachers Grades 3 - 5
This course will assist you in teaching the GPS concepts of habitats; interdependence; energy cycles; adaptations; extinction; plant cell structure; plant, animal, and fungi identification and classification; basic genetics; and the impact of humans on organisms.
Thursday, November 8 and Friday, November 9
8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Grade 3: Regions, Plants, and Animals, oh, my!
Bob, the Garden’s botanist, needs students to help solve a mystery that involves plant and animal species that are disappearing. In order to receive clues, students complete Georgia Region study sheets and fact finding investigations.

Grade 4: Mission Possible
Students receive a message from Mission Control Center that informs them of a new discovery on Mars. They then form Possible Mission Force Teams and take on the challenge of selecting the plants and animals which will be transported to Mars by way of the space shuttle. Students must complete a variety of investigations as they attempt to earn more points than the other P. M. F. Teams.

Grade 5: Treasure, Treasure, Everywhere!
The Garden botanist, Bob Randolph, has notified students that a new exhibit featuring the Southeastern Coastal Plain Region of Georgia will open soon at the Museum. Students are being asked to collect treasures to use in the display. In order to locate the treasures, students work in hiking groups to complete study guides on various organisms and to complete trail challenges.