

DATE: April 2008
 TO: Service-Learning Coordinators
 FROM: KIDS Consortium Staff
 RE: **Save the Date - KIDS Annual Systems Thinking Conference, August 11-12, 2008**

It is time to plan your service-learning leadership team's attendance at the "KIDS Annual Systems Thinking Conference". This year's event will be held at The Grand Summit Conference Center at Sunday River, Maine.

The objectives of our 2008 Systems Thinking conference are to:

- Celebrate and share this past year's efforts to increase the quality of service-learning practice
- Share best practices for sustaining service-learning
- Support leadership teams as they draft action plans and budgets for the 2008-2009 school year
- Review the nuts and bolts requirements for the third year of the TLC grant – and underscore the linkages between grant expectations and how they support increased sustainability of service-learning
- And, have fun!

Dates and Times	Monday, August 11, 2008: 12:00 - 12:45 Registration 1:00 - 5:00 Conference Tuesday, August 12, 2008: 8:00 - 4:30 Conference
Location and Directions	The Grand Summit Hotel/Conference Center at the Sunday River Ski Resort in Newry, Maine (http://www.sundayriver.com/grandsummitresorthotel.html)
Participants	Each district must bring their Service-Learning Leadership Team – Please consider that based on feedback from previous years, districts that are able to bring a robust team to Systems experience the greatest benefits from this event. Please make every effort to recruit a representative team. NOTE: If you are planning to bring people to Systems who are NEW to service-learning (i.e. have not yet attended an awareness training), please let Terri or your KIDS Education Consultant know ASAP. We'd like to work with you to ensure that they are trained before Systems OR that they arrive early so they can attend a brief training before the full program starts at noon on August 11.
Potential Leisure time activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leisurely Hikes and Walks • Local Entertainment • Golf, Swimming, and more!
Food and Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snacks and Dinner will be provided on Monday the 11th • Breakfast, Lunch and Snacks will be provided on Tuesday the 12th • Districts are responsible for travel
Lodging (These rates will be honored if you wish to arrive on the weekend)	<p>KIDS will reimburse for overnight rooms on the night of August 11th based on double occupancy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Room (2 queen beds) • Studio Deluxe (1 queen Murphy, 1 sleep sofa & kitchenette) <p>Districts will be responsible for hotel costs for additional nights and any special accommodations (i.e. single or family). \$95.00 per night plus tax and resort fees.</p> <p>Please refer to the TLC Lodging Reimbursement Form at: http://www.kidsconsortium.org/grantee_center.php</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To make your reservations: call 1-800-207-2365. Refer to Leadership Team Systems Thinking Retreat and Group Code: 84K891 • Deadline to reserve a room is June 27, 2008 (different from registration deadline)
Room Cancellation Policy	Reservations cancelled between receipt of deposit and 15 days prior to arrival forfeit a \$50.00 cancellation fee. Cancellations within 14 days of arrival forfeit the entire deposit amount. No refund for late arrivals, early departures, no-shows, or downgrades.
Registration	Registration is due by Friday, May 30, 2008 More information coming soon!

If you have any questions, please contact us at: 207-784-0956, email your Education Consultant, and/or Terri.