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## ExxonMobil and the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy Expand Opportunities for Teachers to Attend 2009 Program

*Teachers Can Be Nominated at [www.sendmyteacher.com](http://www.sendmyteacher.com)<sup>2</sup>*

IRVING, Texas--([BUSINESS WIRE](#)<sup>3</sup>)--Exxon Mobil Corporation and the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy today announced a new way for elementary-school teachers to get a chance to attend the 2009 Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy and improve their math and science teaching skills.

Students can nominate teachers from Grades 3, 4 and 5 or urge them to apply for an all-expense paid trip to the Academy's math and science professional development program through [www.sendmyteacher.com](http://www.sendmyteacher.com)<sup>2</sup>, an interactive Web site launched today.

Previously all 600 teachers attending the Academy each year were selected in consultation with local school districts in communities where golfer Phil Mickelson plays on the PGA Tour or where ExxonMobil has operations. For the 2009 sessions, 100 teachers will be selected through the nomination process.

"Since the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy was launched in 2004, we have received an overwhelmingly positive response from the education community," said Rex W. Tillerson, chairman and chief executive officer of Exxon Mobil Corporation (NYSE:XOM).

"Now we are further expanding the opportunity for teachers from across the country to attend this valuable program that will help develop future math and science graduates who will fill a skills gap that is diminishing America's competitiveness."

Developed in conjunction with the National Science Teachers Association and Math Solutions, the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy enables teachers to hone their science and math teaching skills, enhance their curricula and discover innovative new ways to inspire students.

The teachers will spend five days next July at the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, NJ, deepening their understanding of mathematics and science content, building expertise in facilitating student learning through problem solving and inquiry, and using links between math and science that supports student learning and understanding in the classroom.

"Our goal with the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy is to equip teachers with the skills and tools they need to inspire their students in math and science," said Phil Mickelson, who along with his wife, Amy, plays a key role in the Academy. "Amy and I are excited to expand the opportunity for more teachers to attend the Academy and help ignite these teachers' own passion for these subjects."

Teacher applications are due by October 31, 2008. The National Science Teachers Association and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics will convene a panel of math and science experts to evaluate the entries and announce the selections in February 2009.

The 2008 Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy will host more than 600 teachers in Houston, TX, Baton Rouge, LA, and Jersey City, NJ. To date, nearly 1,000 teachers have attended the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy.

To nominate a teacher or to learn more about the program, go to [www.sendmyteacher.com](http://www.sendmyteacher.com)<sup>2</sup>.

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