

**Jena Parish
Partnership/Grant Proposal
Fall 2010**

Proposed Partner Name: Six Flags Over Georgia

Description of Organization: Six Flags Over Georgia is an 100-acre amusement park located in Austell, Georgia. It contains rides, shows, shopping, dining, and a water park. Six Flags Over Georgia is typically open from March to October and closed the remaining months of the year. Six Flags Over Georgia is local employer of many Austell residents as well as very popular with the children in the area.

Rationale: (Why this partner was selected): Austell Intermediate already has several business partnerships ranging from a local restaurant to a fast food chain to a local recycled paperboard manufacturer. All of these partnerships are local small businesses. While looking for a new partner to add to the list, I was looking for a local business that was on a larger scale. Our current business partners are able to provide Parent Nights, coupons, and volunteers, but I wanted to find a business that could provide possible funding for school projects and activities and bigger incentives for students. After reviewing the Six Flags website, I found a section on community involvement so it appears that Six Flags would be receptive to school partnerships and involvement.

Brief description of partnership (proposed contribution of the partner; how the contribution will benefit the school; how the partnership will benefit the partner): As terms of the partnership, Six Flags Over Georgia would provide funding to support after school clubs and programs to encourage student leadership and school involvement. Also, Six Flags Over Georgia would provide volunteers to attend the clubs and provide support to the teacher sponsor. The contribution of the partnership would motivate teachers to participate and sponsor after school programs since the funding and support would be available to sustain these clubs. Further contributions could made as appropriate (i.e. ticket donation to use a reward system for student involvement or for fund raising).

The partnership would benefit Six Flags Over Georgia by allowing the business to have local involvement in the elementary school as well as increase the positive image of the company to the community members.

Specifics of Partnership (What the partner must deliver and when; What the school must deliver and when): This partnership would work best for the year 2011-2012 as the after school clubs and programs are already outlined for the year. In the Fall 2011, Six Flags Over Georgia would provide funding to the approved after school clubs and programs. Also, volunteers from the company would need to be willing to undergo a criminal background check (per county requirements) and attend planning meetings for the clubs and programs. Ongoing discussions and agreements could be arranged throughout the remainder of this school year. The school must deliver an outline (including the purpose and goals) for the clubs and programs that need additional funding prior to 2011-2012 school year.

Name of Grant: 2011 Best Practices Grant

Sponsoring Organization: Georgia Association of Educators (GAE Foundation)

URL: For more information - <http://www.gae2.org/pdf/profdev/gfie/11/bestinfo.pdf>
For application - <http://www.gae2.org/pdf/profdev/gfie/11/bestform.pdf>

Eligibility for Grant:

- Georgia Certified Educator
- Actively Teaching in Classroom or Supporting Educator Position in a Georgia Public School

Proposal Requirements:

- Read all instructions before completing application.
- Complete grant application.
- Submit a typed plan describing your best practice project including
 - Objective
 - Relation to Georgia Performance Standards
 - Description of Activities
 - Timeline
 - Line-item Budget of Expenditures
 - Evaluation Plan

Award Criteria (criteria readers will use to decide who will receive the grants and who will not: Grants will be awarded based on the number of qualifying entries and available funds remaining.

Submission Deadline (MUST BE IN THE FUTURE): Application packets must be postmarked by February 1, 2011.

Range of Amounts to be Awarded: Up to \$1,000 may be awarded for each grant (grant can not be used for salary, stipend, or any form of compensation). Funds that are not used are expected to be returned along with a itemized budget by May 31, 2012

Amount you would request: \$1,000 (I would still need to analyze the exact budget of the amount needed, but I went with the maximize amount due to the level of technology use that is used in my project – Technology can be expensive!)

A brief description of what you would propose in your grant application: The Best Practices Grant encourages teachers to increase student achievement through best practices and innovative programs. The grant is looking specifically for inspiring projects that will really benefit students. When reviewing this grant, it really made me think of our engaged learning projects. My engaged learning project is based on the 2009 flooding that happened in our area and greatly affected the lives of the students. In the proposal, I would be able to send in the engaged learning plan that I already prepared for our class.

A brief description of why—based on the award criteria--you think your proposal would have a good chance of being funded over all others: Not only does the project encompass real world subject matter, but it also promotes the importance of engaged learning, higher-order thinking, community involvement, and authentic end products. All these elements really make up best practices in the classroom and I think this really exemplifies the kind of innovative projects that the GAE Foundation is looking for.