



## **TechEd 2008: Get Involved with Birds-of-a-Feather Contribute to Community and Get Rewarded June 3-6 Orlando, FL**

Microsoft Tech-Ed North America 2008 Developers Conference is the Microsoft premier technical education conference just for developers. For four days, you and more than 5,000 of your peers have countless opportunities to learn about the latest cutting-edge technologies from Microsoft. At Tech-Ed Developers, you'll meet people with similar interests and challenges in an open-forum environment that promotes discussion and interaction.

### **Help Us Make the Birds-of-a-Feather Discussions a Success!**

**Birds-of-a-Feather (BOF) Sessions** are discussions led by third-party experts allowing attendees to enjoy free-flowing dialogues about Microsoft and other vendor's products, technologies, and solutions. For Tech-Ed Developers, BOF Sessions are organized and facilitated by INETA, which provides structured, peer-based organizational, educational, and promotional support to the growing worldwide community of Microsoft .NET user groups.

BOF Sessions are suggested and decided on by you. Anyone willing to moderate a session is encouraged to submit a topic. Topics are voted on by you, and then the most popular session submissions turn into BOF Sessions. For more information, including links to submissions and voting:

[http://www.ineta.org/newsletters/2008\\_02.htm#A10](http://www.ineta.org/newsletters/2008_02.htm#A10). **Submission deadline is Wed 4/2/2008 and voting ends Mon 4/7/2008.**

### **Announcing a program to recognize individuals who help make the BOF sessions a success!**

If you sign up to host two sessions and moderate one session OR host three sessions, you will get the following special BOF Volunteer Package including:

- A **TechEd 2008 Day Pass** allowing access to all conference sessions, hands-on labs, meals, etc. on Wednesday 6/4/2008 (20 available on a first-come, first-served basis).
- Special BOF t-shirt.
- From all the volunteers, five of their user groups will get an extra INETA speaker between now and the end of 2008<sup>1</sup>.
- Technology book from a major publisher.
- Attend a special lunch on Wednesday 6/4/2008 for an informal discussion with some technology experts like INETA speakers and individuals from the Microsoft product teams.
- Have access to the BOF team room Wednesday evening before and during the sessions where you can get food and drink, take a break and check in with other volunteers.

#### **What is my role as a Moderator?**

As the moderator for a Birds-of-a-Feather (BOF) session, you are asked to kick-off the topic – perhaps by sharing why you submitted the topic or posing questions to the group – and facilitate the discussion. This is not a presentation. No slides are used in BOF sessions, so there is nothing to prepare ahead of time. The hope is you will provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member in the group has the opportunity to participate.

#### **What is my role as a Host?**

As a session host you oversee the logistics of a session including introducing the moderator, making any announcements, and ensure the session runs smoothly. Details will be provided at the event.

**Contact us at [noram.bofhelp@ineta.org](mailto:noram.bofhelp@ineta.org) to volunteer and make the BOF sessions a success!**

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<sup>1</sup> From all the volunteers, five (5) user groups will be selected on Friday 6/6/2008 to receive an extra INETA speaker event. Multiple volunteers from the same user group will be accepted and increase your odds of being selected. A maximum of one (1) speaker per use group will be permitted. All extra speaker events must be scheduled before 12/31/2008.