



## **RTSB7 Workshop Proposal Application**

### **About**

“The state of American education legitimizes some ways of knowledge while marginalizing others. It is modeled on white middle-class logic as its referent which silences subordinate voices and disavows those life experiences that do not fit the mold.” (*Counternarratives. Cultural Studies and Critical Pedagogies in Postmodern Spaces*)

Standardized education is often mismatched with the community’s students’ experience. **Rock The School Bells (RTSB)** is an event that provides a space for youth and students of all ages to participate and engage in a blend of workshops that enhance students’ ability to think critically about current issues in the world as well as their communities, read and write about topics related to their life’s experiences, display effective oral and written communication, and understand the historical and cultural aspects of Hip Hop and its effect on society and education.

Every year, we invite educators, community and arts organizations, dance companies, and artists to participate. **RTSB7** invites proposals for workshops focused on, but not limited to, literary arts, dance culture/styles, graffiti art, Hip Hop history, entrepreneurship, DJing, social justice issues through Hip Hop, the role of women, and the economics of Hip Hop. **RTSB** values the diversity and uniqueness of workshop proposal submissions. As a result, we would highly consider workshops related to **health and fitness, sustainability, career and technical education, environmental awareness, science, usage of technology, and social justice.**

### **Theme**

With the new Center of Innovative Practices through Hip Hop Education and Research (CIPHER) developing at Skyline College, this year’s theme embodies the concept of “cipher”. By definition, the cipher is defined as an informal gathering of emcees, b-boys/b-girls, and/or beatboxers in a circle to jam musically together. In addition, the cipher can be interpreted as the “meeting of the minds” or sharing of knowledge and ideas. In the spirit of the cipher, we are looking for workshops that promotes critical thinking, social action, teamwork, and interpersonal development.

Workshops should be appropriate for all ages ranging from middle school students to college students.

Deadline is **Saturday, January 18, 2014**. Email proposals to Nate Nevado at **nate@rocktheschoolbells.com**.

**\*CALL FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS\***

Date: Saturday, March 1, 2013

Location: Skyline College, San Bruno, CA 94066

Please title your workshop and include brief biographical information for each facilitator, qualification, and a one paragraph description of your workshop (250 words or less) answering the following questions (1-4):

Workshop Title:

Presenters Name(s) and Name(s) of College, Affiliations, Organizations:

- 1) Briefly, what will you cover as your topic?
  - 2) Why is this workshop important and valuable for RTSB?
  - 3) What will participants learn in this workshop?
  - 4) We have a strong interest in a student-centered approach so please indicate how you will involve participants in the discussion.
- \* If available, include attachments or links to previous work that demonstrates knowledge of subject matter.

- 5) Choose one option for workshop room set-up:
- Classroom Style – rows of tables & chairs
  - No Chairs --- open space
  - Chairs Only – no tables

- 6) Your presentation is best suited for an audience of:
- 25---40 people
  - 41---50 people
  - 51---100 people
  - Any amount

- 7) What age range is your workshop suited for:
- 12---15 years of age
  - 15---17 years of age
  - 18---over
  - Appropriate for all ages

8) Please check off any equipment needed for your workshop/presentation.

- Projector
- Microphones #\_\_\_
- Internet Access
- Speakers

9) Attach the following documents to this application upon submission:

- Detailed outline of your presentation agenda
- Copy of all handouts, if any, to be given to workshop participants

10) If your workshop is approved, would you like to have any volunteers to assist you?

- Yes, 1
- Yes, 2
- No, I decline any volunteers.

11) Please also provide facilitator bio(s), photo(s) in high-resolution jpeg format and any affiliated logos in jpeg or tiff format.

12) Primary contact information:

Cell phone #:

E-mail:

Email proposals as a Word Document and email it to: **nate@rocktheschoolbells.com** by **Saturday, January 18, 2014**. Please include full contact information. Please be sure to save a copy of your proposal, as emails do sometimes get lost. We will acknowledge receipt of your proposal within 24 hours.

**NOTE:** Because of the large requests of workshop proposals and the limited workshop slots, we may not be able to accommodate all requests. We recognize that many people and organizations are doing wonderful work with the youth and students so we want to commend you all for your efforts in positively changing our communities.

Questions? Email Nate at **nate@rocktheschoolbells.com**. We look forward to reading your proposals.

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