



IRA Chicago or Bust!

International Reading Association Annual Convention

“Celebrating Teaching” in Chicago

Sunday, April 29, 2012

For so many of us, attending this national reading conference is only a dream. We are unable to get time off from our school districts or we are unable to afford it. Nonetheless, there is still hope- **attend a Sunday institute**. On the first day of the conference, institutes on one topic are presented. Below is the on-line information from IRA:

*Institutes are full-day courses offered on Sunday, April 29. An institute is an all-day meeting to allow a group of presenters to treat a common theme or issue in-depth. They are available with or without the Annual Convention for an additional fee. **CEU Credits for each Institute = 8 hours** Plan to register early! Registration will open on December 1, 2011. The Institutes often sellout, additional tickets may not be available onsite.*

NIRC is providing bus transportation to the International Reading Association’s Annual Convention “Celebrating Teaching” in Chicago on Sunday, April 29. The cost is \$20 for NIRC members and \$35 for non-NIRC members. Fees will be collected just prior to departure. Because our region is very large, there will be a central pick-up/ drop -off site. **If you plan to ride the NIRC bus (a chartered bus, not a school bus), please e-mail Betsy Hoelling at beh1052@yahoo.com of your intent by March 17.** You must be registered to attend a Sunday institute to ride the NIRC bus. You will be informed of the location and time of pick-up/drop-off after March 17.