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### MEMORANDUM NO. 2010-160

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
School Principals

**FROM:** Jim McBride, Ed.D. 

**DATE:** September 10, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Giant Map of Asia

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### INFORMATION TO SHARE

The Wyoming National Guard and The Wyoming Geographic Alliances are offering the opportunity for Wyoming school district superintendents to display the Giant Map of Asia in their districts. This map is on display in Cheyenne during the month of September and available to other Wyoming school districts from October through December 2010. The only expense to the districts will be to take or ship the map to the next district.

Attached is a copy of the announcement and a district sign-up sheet. Please share this information with your staff and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for Wyoming school districts.

Please contact Judy Kallal, Wyoming Geographic Alliance Coordinator, 6215 Deer Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82009, 307-630-2026 or [wga@bresnan.net](mailto:wga@bresnan.net), for further information.

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Attachments

## GIANT MAP OF ASIA RETURNS TO WYOMING

Wyoming has the opportunity to host the Giant Map of Asia at their schools from September 7 through December 17, 2010. The school district's responsibility will be to have locations in which the map can be displayed and used. When it is not in use, it may be folded and put in a corner to allow for other uses in the location. Remember, it is approximately 31 by 41 feet.

The map comes with a trunk full of activities and lesson plans appropriate for K-8, but can be adapted for high school. You may access the lesson plans and learn more about the Giant Maps on the National Geographic website: <http://events.nationalgeographic.com/events/special-events/asia-map/> The lesson plans are easy to follow and take minimal preparation. One person in the school district should be responsible for signing the Use Agreement from National Geographic which may be faxed to WGA at 307 766 3294.

The usual fee to borrow the map from National Geographic is \$450.00 for two weeks. The Wyoming National Guard and the WGA are sponsoring the map free of charge for Wyoming Schools. The ONLY expense for the district is to take or ship the map to the next school district. The school's responsibility is to follow the rules i.e. no shoes, only socks on the map, to inventory the trunk upon arrival and departure and to fill out a short survey about the use of the map. Last year the Giant Map of Asia had a fantastic response from around the state.

Your district may select up to two weeks by placing the same number twice. For example 1 for the week of October 4-8 and 1 for the week of October 11-15. Please email your choices to [wga@uwyo.edu](mailto:wga@uwyo.edu). You will be notified as soon as possible. Please call Caroline at 307-766-3213 or email her at [wga@uwyo.edu](mailto:wga@uwyo.edu) with any questions. If you are unable to reach Caroline, please call the UW Department of Geography 307-766-3311.

WEEK OF	Preference 1-4	School District	Contact Person	Contact's Email
Oct 4-8				
Oct 11-15				
Oct 18-22				
Oct 25-29				
Nov 1-5				
Nov 8-12				
Nov 15-19				
Nov22-26				
Nov 29-Dec 3				
Dec 6-10				
Dec 13-17*				

\*National Geographic will pick up the map at this location. No expense to the district.