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[Georgia Southern to host EdCamp Encore event Aug. 24](#)

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In the past, regional educators had to wait on EdCamp to come around just once a year—until now! On Saturday, August 24, from 8:30-11:30 a.m., the College of Education is hosting the first EdCamp Encore on the Statesboro Campus.

“EdCamp Encore is meant to offer a deeper, richer learning experience sparked from the conversations and sessions that were generated at the EdCamp experience earlier this spring,” said Michelle Reidel, Ph.D., professor of middle grades and secondary education. “After EdCamp this past April, we distributed a survey to participants to determine what topics they would like to know more about and focused efforts on those for the Encore event.”

EdCamp Encore will feature three focus areas for participants to choose from: Google Classrooms and Google Apps, teacher self-care, and citizen science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Participants will select one area of focus for the day’s events which will include demonstrations, discussion, and time for participants to work collaboratively on strategies for implementation.

“Because the goal of this experience is to receive in-depth knowledge on a singular topic, we are asking participants to choose one of the three focus areas for the day,” explained Reidel. “When they register for the event, we need participants to select their preferred topic so that we can adequately prepare materials for hands-on activities and collaboration.”

Attendance to EdCamp Encore is free and open to regional educators, administrators and school personnel. Participants are asked to register and select their session topic by August 17.

To reserve your place today, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/edcamp-encore-georgia-southern-tickets-66559811187>

EdCamp enthusiasts can expect to see some change in the future of EdCamp at Georgia Southern as well.

“We are planning to have another EdCamp Encore in January 2020,” said Reidel. “Then we are expecting to move EdCamp to Fall 2020 to start off the school year and provide the opportunity for participants to incorporate knowledge and materials from EdCamp into their classrooms and schools. The EdCamp Encore events will serve as reinforcement throughout the year for the conversations and experiences they have at the fall EdCamp.”

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