

# *Conference! Conference!*

## *Annual MAMLE Conference*

### **Sugarloaf USA**

### **October 23 - 24, 2008**

**The Maine Association for Middle Level Education would like to invite one and all to our 2008 Annual Conference**

## **Conference Strands**

In response to your requests, this year's Annual MAMLE Conference will feature four strands. Each group of sessions will include at least one workshop related to each strand. These special workshops will be identified in the Conference Program to help you make your choices. The strands will be offered in addition to the wide range of topics addressed in the regular program.

### **MLTI Strand**

This year's conference will again feature a special MLTI strand to help teachers and principals learn how their MLTI laptops can be powerful tools for teaching and learning. Come and explore new ways to use your laptops to help meet your school's goals for literacy, numeracy, and assessment for learning. Attend any or all of the seven MLTI sessions and be sure to stop by the Thursday evening MLTI Chat session to meet and talk with Apple and MLTI staff.

is difficult, we know, but this strand is sure to be worthwhile. We are even offering two facilitated round tables discussions so that you can share information around "Hot Topics for Middle School Leaders."

### **Numeracy Strand**

Teachers are saying there needs to be more math sessions at the Annual MAMLE Conference. Per your request, this year the conference will offer a variety of math sessions, from talking about math to learning about fractals. Learn that numeracy is just as important as literacy and does not have to be scary.

### **Literacy Strand**

Once again the Annual Conference will have a variety of sessions devoted to literacy across the curriculum. This strand will include interactive presentations on reading strategies for all content areas, digital literacy, reading and writing from different perspectives, Web 2.0 tools, vocabulary, and researching and inquiry in the digital age. Teachers from across Maine will be sharing what works in their classrooms to increase the literacy skills of their students.

### **Leadership Strand**

This strand will offer a series of workshops designed specifically for middle level leaders. These workshops are aimed at helping middle school leaders by sharing information on, deepening knowledge of, and introducing contemporary issues facing middle schools today. Workshops will include topics such as "Building Leadership Teams, Making the Best Connections with Families, Understanding RTI and Pre-Referral, Professional Learning Communities, Middle Level Advocacy, Scheduling, Positive School Climate and much, much more. Getting out of the building

### **4 great ways to use the conference as a professional development event:**

- Stimulate staff thinking about evolving critical issues
- Inspire staff with an off-campus retreat to chart course for the year
- Utilize condo spaces to facilitate discussion and increase collaboration
- Introduce teachers new to your school to middle level concepts.

## **Registration Materials Inside**

## **Deadline - October 17, 2008**

# Conference Schedule

## Wednesday, October 22, 2008

5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Conference Registration & Housing Check-in Grand Summit Hotel

## Thursday, October 23, 2008

7:30 a.m. Conference Registration & Coffee Base Lodge  
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Exhibits Maple Room (BL)  
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. General Session – Keynote by Sue Swaim King Pine Room (BL)  
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Exhibits Maple Room (BL)  
Annual Business Meeting Oak Room (BL)  
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Sessions Base Lodge, Hotel  
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Sessions Base Lodge, Hotel  
12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Luncheon King Pine Room (BL)  
Outstanding Middle Level Educator Awards  
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Sessions Base Lodge, Hotel  
3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Sessions Base Lodge, Hotel  
Supper on your own  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Apple/MLTI Meet-and-Greet Reception Sugarloaf Inn  
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Music, Dancing, Recreation, Team Meetings Sugarloaf Inn

## Friday, October 24, 2008

7:30 a.m. Conference Registration Base Lodge (BL)  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Exhibits Maple Room (BL)  
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Early Bird Sessions Base Lodge, Hotel  
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Exhibits Maple Room (BL)  
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Sessions Base Lodge, Hotel  
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Sessions Base Lodge, Hotel  
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Luncheon King Pine Room (BL)  
mmmmmm Exemplary Practice Awards  
Keynote by Ed Brazee

## Check-In & Registration

Wednesday - Room check-in and conference registration at the Grand Summit Hotel - 5:00 to 9:00

Late arrivers Wednesday night and Thursday can check-in for housing at the Grand Summit.

Thursday and Friday conference registration is at the Base Lodge.

# Sue Swaim & Ed Brazee to Keynote!

Sue Swaim served as executive director of the National Middle School Association from 1993 to 2007. Prior to joining NMSA, she was a middle level educator in Colorado for over 20 years. She taught middle level language arts, social studies, and reading and was an elementary and middle school principal for 8 years. Ms. Swaim also taught off-campus graduate courses for the University of Northern Colorado in content reading and writing, classroom management, and middle level instructional strategies.

Throughout her middle level career Ms. Swaim has been a primary consultant to numerous school districts as well as a workshop presenter and keynote speaker at middle level conferences and institutes nationally and internationally. She was a member of the primary writing team for *This We Believe: Successful Schools for Young Adolescents* and led the development of NMSA's *Success in the Middle* Policy Guidebook. Recognized for her knowledge of young adolescent characteristics and the research-based practices that are keys to students' academic achievement in developmentally appropriate learning environments, Sue brings

a practitioner's voice to middle level professional development.

Ed Brazee is professor of middle level education at the University of Maine where he directs the middle level concentration of the master's degree program and teaches graduate courses in middle level curriculum, organization, and teaching.

