

Welcome to the **February 28, 2007** posting to the Education about the Environment Interchange listserv! Any questions, issues, suggestions, or postings should be directed to Allison Brody at: [allison.brody@unlv.edu](mailto:allison.brody@unlv.edu)

### **News/Announcements**

Current statistics for the [www.enviroedexchange.org](http://www.enviroedexchange.org) website: from January 15 through February 15, there were 6,829 successful server requests and 1,139 successful requests for pages. If you would like field trip information for your site or to have your organization posted on the site, please send information to: [allison.brody@unlv.edu](mailto:allison.brody@unlv.edu) or fax to (702) 895-5166, Attn: Allison Brody.

Artist/Naturalist Sharon Schafer is giving a series of lectures, "Walking Among the Emperor Penguins," to share images and experiences gathered after spending 45 days in the Antarctic this past fall (<http://www.skydancestudio.com/newsletter.htm>).

The Blind Center of Las Vegas, the Don't Trash Nevada Program of the UNLV Public Lands Institute and the UNLV Rebel Recycling Program will be collecting monitors, computers, keyboards, printers, computer accessories, printers, printer cartridges, cell phones and cell phone batteries in the white lot of the Thomas and Mack Center between 8 a.m. and noon on Saturday, March 3rd. More information is available by calling 895-3760 or at <http://www.donttrashnevada.org/PDF/blindcenter.pdf> .

Univision Radio (Zulema Santacruz, 284-6425) is sponsoring a women's health and family fair at the East Las Vegas Community Center 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on March 3. About 3000 people are expected to attend. BLM and Friends of Red Rock will have a booth with staff and information in Spanish. If you would like them to distribute your information, contact Gina Mele of Red Rock (515-5355).

Spring Mountain Ranch State Park has posted its spring/summer hiking schedule (<http://parks.nv.gov/smr.htm>).

UNLV's Department of Environmental Studies will host the first nationwide Focus the Nation training session April 6 – 7, 2007 and will feature Project Director Eban Goodstein and Oberlin College Environmental Studies Professor David Orr. Focus the Nation is a national teach-in day on climate change scheduled for Jan. 31, 2008. This educational initiative is coordinating teams at more than 1,000 colleges, universities, high schools, businesses, and faith-based and civic organizations in the U.S. For more information, contact conference coordinators: Amy Miller or John Kanlund (702-774-7019; [ftn@unlv.nevada.edu](mailto:ftn@unlv.nevada.edu))

## **Calendar**

3/1-4/07	Association of Experiential Education West Region 2007 Regional Conference, "Universal Approaches to Experiential Education"	El Capitan Canyon, Santa Barbara, California ( <a href="http://www.aee-west.org">www.aee-west.org</a> )
3/9/07	Partners for Education about the Environment Bimonthly Meeting	9 a.m.-11:30 a.m., NDOW conference room, Vegas and Decatur
3/12/07	CHOLLA Bimonthly Meeting	1 p.m.-3 p.m., Clark County Wetlands
3/29-4/1/07	National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) National Conference on Science Education, "Science: A River of Connections"	America's Center, St. Louis, Missouri ( <a href="http://www.nsta.org/">http://www.nsta.org/</a> )
4/10-12/07	U.S Forest Service Conservation Education Conference, "Kids Outside – Nurturing a Land Ethic"	Madison, Wisconsin <a href="http://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/ce/spring2007conference/index.shtml">http://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/ce/spring2007conference/index.shtml</a>
4/14/07	Step It Up – National Day of Climate Action	<a href="http://stepitup2007.org">http://stepitup2007.org</a>
4/12-4/15	Clark County Fair and Rodeo	Area educators will be exhibiting in the "Explore Your Nevada" tent. For more information, contact Wilisha Daniels at <a href="mailto:wilisha.daniels@nv.nacdnet.net">wilisha.daniels@nv.nacdnet.net</a> .
4/15-22/07	<a href="http://www.eeweek.org">National Environmental Education Week!</a>	<a href="http://www.eeweek.org">http://www.eeweek.org</a>
4/21/07	Summerlin Earthfaire Nearly 75 environmental exhibitors will participate with displays, exhibits, and activities	10 a.m.-4 p.m., Summerlin Centre Community Park, 1800 Town Center Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada
4/27-29/07	2007 Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education Annual Conference, "Connecting with Community Through Outdoor & Environmental Education"	Sierra Outdoor School, Sonora, California ( <a href="http://aeoe.org/conference/spring/2007/index.html">http://aeoe.org/conference/spring/2007/index.html</a> )
5/4-6/07	National Association for Interpretation Region 8 Spring Workshop	Location, Details TBA
5/5/07	SpringFest Several local civic organizations are involved. If interested contact 875-4141	11 a.m.-5 p.m., Spring Mountain Ranch State Park Picnic Area

## **Resources**

"Spirit of the Estuary: Using Art to Understand Ecology" (<http://educators.btneq.org/default.asp?id=76>) is a multi-disciplinary series that addresses wetland environmental issues through the integration of fine art, language arts, science, and social studies. The ultimate goal of the "Spirit of the Estuary" is to create personal stewardship among citizens.

NOMINATE A YOUNG ECO-HERO FOR A \$2,000 BARRON PRIZE! The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes ([www.barronprize.org](http://www.barronprize.org)) seeks nominations for its 2007 awards honoring young people ages 8 to 18 that have shown leadership and courage in public service to people and our planet. Nomination deadline is April 30.

Proposals are being accepted to evaluate the impact of a unique set of healthy lifestyle activities in local settings that support the national HealthierUS Initiative. As part of the Take Action: Healthy People, Places and Practices in Communities Project, the proposed activities should address one or more of the four parts of the HealthierUS initiative: 1) be physically active, 2) eat a nutritious diet, 3) get preventive screenings, and 4) make healthy choices/avoid risky behaviors. The one-year project period will run from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Funding for these activities will be between \$2,000 and \$5,000 and a national evaluation of the project will be conducted. The deadline for receipt of proposals is March 30, 2007. Background information on the project, proposal instructions and forms are attached and also available at <http://www.osophs.dhhs.gov/ophs/HealthyPeople>.

The Volunteer Center of Southern Nevada is offering two free training seminars this month (Fran Smith at 892-2323 or [volunteernevada@cox.net](mailto:volunteernevada@cox.net)): "Advancing Your Board of Directors" (Thursday, March 22, 2007 1:30 to 5:00 pm) and "Fund Development for Board Members" (Friday, March 23, 2007 8:30 am to 11:00 am).

The Captain Planet Foundation (<http://www.captainplanetfdn.org/grants.html>) invites organizations that work with children and young adults to promote understanding of environmental issues to apply for awards ranging from \$250 to \$2,500.

### **Articles/Info**

Two recent items pertaining to the "no child left inside" movement sweeping the nation: USA Today published an article on this issue in November ([http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2006-11-21-no-child-left-inside\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2006-11-21-no-child-left-inside_x.htm)). The article gives examples of some of the initiatives addressing the issue, including the USDA Forest Service's pilot program "More Kids in the Woods." As well, an innovative bill introduced in New Mexico will fund outdoor classrooms from a tax on electronic equipment. This press release (<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/prd/hb1232.htm>) describes the bill and might generate some ideas applicable for Nevada.