

- Great chance for networking! Meet other faculty & staff advisors from around the northwest!
- Learn about technology and advising
- Professional development opportunity
- Visit beautiful Boise, Idaho!

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# Conference Update

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## Academic Advising: The Human Connection in a Cyberworld

This year, our conference theme asks participants and presenters to consider the problem of maintaining a personal touch in a world increasingly filled with technology.

Email, instant messaging, text messaging, interactive online web pages, chatrooms, and blogs are the high tech/low touch world in which we live. How do we convince students, faculty and administration that the “high touch” of advising is as critical to retention and success?

Technology can absolutely be a time-saver. It can ease

our workload, allow us to manipulate enormous amounts of data easily, and provides access to inordinate amounts of



**In a high-tech world, personal contact is important to remember**

information at the touch of a finger.

But we need to be careful that we don't use

technology to replace personal contact.

With presentations targeting both faculty and staff advisors, there will be something for everyone.

At this year's conference, we look forward to exploring ways to use technology to supplement and enhance our advising efforts.

Join us to discuss the multiple ways in which academic advising can move us to the high tech AND high touch cyberworld.

## Preconference Schedule Set

Our preconference workshops highlight several aspects of technology in advising.

Ever thought about the legal and ethical issues that arise in a technology driven world? Check out **Advising and Legal Issues with Electronic Media**.

Are you looking for inspiration as you develop or revise your advising website? Check out **Making the Most of the Information Age: Developing an Advising Website**.

Are you in the dark about what students are talking about when they mention “blogs” or

“podcasts”? Check out **E-Mail is for old people: Wikis, Blogs and Podcasts, Oh My!**

A description for each pre-conference workshop can be found at [www.nacada.ksu.edu/Regional\\_Divisions/region8/confprecon.htm](http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Regional_Divisions/region8/confprecon.htm)

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The **conference promotions committee** has done an outstanding job contacting businesses from our region and asking for their support of advising in higher education.

Thanks to the generosity of these businesses and schools in our region there have been some **wonderful doorprizes** donated! We are excited about the beautiful **gift basket** from **Montana Magazine** and the **Microsoft Office software package** donated by **Montana State University—Extended University**,

Our most exciting news is that a set of **two round-trip tickets** was donated by **Big Sky Airlines!**

A big thanks to our promotions committee members for their hard work: Judi Beckendorf (Montana State University) and Ana Blackstad Hernandez (Cascadia Community College).

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## Call for Volunteers!

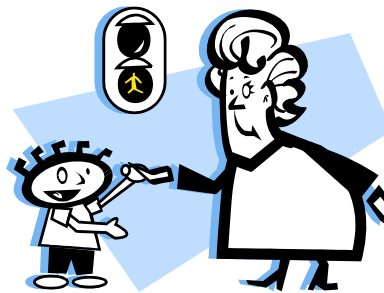
**We need your help!** No conference can be a success without the help of a cast of volunteers! If you are attending the conference and are **willing to share a few moments or a few hours of your time, please consider volunteering.**

We will need volunteers to help with registration and check-in, distributing and collecting evaluations for each session, and coordinating the four groups working on our service project on Tuesday evening.

The **registration and check-in volunteers** will need to help with...registration and check-in. These folks will drift between being frantically busy and deathly slow. They will need to be patient, cheerful, and organized.

Those who **help with evaluations**

are *extremely* important to the conference. We value the feedback from participants and need to find people willing to be responsible for distributing the session evaluation forms and collecting them at the end. These then get returned to the check-in table. Volunteers can help with one session or multiple sessions.



**Volunteers make the conference possible!**

This year, we are continuing the tradition of a service project during the conference. We are looking for **four volunteers to help coordinate the participants on Tuesday afternoon.** The project details are being finalized now, so those coordinating will help with implementing.

**If you are interested in helping, please contact one of our Volunteer Coordinators:**

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