

EdCamp Kansas City: Education 'Unconference' Comes to University of Central Missouri's Summit Center in November 2010

EdCamp KC, a free conference for teachers, administrators and anyone involved in education comes to University of Central Missouri's Summit Center in November 2010

(Lee's Summit, MO) November 6, 2010 -- EdCamp KC (<http://edcamp.wikispaces.com/edcamp+KC>), an education conference like no other, will be held at the University of Central Missouri's Summit Center on Saturday, November 6th. The structure of the conference is very informal, with attendees signing up to run sessions first thing in the morning.

The conference will be free from corporate vendors and booths, with the focus being solely on conversations about education. Attendees will come from all over the Midwest and will range from classroom teachers to administrators to coaches, authors and school board members. There will be time for attendees to gather informally to share ideas as well as a variety of sessions for them to attend, run by their colleagues and fellow educators.

This event is based on the barcamp model, also known as an "unconference" (<http://barcamp.org>). An unconference is:

*an ad-hoc gathering born from the desire for people to share and learn in an open environment; and a conversational event featuring discussions, demos and interactions between participants, rather than a group of people listening to a particular speaker.*

The first EdCamp event was held in Philadelphia, PA earlier this year. Information about the inaugural event is available on its website (<http://www.edcampphilly.org/>).

EdCamp KC is completely free, with all refreshments and other amenities provided solely through sponsorship and donation. With the possibility of hundreds of attendees, the organizers are looking for local businesses who may be interested in being featured in the conference literature. Those interested in being a sponsor can make donations and/or contact the organizers on the website (<http://edcampkc.wikispaces.com>).

The organizers are excited to start what will hopefully be an annual gathering of forward-thinking, innovative and engaging education professionals in the greater Kansas City area.

About EdCamp KC:

A unique experience, the EdCamp KC unconference is a free opportunity to connect with conversations about education with teachers, administrators, and stakeholders from around the Midwest.

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