

## **SkyLore: A Teacher Workshop**

### Objectives:

- Participate in an activity that will help explain how different cultures developed their own constellations and skylore.
- Share books with astronomical references and brainstorm ways to use literature to teach astronomy concepts.

### Summary of Activities:

#### Activity 1

- Divide people into teams of four. Assign each member of the team a number from one to four.
- Provide each team with a list of information about their culture (i.e., are they farmers? Hunter gatherers? Civilized?) and what is important to them.
- Provide each team with a page from a star map (stars only) which has been divided into four sections labeled one through four. Each team will have the same star map! Ask each person to create a constellation in the section corresponding to their number. Next, have the team get together and share the constellations, and develop a story which includes each constellation.
- Have each team share their star story!
- Compare the stories and see if the other teams can identify what is important about the other “cultures” from their constellations and star stories.

#### Activity 2

- Prior to workshop, have teachers identify fictional literature containing astronomical references.
- Facilitate discussions on how to implement the literature into the teaching of astronomical concepts.