

## Check out the following Field Trip Databases and search directories:

Search the [Field Trip Databases](#) for the most comprehensive listing of people and organizations providing distance learning programs. Museums, zoos, performing art centers, health care institutions, civic organizations, education communities, and research centers are just a few of the types of providers you'll find here. And finding them is easy. You can search by name, location, or organization type. Once you find the provider in the directory, you'll find all sorts of information about them including: an organizational summary, a distance learning programming overview, location and contact information, even the technical and logistical requirements needed for connection. Look for programs that are free (if cost, contact Shelley). Find IP/H.323 programs. Look for recommended programs (those recommended by teachers on the Virtual Field Trip Evaluations site hosted by Macomb ISD). You can find programs from content providers outside the U.S. You can also find programs presented in Spanish.

### A. POLYCOM

Visit <http://www.polycom.com/education/>. This database, sponsored by Polycom, Inc., provides easy access to hundreds of programs from content providers such as zoos and museums that offer ISDN or IP based videoconferencing around the world. The programs are listed with description, grade level, cost, preparation information, and other essential skills.

1. Click on the "Content Searchable Database" on the left and it will bring you to a page where you can enter your subject matter. If you enter "whales" for example, under Program Description, it will come back with sites providing content on your subject matter.

### B. NASSAU BOCES DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM

Visit <http://www.nassauboces.org/dln/>. This database of Videoconferencing activities provide interactive, inquiry-based learning activities that align directly with New York State standards, assessments and district curriculum.

### C. SBC VIDEOCONFERENCING DIRECTORY

Search the SBC Videoconference Directory at <http://www.kn.sbc.com/wired/vidconf/directory.cfm>. The SBC Videoconferencing Directory is a free, searchable database of videoconferencing sites of interest to K-12 school, community college, and public library communities. The directory includes contacts, program descriptions, and equipment information for over 1194 sites.

### D. IDSOLUTIONS (membership based)

Visit <http://www.ideasdirectory.com>. IDSolutions' database provides a dynamic, up-to-date comprehensive source for distance learning information and content acquisition. Includes event descriptions, learning objectives,

subject areas, target audiences, program fees and works with content provides to align events to national and state education standards.

### III. Other Content Provider Lists

- SBC Videoconferencing Adventures at <http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/vidconf/adventures.html> -- This is a MUST HAVE for any K-12 educator – is a very terrific “starting point” and sampling of resources to start your own videoconference classroom adventures.
- Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration at <http://www.cilc.org> - CILC's highly interactive Website is more than a Yellow Pages of providers and programs. This "one-stop-shop" allows you to transition from search to discovery to program request to evaluation. Programs, highly recommended by educators, are indicated by a gold star and/or a thumbs up. The site also provides opportunities for collaboration, directories of expert resources, and much more.
- Tandberg: [http://www.tandberg.net/ind\\_focus/education/connections.jsp](http://www.tandberg.net/ind_focus/education/connections.jsp)
- Educational Enterprise Zone from New York Institute of Technology at <http://iris.nyit.edu/~eez/> that provides videoconferencing sites mostly in the New York area.
- Partners in Distance Learning at <http://www.partnersdl.org/> highlights numerous virtual field trips.
- Want to connect outside the United States? Find international programs in the Field Trip Database
- Selected Video Conference Programs, compiled by Berrien County Schools, MN at <http://www.bcisdvc.org/TwoPageSelectedList05.pdf>
- Cleveland Institute of Music – <http://www.cim.edu>
- Project View - <http://www.projectview.org/>
- George Eastman House – [virtualedu@geh.org](mailto:virtualedu@geh.org)