

# K-12 Lounge

## RELAX REFLECT CONNECT

THE K-12 LOUNGE OFFERS A WELCOMING SPACE FOR K-12 EDUCATORS TO UNWIND, REFLECT ON THEIR EXPERIENCES, AND ENGAGE IN MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS AND COLLABORATION WITH COLLEAGUES.

### Saturday

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| 2:00-2:30 | AAPT Winter Meeting 101: Making the Most of Your Conference Experience for K-12 Educators | Make the most of the AAPT Winter Meeting! Learn how to navigate sessions, network with peers, and use AAPT resources to boost your teaching. |
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### Sunday

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| 7:45-8:45   | Community on Physics in Pre-High School & HS Education                                      | An open community to stay connected and learn what's happening in pre-high school and high school physics education.   |
| 9:00-10:00  | Topical Discussion: From Frustration to Fascination: Motivating Students Who "Hate Physics" | Swap ideas for reigniting student interest and addressing common misconceptions about physics.   |
| 10:00-11:00 | PTRA: The Physics of Toys   | Create simple toys and explore how connecting play with physics principles can boost student engagement and understanding.                                   |
| 12:30-2:00  | Lunch in the Lounge   | Enjoy a laid-back bring-your-own lunch in the K-12 Lounge! Connect, share ideas, and chat with colleagues in a friendly, informal setting.                   |
| 2:00-3:00   | Topical Discussion: All About AP Physics  | An informal Q&A with AP Physics Development Committee members on course design, resources, and the AP exam process.  |
| 3:00-4:00   | Open Lounge   | Take a break, make connections, and spark new ideas in the K-12 Open Lounge—a place to relax, collaborate, and celebrate the creativity of physics teaching. |

### Monday

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| 9:00-10:00  | PTRA: Bringing Physics to Life Through Literature  | Share and discover ways to use literature to enrich physics instruction and make concepts more meaningful for students.  |
| 10:00-11:00 | Topical Discussion: Teacher Wellness and Sustainability: Avoiding Burnout While Staying Inspired | Create space to talk about managing workload, setting boundaries, and finding joy in teaching physics.   |
| 12:30-2:00  | Lunch in the Lounge  | Enjoy a laid-back bring-your-own lunch in the K-12 Lounge! Connect, share ideas, and chat with colleagues in a friendly, informal setting.   |
| 2:00-3:00   | Pathways to Leadership in AAPT   | Interested in getting more involved with AAPT? Sit down with current leaders to hear their stories, ask questions, and explore pathways to leadership through AAPT committees, sections, and programs. |
| 3:00-4:00   | Open Lounge  | Take a break, make connections, and spark new ideas in the K-12 Open Lounge—a place to relax, collaborate, and celebrate the creativity of physics teaching.   |