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Governor's Office of Appalachia Announces Availability of 2012 Middle and High School Summer Math-Science-Technology Institute Applications

Director Jason Wilson looks for each school district to recommend students

COLUMBUS – Today the Governor's Office of Appalachia announced that applications for the *2012 Middle and High School Summer Math-Science-Technology Institute* are available. This summer's education program benefits middle and high school students, as well as high school teachers from Appalachian Ohio, and will be held at the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

The *2012 Middle and High School Summer Math-Science-Technology Institute* will take place from July 7-20, 2012, for high school students and July 15-20, 2012, for middle school students. Both sessions will be held at the U.S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education.

"The State of Ohio is proud to once again partner with the Appalachian Regional Commission and the U.S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory to provide this unique learning experience for students and teachers living in the Appalachian region," said Jason Wilson, Director of the Governor's Office of Appalachia. "This great opportunity for our students to work with math and science professionals in real-world scenarios and I challenge each school district in the region to have at least two middle school students and one high school student submit an application."

High school teachers from grades 9-12 will be eligible to participate in the program and will be selected from math, science, and technology disciplines. High school students who wish to participate must be 16 years of age as of July 10, 2012. Students will have 24 hours of chaperoned service and the program will cover all major expenses, including meals, lodging, and transportation. High school teachers participating in the program will receive a stipend for their participation.

Applications will be mailed to middle school and high school guidance counselors, and are also available at www.arc.gov. Application materials must only be submitted to the Office of Community Development for the Governor's Office of Appalachia and received no later than March 2, 2012.

Inquiries regarding participation, applications, and program details should be directed to:

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About the Oak Ridge National Laboratory

The Oak Ridge National Laboratory is one of the largest U.S. Department of Energy research facilities in the United States. It is devoted to multi-purpose research and development and is located approximately 20 miles northwest of Knoxville, Tennessee, near the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education is managed by Oak Ridge Associated Universities, offering a diverse array of complementary, and often unique, science education programs.

About Ohio's Governor's Office of Appalachia

As an advocate for Ohio's 32 Appalachian counties, the Governor's Office of Appalachia works on behalf of the Appalachian Regional Commission in Washington, D.C. to promote the region's assets and to support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives. These initiatives contribute to the economic, educational, and community prosperity of the people of Ohio's Appalachian region.

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