

ConnectKentucky to Host CyberSafeKY Session at 2010 Tech Day



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2010 Tech Day in Kentucky to Feature Technology-Related Roundtables, CyberSafeKY Session, and ConnectKentucky Technology Awards Presentation

FRANKFORT, KY – Engaging technology leaders from across the Commonwealth, ConnectKentucky will host the 2010 Tech Day in Kentucky on February 18 in Frankfort. Events will begin at 10 a.m. (EST). This is the fourth time ConnectKentucky has held the day-long event.

This year's Tech Day in Kentucky will feature a cybersafety training class for parents and children as part of an ongoing partnership among ConnectKentucky, the Kentucky Attorney General's Office, and the Kentucky Department of Education. Called CyberSafeKY, the training will provide children with a basic understanding of the safe use of social network sites and what parents need to monitor their children's use of the Internet.

"The Internet is a wonderful tool, but it can also be a tool for crime," said Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway. "From cyberpredators to cyberbullying, the dangers that exist online are real. Through our CyberSafeKY partnership, we're educating both students and parents across Kentucky about these dangers and how to keep kids safe in today's virtual world."

Topics covered during the session will include cyberbullying, cyberpredators, responsible use of social networking sites, and more. A Lexmark printer distribution for the Franklin County Public Schools will open the event.

Also, 2010 Tech Day in Kentucky will host two roundtable discussions about technology applications, benefits, and use in education delivery and eGovernment in Kentucky.

The technology education roundtable at 1:30 p.m. will feature a group of Kentucky's educational technology leaders including representatives from the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, the Kentucky Community & Technical College System, the Kentucky Department of Education, and Eastern Kentucky University. Participants will learn about the successes of educational technology investments in the Commonwealth, the impact technology is having on educational delivery systems, and the challenges faced in tight budgetary times.

The eGovernment roundtable at 3 p.m. will feature panelists from the Commonwealth Office of Technology, Cisco Systems, Officescape, and Dataseam. This discussion will focus on what it means to incorporate “eGovernment” solutions into government operations and employ Web 2.0 and beyond applications.

In addition to the roundtable events and cybersafety training, ConnectKentucky will announce the winners of the ConnectKentucky Technology Awards at 12:30 p.m. ConnectKentucky is currently soliciting nominations for the four awards, including:

- **Corporate Citizenship Technology Award**, which goes to a company, organization, or foundation that has successfully shaped its mission and business strategy to promote broadband technology adoption in the Commonwealth;
- **Small Business Technology Award**, which goes to a small business that has successfully used broadband technology to broaden its customer reach and provide a positive example of technology use and capabilities in the Commonwealth;
- **Student (secondary) Technology Award**, which goes to a Kentucky high school student who has recognized the benefits of using broadband technology and promotes and implements its use in creative and inspiring ways; and,
- **Student (post-secondary) Technology Award**, which goes to a Kentucky college student who has recognized the benefits of using broadband technology and promotes and implements its use in creative and inspiring ways.

ConnectKentucky encourages nominations from local leaders, schools, non-profits, businesses, and private citizens. Nominations will be taken until **January 30**. A downloadable version of the nomination form is available at <http://www.connectkentucky.org>.

Mail or e-mail your nomination to:
ConnectKentucky
Attn: Donna C. Drury
311 West Main Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
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Other events include an opening reception beginning at 10 a.m. at Hearn Elementary School, 300 Copperleaf Boulevard in Frankfort. The CyberSafeKY training will also be held at Hearn Elementary School. The ConnectKentucky Technology Awards presentation, the roundtable discussions, and the closing reception will be held at the Capital Plaza Hotel, 405 Wilkinson Boulevard in Frankfort.

To attend the events, please RSVP by **February 1** to:

Donna C. Drury
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(502) 875-7501 (office)
(502) 594-8083 (mobile)

In 2009, over 150 people attended the day-long event, which featured roundtables addressing the value of technology in the areas of education, healthcare, telework, and digital citizenship, while highlighting Kentucky's status as a leading broadband state.

For additional information, visit the ConnectKentucky website at www.connectkentucky.org.

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Award Nomination

Nominee: _____ **Category:** _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Reason(s) for Nomination: _____

(Please attach additional information to support nomination as deemed appropriate)

Nominator: _____ **Affiliation:** _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Mail, fax or email your nomination no later than **January 30** to:

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