

## VENDOR TRAININGS

**January 9: 9:30-12:00**  
*Dynavox Intro to Series 4*

**January 9: 1:00-4:00**  
*Dynavox Series 4*  
*Advanced Functions*

**February 2, 2007**  
*Dynavox Dream Training*

**February 21, 2007**  
*MeVile to WeVile with Jean Walsh*

**March 23: Microsoft**  
*Accessibility (MARC) training,*  
*3:00-4:30*

PUT THIS ON YOUR  
CALENDAR!  
FRIDAY, APRIL 6  
1:00 – 3:00  
DISTANCE EDUCATION

## Open Labs at ATP 3:30-5:30

January 11, 2007  
*Screen/Text Reader*  
*Technology*

February 8, 2007  
*Assistive Technology for*  
*Seniors*

March 8, 2007  
*Favorite No-tech to Low-tech*  
*Solutions*



Supporting Learning Through Assistive Technology

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We're on the Web!

*See us at*

[www.swaaac.org](http://www.swaaac.org)

## **Mark Your Calendar!**

**February 15 Jim Sanstrum  
presents Web 2.0  
Applications Training**

## **New Resources for SWAAAC**

Check out the Software Demos Download page at [www.SWAAAC.com](http://www.SWAAAC.com).

[www.ATmatch.com](http://www.ATmatch.com).

ATP is involved in helping get a new website up and running for selling and buying used AT equipment. Take a look at [www.ATmatch.com](http://www.ATmatch.com). They are just getting started posting items for sale. Some school districts have already shown an interest in using this site for their surplus and outdated equipment. Some of the equipment might be worth while.

**SWAAAC Yahoo Group** Visit [SWAAAC@yahoogroups.com](mailto:SWAAAC@yahoogroups.com) for a chance to network with other SWAAAC members. Current topics about Life Skills Classes, Key guards for Macs and an interesting website for Assistive Technology online training at ATSTAR.org. Join in and share your expertise and experiences, ask questions, obtain new resources!

## **We Need Your Help!**

We are looking for unique and clever ideas for adapting the classroom and are gathering photos for a large display to show as many classrooms as possible. We also need you to start gathering activities to share in the

classroom. Each SWAAAC team is responsible for submitting an activity for use in the classroom. The deadline for the forms and ideas to be submitted will be April 25 at the team leaders meeting. More information will follow in an email and forms will be posted on the SWAAAC website. Don't forget that there will be **PRIZES** for the best entries!

If you have something fun going on in your classrooms please take a photo and send it to Diane at [Diane.Brians@UCHSC.edu](mailto:Diane.Brians@UCHSC.edu).

### SWAAAC Teams Around the State

Terri Barnes from Pueblo SWAAAC Team reports: We are making it our mission to make sure that every student "has a voice". We have several students (some in high school) who are friendly, social but unable to communicate. So we are doing Step by Step Communicators and the talking photo album has been a huge hit. We are also trying to get the Intellitools Suite in every classroom that has SLIC or multiple handicapped students. It is presently in only 25% of the classrooms. We love the Balanced Literacy Program that goes with it. We also like the Springboard Communication device. We are really looking forward to trying out the Tango. One of the things that I continue to work on is how to make the ACT (SWAAAC) day the most effective. We had an opening meeting and then divided up into assigned teams. Yesterday we accomplished 4 new evals and 4 follow-ups where we knew there were problems.

*Please let us hear from your team to let us know What's Happening around the state!*