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Teaching



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Outreach

The NMC Educational Communities

Are you or someone you know looking for a low-cost way to get started in virtual worlds?

The NMC offers a wide variety of land parcels in Second Life that are part of the highly-regarded NMC Campus. Each is a custom-designed educational community with lots available for lease exclusively to bona fide faculty, educational departments, or learning-focused institutions.

The land is full-permissions, and can be used for almost any purpose consistent with research or teaching in Second Life. The parcels come in sizes from 1024 sq m to a full sim, 65,536 sq m. Costs are roughly 10 US cents per sq meter per year. This works out to \$100 US per year for the smallest plot (32 x 32; 1024 sq m; 235 prims) and \$800 per year for a midsize plot (64 x 128; 8192 sq m; 1875 prims). Larger plots and full sims are also available; prices for all the various options are detailed on the following page. There are no additional costs beyond the annual lease payment.

Each educational community has a central area which has a number of spaces that all the tenants on the island can share -- these include an amphitheatre, a conference room, a large classroom or other meeting space, a gallery suitable for exhibiting student work, and a well-stocked resource center filled with free tools, work-appropriate clothes, games, scripts, and even curriculum tips.

You can visit several of these communities now in Second Life -- The ones detailed on the cover are all open and no group membership is required to visit. With this announcement, we are opening five brand new communities: *Teaching 5*, *Teaching 6*, *Sciences*, *Mathematics*, and *Arts & Letters*. Those sims each also have large lot options available -- with some as large as a quarter sim!

As noted above, these lots are "full perms" -- you can terra form, attach media, hold events and classes, and build. Some very modest "good taste" restrictions apply -- no buildings taller than 25 meters above ground level are permitted and skyboxes must be placed above 300m, but otherwise, you have complete flexibility. The best part is knowing that your neighbors will always be from bona fide educational institutions, so you'll have a lot in common with all your neighbors right from the start. You'll also be part of the NMC Campus community, a group focused on innovation and creativity.

The annual rental agreement details answers to most questions and is available online at <http://virtualworlds.nmc.org/docs/rental-agreement.pdf>. (Full sims have a similar but simpler agreement -- email me at johnson@nmc.org if you are interested in a full sim rental.) To rent a parcel, no matter what size, simply complete the lease, indicating the size plot you wish, and email to me, or fax it to the number provided, 512 445 4205 (outside the US, dial 00 1 512 445-4205). We will invoice you or take a credit card for the annual fee. Purchase orders are accepted as well.

NMC Virtual Worlds offers the full span of services to support educational institutions in Second Life, and many, including the use of the NMC's extensive campus in Second Life, are free to NMC members. All educational institutions enjoy significant discounts (as much as 10%) on custom development services in Second Life from NMC's Virtual Worlds unit. NMC members enjoy an additional 25% reduction, so many educational institutions qualify for discounts up to 35%!

Please let us know how we might be of help if you are considering a foray into the 3D web.



Dr. Larry Johnson
Chief Executive Officer

Free Services <i>(Limited to NMC Members)</i>	Fixed Rate Services <i>(Limited to Educational Institutions)</i>	Custom Development Services <i>(Discounts for edu (10%) and NMC (25%)*</i>
<p>Use of NMC’s Campus in Second Life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Venues for member events Space for classes and presentations Basic media support for member events SL venue to accompany real life events <p>Advisory Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning considerations Configuration/security Design considerations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land lease plans for educators and institutions <i>(see chart below for pricing)</i> Daily sim rentals for events or overflow <i>(\$250/day)</i> Event management <i>(\$10 per participant with \$250 minimum)</i> Basic terraforming & landscape services <i>(\$1500 per sim)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full-service sim and estate development Full spectrum design services Architectural modeling and rendering Custom terraforming and landscaping RL object replication and modeling Custom scripting & animations Custom avatar creation Property management services <p><i>Detailed proposals provided on request</i></p>

* NMC members who are also educational institutions qualify for cumulative discounts of 35% off standard rates.

Land lease plans for educators and learning-focused institutions

Unit	Dimensions (in virtual meters)	Prims	Annual Payment	Services Included
Large Lots				Basic terraforming, landscaping, subdividing, configuration, and ongoing maintenance; the sim and these services can be folded into a “Special NMC Membership” package — call for details
Full sim	256 x 256	15,000	\$5,540	
Half Sim	128 x 256	7,500	\$3,000	
Educational Communities				Access to common areas, Google Calendar, resource center, security services, and sim maintenance
Quarter Sim	128 x 128	3,750	\$1,500	
8192 sq m	128 x 64	1,875	\$800	
4096 sq m	64 x 64	938	\$400	
2048 sq m	64 x 32	469	\$200	
1024 sq m	32 x 32	235	\$100	

Lots are currently available on *Teaching 5, Teaching 6, Sciences, Mathematics, Outreach, and Arts & Letters*. Other sims will be added as needed — custom island names are also possible for full or half sims — inquire for details. Educational communities consist of 8-10 lease plots on a full sim, arranged around a central common area with a shared amphitheatre, flexible classroom space, conference room, gallery, and resource center which are available to all lessees. Lots sizes of 4096 and above all have significant waterfront.