

## 2009-2010 Calendar

### **Board of Directors**

Meets second Wednesday of every other month (January, March, May, July, September, November). The meeting is a sandwich and soda working lunch hosted by a Director.

### **Mentor Team Leaders**

There is a half-day workshop twice a year for all team leaders and team coordinators. This next meeting will be on the morning of August 1, 2009 in the offices of John A Martin Associates. On the agenda: Long range planning, and specific plans for team activities in the new academic year.

### **Palm Desert Reception and Presentation Event, May 28, 2009**

This end-of-year celebration was held once again at the Oliphant Auditorium on the Palm Desert campus of the California State University, San Bernardino. Teams from Riverside County presented their work and rights to four scholarships were awarded.

### **Los Angeles Presentation Event, May 30, 2009**

This end-of-year celebration began at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning, May 30 on the new campus of High School #9 at 450 North Grand Avenue in Los Angeles. Thirteen teams from Los Angeles and Orange counties presented their work and rights to 44 scholarships were awarded.

### **All-Schools Competition**

220 students, parents, teachers and mentors gathered on Saturday morning in November 2008 at the Southern California Institute of Architecture. They designed and built simple bridges spanning 30 inches, using popsicle sticks and glue guns. Trusses were the most common form. Some had arch profiles. All bridges were tested under gradually increasing loads (bricks in a bucket). Prizes were awarded for maximum strength, structural efficiency, and elegance of design. There was food for all. A similar event is planned for academic year 2009-10.

### **Trades Day**

On a Saturday morning February 2009, one hundred students were welcomed by the Electrical Training Institute. This school is operated jointly by the National Electrical Contractors Association and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. It is located in the City of Commerce, southeast of downtown Los Angeles. Students were led by skilled electricians in the building of simple electrical circuits.

A similar event is being planned for academic year 2009-10 at apprentice training facilities in Whittier and Santa Ana operated by the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.