A former middle and high school teacher in New York and Colorado, Ed has consulted with schools throughout the U.S.; he has been the principal or co-principal evaluator for 40 middle schools in Bermuda, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Colorado, and Maine. One of Ed's favorite activities is the Middle Level Education Institute (MLEI) which runs every summer at the University of Maine; as founder in 1985 and now co-director, he has had the privilege of working with thousands of middle level educators from Maine to Indonesia.

An unabashed advocate for young adolescents and middle level schools—and for middle level teachers and principals—Ed is now working valiantly to keep up with the terrific challenges that technology affords learners of any age.

## Food! Food! Food!

Lunch on both Thursday and Friday is included with your conference registration. **Some restaurants will be operating and all condos have fhnnnnnully equipped kitchens.** All you need to bring is your food. A small grocery store at the mountain will be open, but you may want to stock up and bring your own.

### Thursday Night Social!

Bring your dancing shoes and join us at the Sugarloaf Inn on Thursday night for music, dancing, door prizes, snacks and more. Dance up a storm or just relax, socialize and listen to the music

### Resources Available!

Come to the conference prepared to take advantage of our expanded venue of exhibitors. An excellent selection of books and materials will be on display and available for purchase. **Bring PO's, checks, or cash with you!**

### Health Club

The Sugartree Health Club will be open both Wednesday and Thursday nights until 8:00 p.m.

### Educators Recognized

Winners of Exemplary Practice and Janet Nesin Reynolds Outstanding Educator Awards will be announced

### We're Wireless!

Sugarloaf is now completely wireless, so be sure to bring your laptops! Many presenters will be using Web access.

### Ticketed Meals

In response to your requests on evaluations from last year's conference, ticketed breakfast and dinner choices will again be available at the beautiful Double Diamond Restaurant in the Grand Summit Hotel. Sign up for these meals on the housing registration forms.

## Housing!

All housing arrangements must be made directly with Sugarloaf USA. A housing registration form is included with this brochure. As you will see, there are condominiums of appropriate sizes for most groups. Reasonably-priced rooms are also available at the magnificent Grand Summit Hotel. The friendly staff at Sugarloaf USA will answer all your questions and assist you in finding the housing arrangement that is right for your group.

## 8 great reasons to attend

- An exciting and thought-provoking program that will inspire you to create an even better learning environment for your students this year
- Two dynamite keynote speakers
- A flexible schedule to fit everyone's budget
- A multitude of activities designed to address varied interests of staff members
- Opportunities to learn how other schools are addressing critical issues including assessment, standards, maintaining best middle level practices in the midst of high-stakes testing, integrating technology and literacy across the curriculum
- Resources on display from Maine Association for Middle Level Education, New England League of Middle Schools, National Middle School Association and many more exhibitors
- The option to add to your professional portfolio a certificate that verifies your dedication to ongoing professional learning
- A chance to network with many terrific teachers, counselors and principals from around the State of Maine, including winners of the Exemplary Practice and Janet Nesin Reynolds Outstanding Educator Awards.

## Sessions/Workshops

*The following is only a sampling of the sessions to be offered at the Annual MAMLE Conference. The Conference Program will feature nearly 100 sessions and workshops, including exemplary programs, hot topics and critical issues, and many more. Visit [mamleonline.org](http://mamleonline.org) for a complete Program with sessions and times. The complete Program should be available by mid-summer).*

Getting Rid of Rote  
Student-led Conferences in World Languages  
Julia Set Fractals Connecting with the Community Literacy  
Across The Curriculum: Bringing Literacy Strategies  
Wabanaki Technologies – Project Report  
NoteShare in the ELA/Literacy Class  
So You Think You Know Maine  
Let's Talk Math  
Co-Teaching Simulated Learning  
Developing a Successful After School Program  
Energizing Strategies for Effective Leadership Teams  
5 Formative Assessment Tools for Any Classroom  
Cyber Citizenship  
Literacy in Math & Science  
Stress: It Should be a Four-Letter Word!  
Integrating Technology into your Science Lessons  
The Academy School@44: A Program to Motivate Students  
Middle Level Resources That Make a Difference

The Millenials: The Digital Perspective on Who Our Students Are and How to Reach Them  
You don't have to be Einstein!  
Get the Facts! Formative Assessment Strategy Harvest  
Bring One, Get Tons! Sharing Effective Practices  
Leadership Teams: Collaborative and Courageous Leadership  
Professional Learning Communities  
Middle Level Advocacy  
Scheduling  
Positive School Climate  
RTI  
Making the Best Connections with Families,  
Laughing & Caffeine  
Student Led IEP Meetings  
Using Practical Data to Make Practical Decisions  
Round Table Sessions on Critical Topics  
Technology Sessions on NoteShare, Keynote, and much more

## Group Rates Available!

**MAMLE is happy to offer special registration rates for groups of 12 or more. Groups of 12-20 receive a discount of 20% off regular registration fees. Groups of 20+ receive a 25% discount. Discounts do not apply to housing costs. Contact Wally Alexander at [wallace.alexander@umit.maine.edu](mailto:wallace.alexander@umit.maine.edu) for more information.**