



Green Challenges Program

January—Audio and Web Conferencing

Audio and web conferencing is a great way to save the County money and reduce the County's carbon footprint.

This month's Green Challenge, sponsored by the Gunnison County Green Team, is to focus on ways to reduce travel for meetings.

Of course, there are some occasions where a face-to-face meeting is necessary, but for many trainings or meetings, remote conferencing can be a great substitute. Attending or hosting remotely can save you money, time and the environment!

Web Conferencing Training

1. Phone Conference call training.
2. Audio and Web Conferencing system training.
 - a) Web site to setup conference.
 - b) Audio conferencing.
 - c) Web conferencing - Desktop sharing and collaboration.

Training classes in the IT training room – Blackstock Government Building, min class size 4 - max class size 10 (class room is setup with 5 computers and 10 phones), class is expected to be about 1 hour.

Please email training@gunnisoncounty.org to schedule a class according to the below schedule. Other times are available by appointment.

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| • Mon, Jan 10, 10am | • Thur, Jan 20, 2pm |
| • Wed, Jan 12, 9am | • Mon, Jan 24, 2pm |
| • Fri, Jan 14, 2pm | • Wed, Jan 26, 9am |
| • Tues, Jan 18, 10am | • Fri, Jan 28, 10am |

Did you Know?

- In 2009, Gunnison County spent over \$30,000 reimbursing employees for personal vehicle use for meetings, trainings and other travel.
- The World Wildlife Fund's (WWF) report, "Virtual Meetings and Climate Innovation in the 21st Century" estimates that 50% of a company's carbon footprint is from employee travel.
- The new phone system is capable of audio and web conferencing, which could effectively replace the need for much travel.
 - Desktop sharing and remote collaboration.
 - It's about interacting, to get more done.
 - Share, edit, and enhance documents easily.
 - Review documents; pass control to another user so they can edit the document.
 - Someone can't attend a meeting? Record it so they can review it later!
- That 10 trips to Denver emits nearly 1 ton of CO2 emissions, according to assumptions by the US EPA.



In order to become eligible for this month's \$50 drawing, send an email to the Green Team

GreenTeam@gunnisoncounty.org by January 31, 2010 stating:

1. What travel you avoided by attending remotely,
2. What travel you avoided by missing an unimportant meeting altogether,
3. That you attended one of the IT trainings for the use of the phone system for conferencing,
4. That you used the new phone system for conferencing, or
5. What other ideas you might have related to reducing travel for county purposes.

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