



Getting Started in Second Life®

Discovery Educator Network
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Discovery Educator Network Second Life Guide

- Go to: www.secondlife.com

Get Started!

Membership is FREE!

- Click:

Second Life Registration: Basic Details

Choose Your Second Life Name

Your Second Life name is your unique in-world identity. You're able to create your own first name and select from a wide variety of last names. Please choose your Second Life name carefully, since it can't be changed later.

First name: Last name:

2-32 characters, numbers and letters only

[Check this name for availability](#)

Enter Your Birthdate

Please provide an accurate birthdate for your own protection. We ask your birthdate to verify your account if you ever forget your Second Life name or password.

Month: Day: Year:

(ex: 1990)

Enter Your Email Address

Please use a real email address. We need it to send you an account activation link. We won't give it out to anyone without your explicit permission.

Email:

Enter again for verification:

- Choose your Second Life Name
For your Second Life Avatar, you will need to enter your choice for a **First Name** and select a **Last Name** from the list provided. This name cannot be changed, so give some thought to your name. You can click on “*Check this name for availability.*”
MAKE SURE YOU WRITE THIS NAME DOWN for later use!
- Enter Your **Birthdate**
- Enter Your **Email Address**
- Click on **Continue**.



- Choose the way you want your avatar to look in Second Life. Don't worry – you can change your looks later (most do).
- Choose the way you want your avatar to look in Second Life by selecting one of the provided avatars. You can also choose to skip this step and you will be given a default avatar.
- Click on “***Choose This Avatar.***”

- This part of the registration process requires entering information, such as First Name, Last Name, Gender, Country, Password, Security Question, etc. **MAKE SURE YOU WRITE DOWN THE PASSWORD WITH THE NAME OF YOUR AVATAR YOU CHOSE EARLIER.**



- Next screen will ask you if you want to upgrade to Premium. A free account is adequate for your needs in the beginning. If you find, in the future, that you want to purchase land in Second Life, you can upgrade to a Premium account. At this point, you can click on “***Skip this step.***”
- Once you complete this step, you are finished setting up your account.
- At this point, you need to go to your e-mail address you provided in the registration process for your confirmation email. Follow the instructions in the e-mail to activate your account.

Note:

If you are having difficulty connecting to Second Life, check the following url for System Requirements for Windows, Mac OS, or Linux Systems:

<http://secondlife.com/corporate/sysreqs.php>

SECOND LIFE VIRTUAL WORLD

When you first run Second Life from your computer, you will be prompted to enter your avatar's name (created during the registration process) and your password (name and password you wrote down). You will then be in the Second Life Virtual World on Orientation Island.



For Additional Information on Second Life
Orientation Island and Help Island, check out the Second Life Wiki

http://wiki.secondlife.com/wiki/Orientation_Island_Walk_Through
http://wiki.secondlife.com/wiki/Help_Island_for_Volunteers

Orientation Island

Your virtual existence begins with Orientation Island. There are four areas on the island to visit that will help you develop skills needed in Second Life.

Move – movement skills

Appearance – changing your appearance and clothes

Search – how to search for people, places, and events

Communicate – how to communicate in Second Life.

While you may feel you want to skip Orientation Island, you may want to reconsider as it will greatly accelerate your participation on the main grid.

Help Island

When you feel you want to leave Orientation Island, go to the **EXIT** platform/sign to allow you to teleport to an area called Help Island. Help Island is an intermediate place between Orientation Island and the main grid.

Discovery Educator Network

You can leave Help Island and teleport to the **Discovery Educator Network** building in Second Life. To get to the **DEN**, click on **Search** on the bottom tool bar, click on the **Places tab**, type in **“Discovery Educator Network”** or **“Discovery”** in the **Find** box – **make sure you include the quotes**; otherwise, you will get a very long list of places. Click on the link that shows up for Discovery and then click on the blue **Teleport** button on the lower right-hand side of the window.

Looking For Additional Information...

Discovery Educator Network

Second Life Blog: <http://blog.discoveryeducation.com/secondlife>

Second Life Google Group: <http://groups.google.com/group/den-in-sl?hl=en>

Second Life

Website: <http://secondlife.com>

Blog: <http://blog.secondlife.com>

Wiki: http://wiki.secondlife.com/wiki/Main_Page

Website for Education: <http://secondlifegrid.net/programs/education>

Education Wiki: <http://www.simteach.com/wiki>

Julia Colby's Wiki – Second Life Resources

<http://juliazanglcolby.wikispaces.com/Second+Life>

Beth Knittle's Wiki – Second Life Resources

<http://www.bethknittle.net/pmwiki/pmwiki.php?n=Main.SecondLife>

Second Life QuickTips Video Tutorials

<http://blog.secondlife.com/2008/03/05/13-fresh-video-tutorials-for-your-enjoyment/>

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