

Podcasting Across Nebraska

2006-2007 Application

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1. Is this application from:

A single community

A single community with multiple partners (Please list partners below.)

A regional group of communities (Please list participating communities and organizations below.)

Participating communities and organizations:

Waverly Middle School staff and students, Camp Creek Threshers staff, and the Phoenix Group staff

Who will act as the lead for this project?

Nicki Noordhoek

Where will the equipment be housed?

Waverly Middle School

2. Why is your community or region interested in podcasting?

Our community is interested in podcasting because we believe it is an innovative and alternative way to connect students with their community and an avenue for archiving stories from community groups. Students will be able to take a tool from their generation to share, teach with, and learn about the history of one part of their community. With that tool, the ipod, the students will have the ability to share the information on the web worldwide for a global audience. The advantage of this project will be that students will not only be learning a wide variety of technological skills, but they will also be interacting socially with other generations from their community and learning about opportunities to participate in locally.

3. Please describe how your community or region plans to use audio and/or video content to promote tourism, events, recreation, historic sites, and other activities. Please include project goals (i.e., to promote the county fair) and expected outcomes (i.e., an increase in visitors from outside the county) for at least two podcasts which will be made available over the Internet.

Students will produce a video podcast advertising the annual Camp Creek Threshers event.

Students will produce an audio/video podcast of the early annual Camp Creek Threshers event.

Goal 1: To promote the annual Camp Creek Threshers event, students will create a podcast of the various activities held throughout the weekend. The outcome for this activity will be to more accurately promote the activities associated with the Threshers Weekend and therefore increase attendance for future Camp Creek events.

Goal 2: To archive the activities of early farming and living conditions in Nebraska by creating podcasts of the sessions held during Camp Creek Threshers weekend. The outcome for this activity will be to collect and preserve examples of past farming and farm life activities for students across Nebraska to benefit from during their studies of Nebraska history. Some example podcasts could be: threshing wheat, demonstrations of early farming equipment, making butter, and husking corn.

4. How do you plan to promote the podcasts created through this project?

The podcasts can be promoted to many different audiences. They will be posted to a school website and to the Camp Creek Threshers site. The video podcasts may be played at open house in the fall of 07'. If given the opportunity, students, and myself may apply and present podcasts at the Nebraska Educational Technology Convention and/or the Nebraska School Board Convention. Also, these podcasts will be promoted to 4th grade teachers across the state as part of their Nebraska Studies unit.

5. Please list the regional or community Web sites which could link to the podcasts produced through this project?

**Waverly School District*

**Camp Creek Threshers*

**Phoenix Group*

6. Will this project involve youth? If so, how will they be involved?

Students will elect to be involved in this as part of the Technology Club. Students will be responsible for organizing the entirety of the podcast with teacher direction. Their duties will involve contacting Camp Creek Threshers, setting up interviews with individuals from the community, brainstorming ideas for promoting the podcast and what elements

should be included in it, reviewing the plan with the contact from Camp Creek Threshers and myself, learning and operating audio and visual equipment, arranging and completing deadlines, learning the software to produce audio and video podcasts, as well as how to post the podcast to the web.

7. Are any other uses of podcasting within your community or region in place or planned?

Our school district is in the beginning stages of podcasting and integrating ipods in the classroom. Many teachers are currently taking advantage of the podcasts available on the Internet and are using those as an educational tool. Our goal is to move to the next level of students producing podcasts as a learning tool. Podcasts and ipods are a tool they know and understand and we need to use that to our advantage and build that into their learning. Our group believes this grant will provide the opportunity for us to move in that direction.

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