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Re: Planning the 2012 Newbie Jam
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Yeah, Ed and I had a good discussion yesterday. He's doing a lot to make this happen and we should all thank him for it!

With the conservancy helping advertise, this could become a much bigger event. Last year was bigger than expected, I think. And it could grow a lot this year. We really don't know. It's a big step forward in the end, but the unknowns do add some questions in planning, and we now have a narrower timeline to come up with answers.

I personally thought, that if we do get a lot of people, having one guy in front of 50 or something in a classroom is just not as personal and it's not what most beginners are really looking for, which is to interact personally with more experienced members, ask questions, pick brains, etc. I think maintaining that aspect has to be goal #1.

We'll come up with the most efficient way we can to do that, given time and space constraints, expected attendance, and volunteer support. But in order to do so, we need to answer some questions. Namely:

1. How many volunteers do we have? Volunteers, please raise your hands. I realize this far ahead of time it's tough to commit. Give Ed a best guess. There will be changes later, I'm sure, but probably about as many additions as subtractions, and we can always twist arms if needed. We need a basic estimate for planning purposes. This is extremely important as it determines how much we can do.

2. How many attendees? We're not gonna ultimately answer this one for a while. But if you know you intend to come, let us know ASAP. Again, we won't hunt you down if you back out later. We're looking for basic estimates, the more we know, the better off we are.

3. Attendees, what do you want us to cover? It's likely we'll have room for more topics. How many remains TBD. But as this is all FOR the attendees, the attendees should play a part in determining what they want out of it. Please throw topic ideas out there that you would like to see.