

edCamp OKC: 2nd Education 'Unconference' Comes to Oklahoma in February 2014

edcamp OKC, a free conference for teachers, administrators and anyone involved in education comes to Oklahoma City on Saturday, February 15, 2014

(Oklahoma City, OK) February 6, 2014 -- edcamp OKC (<http://www.edcampokc.org>), an education conference like no other, will be held at Grant High School on Saturday, February 15, 2014. 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 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.

Hundreds of edcamps have been held around the United States since the first one was held in Philadelphia in May 2010, and this is the second time one has been held in Oklahoma. EdCampOKC 2013 was held in Yukon on February 24, 2013, at Yukon High School. Other recent EdCamps near Oklahoma in the past have been held in Fort Worth, Texas; Plano, Texas; Dallas, Texas; Kansas City, Kansas; and Omaha, Nebraska. EdCamp events are 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 organizers of *edcamp OKC* are educators from around Oklahoma who have previously connected at face-to-face conferences as well as online via Twitter. Some organizers have attended “TeachMeets” and other unconference events at other state and international education conferences.

As with all barcamps, *edcamp OKC* is completely free, with all refreshments and other amenities provided solely through sponsorship. Over two hundred educators have registered online via EventBrite for the 2014 event, and organizers are hopeful more will get the word and attend on February 15th. For additional information about this event, contact Wesley Fryer or visit <http://www.edcampokc.org>.

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