

Welcome to the **April 12, 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

News/Announcements

Current statistics for the www.enviroedexchange.org website: from February 15 through March 15, there were 4,223 successful server requests and 837 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 or fax to (702) 895-5166, Attn: Allison Brody.

Artist/Naturalist Sharon Schafer will present "Walking Among the Emperor Penguins" at the Red Rock Audubon Society meeting from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on April 18th. Watercolor prints and photos will also be available for sale, with 25% of any sales donated to our local Audubon Chapter. (<http://www.skydancestudio.com/newsletter.htm>)

Calendar

4/14/07	Step It Up – National Day of Climate Action	http://stepitup2007.org
4/12-15/07	Clark County Fair and Rodeo Area educators will exhibit in the "Explore Nevada" tent	10 a.m.-8 p.m., Clark County Fairgrounds, 1301 Whipple Avenue, Logandale, Nevada, For more information, contact Wilisha Daniels at wilisha.daniels@nv.nacdn.net .
4/15-22/07	National Environmental Education Week!	http://www.eeweek.org
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 (http://aeoe.org/conference/spring/2007/index.html)
4/26-27/07	The Colorado River: Conflicts, Concerns and Challenges Sponsored by The Colorado River Commission of Nevada; OLV is helping organize this conference	Tuscany Suites and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada (http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaaid=129852)
5/4-5/6/07	National Association for Interpretation Region 8 Spring Workshop	Idyllwild County Park Nature Center, Idyllwild, California (http://www.interpnet.com/download/R8-RIW2007.pdf)
5/5/07	SpringFest	11 a.m.-5 p.m., Spring Mountain Ranch State Park Picnic Area, 875-4141
5/5/07	Spring Fling	10 a.m.-3 p.m., Red Rock Canyon National Recreation Area
5/26-28/07	Black Rock Rendezvous Spend Memorial Day Weekend in Northern Nevada, where groups come	Gerlach, Nevada (http://blackrockdesert.org/blackrockrendezvous)

	together to celebrate and educate on everything Black Rock Desert	
6/2/07	National Trails Day	Spring Mountains National Recreation Area (http://www.getoutdoorsnevada.org/events.htm)

Resources

The National Park Service Interpretative Development Program and the Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands of Indiana University has launched a new training site for interpretation (www.interptraining.org) for NPS employees, partners, volunteers, state parks, etc. The new Foundations of Interpretation is the first course to become available. It is offered free of charge and introduces interpreters and managers to the purpose, practice, and theory of interpretation. Additional courses covering each of the ten NPS benchmark interpretive competencies will be posted as they are developed and available for a small registration fee.

Captain Planet Foundation (<http://www.captainplanetfdn.org/grants.html>) provides small grants in the amount of \$250-2,500 for projects that: promote understanding of environmental issues; focus on hands-on involvement; involve children and young adults (6-18); promote interaction and cooperation within the group; and/or help young people develop planning and problem-solving skills. NEXT SUBMISSION DATE: September 30, 2008 (submissions are accepted 4 times per year).

The April 2007 Hands on the Land newsletter is now available (http://www.handsontheland.org/articles/data/April_07_newsletter.pdf). Take note of the Upcoming Events so that you can participate in National EE Week and nominate your site's volunteers to receive a Take Pride in America award.

Liftoff with Math 2007 -- UNLV's Careers in Space Math Camps for high school and middle school students (http://edoutreach.unlv.edu/pdfs/math_liftoff.pdf). High School Camp: June 18-23; Middle School Camp: June 25-30.

Prizes will be awarded for films and video that show environmental progress for the Film Festival held in conjunction with the North American Association for Environmental Education's annual conference in November 2007 (www.naaee.org). Deadline to enter: April 30, 2007.

SeisMac 2.0 is a free seismograph application (software-only tool) that turns your Macintosh laptop into a powerful, three-axis seismograph (<http://www.suitable.com/tools/seismac.html>).

Author Richard Louv's testimony on "No Child Left Inside" can be viewed in the attached PDF.

The Promise of Place Web site (<http://www.promiseofplace.org/>), a project of the Center for Place-based Learning and Community Engagement, offers program ideas, case studies, research, links, and evidence you need to launch or strengthen your place-based education work.

Articles/Info

The Best Practices subcommittee of Partners for Education about the Environment is tasked with reviewing best practices in creating and delivering educational programs. The second installment of the series **Best Practices Review Summaries**, Experiential Programs, is attached in PDF format.