

# UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CENTER FOR ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL EDUCATION

# MINI-SOCIETY® TRAINING CONFERENCE

### WHEN:

July 21 (9am - 5pm) – July 22 (9am - 5pm)

(Note: This training requires <u>two</u> days to complete. You must complete both days to receive curriculum certification.)

### WHERE:

McLean County Extension Office 402 N. Hershey Road, Bloomington, IL 61704 (309) 663-8306

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- \* Instructors who are interested in teaching economics and entrepreneurship to children and youth in Grades 3-12 using an exciting experienced-based program called Mini-Society®.
- \* Educators and financial professionals working with children and youth through non-profit organizations, community groups, government agencies, etc.

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Mini-Society® is a nationally recognized program designed to spark students' interest in economics and entrepreneurship. This engaging real-world program allows students to learn basic economic concepts by creating their own micro-economy in the classroom. Through this intensive training, teachers will receive the skills necessary to integrate economic and entrepreneurial concepts into their existing curricula. Participants will receive 4 Mini-Society® training manuals and a student journal.

All economic and entrepreneurial concepts taught during the training are correlated to the Illinois Learning Standards for Social Science, Mathematics, and English Language Arts. Funding for this training is provided by the National Council on Economic Education (NCEE) and University of Illinois Extension. For more information on Mini-Society®, visit: http://www.mini-society.com/.

# WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

- \* Free training manuals and student journal (\$250.00 value)
- \* No registration fee
- \* 16 CPDUs or 3 CEUs
- \* Lunch and refreshments provided
- \* \$100 drawing for a travel stipend
- \* \$600 stipend from NCEE for teachers who qualify and agree to conduct Mini-Society® and administer a student assessment

## **INSTRUCTORS:**

Doug Hovatter, West Virginia University (Nationally Certified Mini-Society® Instructor) Debra Bartman, University of Illinois Extension Patricia Hildebrand, University of Illinois Extension

## **REGISTRATION:**

Registration is required by \*\*\*Monday, July 7\*\*\*
A detailed agenda with directions will be sent prior to the conference.
Space is limited to 25 instructors - Register Today!

## TO REGISTER, CONTACT BY PHONE OR E-MAIL:

Marla Wilkins Effingham Extension Center 1209 Wenthe Dr, Effingham, IL 62401 phone: (217) 347-5126

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### **HOTEL INFORMATION:**

Participants are responsible for travel costs to and from the conference. For those who need to stay overnight, a block of rooms has been reserved for July 20-24 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites located at 3202 East Empire Street in Bloomington, IL. The hotel is about 1.5 miles from the McLean County Extension Office and is located near two shopping malls and several restaurants. The hotel offers complimentary area shuttle within a 5-mile radius of the hotel.

To make a reservation and receive the group rate of \$70/night for a standard room, call (309) 662-4700 and ask for the group name UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS. You have until July 1<sup>st</sup> to receive the group rate. After that time, the hotel will release any remaining rooms. You are also welcome to stay at another hotel of your choice.

# FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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