

Welcome to the **June 10, 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

Nevada Humanities (www.nevadahumanities.org) is hiring a Program Manager for Outreach and Development. This position will be responsible for carrying out the programs and policies of Nevada Humanities in southern Nevada. See attached job description.

Nevada Department of Wildlife (ndow.org) has Conservation Educator position openings. Contact Kristina Ross, Dept of Wildlife Human Resources, 775-688-1522.

Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area (BLM Nevada, Las Vegas Field Office) has two Park Ranger position openings through the Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP) hiring process. The student internships are for college-level students only. Announcement Number: BLM-NV-07-STEP-006; Occupational Series/Grade: GS-0025-05; Hourly Rate: \$13.83 hourly. Closing Date: June 11, 2007.

Nevada Outdoor School (www.nevadaoutdoorschool.org) has several Vista position openings to fill, including Tribal Liaison, Curriculum Developer, and Special Events Coordinator.

Calendar

June 8, 9, and 10	World Ocean Day at Shark Reef (Mandalay Bay)	Free Behind-the-Scenes tours for locals. Contact 632.4555 or see attached flyer.
June 12-16 (3 rd -4 th grade) and June 26-30 (5 th -8 th grade).	Nevada Outdoor School Summer Adventure Camp	An indoor and outdoor science camp that explores ecological concepts and offers activities such as orienteering, wilderness survival skills, backpacking, and falconry. (http://www.nevadaoutdoorschool.org/summer_programs.htm)
June 29-30	Southern Nevada Homeschool Convention	5825 Eldora Ave., Las Vegas NV 8914. http://www.snvhomeschoolconvention.com/
July 22-26	Project Archaeology Workshop	Five-day workshop at Camp Success near Ely, NV. Participants will be certified in Project Archaeology and receive student and teacher curriculum materials. Contact Martha Braddock, 775-289-1802, martha_braddock@nv.blm.gov .
July 30-August 3	Lamoille Institute for Educators	Professional development experience for teachers and other educators. (http://nnrec.org/profdev/life/2007/2007LIFE_flier.pdf). This year's theme is water and wetlands.
September 29 - 30	Conference: Kaleidoscope of Early Culture in Las Vegas	Explore the history of the Las Vegas Valley from early American cultures to Anglo-European settlers. Sponsored by the Nevada Council for History Education (see attached flyer). For more information, contact Linda Miller at 492-7742.

Resources

Where children live significantly affect their chances for success in life, according to the analysis by the Editorial Projects in Education (EPE) Research Center, which based its analysis on its new "Chance-for-Success Index." The index tracks state efforts to connect education from preschool through postsecondary education and training and the results are available in *Quality Counts 2007: From Cradle to Career, Connecting American Education From Birth to Adulthood*, produced by *Education Week* with support from the Pew Center on the States. The report is available online at <http://www.edweek.org/go/qc07>.

National Gardening Association Invites Entries for the Youth Garden Grants Program (http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.html;jsessionid=K2Z0BKE500Y2TTQRSI4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=179300044). U.S. schools and community organizations with new or established outdoor garden programs for youth between the ages of 3 and 18 will be awarded gift cards valued at up to \$500 for the purchase of gardening materials and supplies. Deadline: November 1, 2007.

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is soliciting applications for the Nature of Learning Grant Program (http://www.fws.gov/refuges/education/natureOfLearning/pdfs/NOLrfp_3-2-07.pdf). Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for collaborations, standards-based programs, stewardship projects, and community-based projects.

Death Valley National Park and Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge have created a curriculum-based program for Nevada's 3rd and 4th grade teachers: "The World of the Small – Pupfish" (<http://www.nps.gov/deva>). Contact Christina Nalen, Education Specialist, Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge (775/372-5435, christina_nalen@fws.gov) or Nancy Hadlock, Education, Specialist, Death Valley National Park (760/786-3226, nancy_hadlock@nps.gov).

Articles/Info

New Field Guide for Educators: No Student Left Indoors is a new book by Jane Kirkland, author and publisher of the Take A Walk® series of nature adventure books. This is a guide for K-8 grade teachers to create an interdisciplinary nature-study in any schoolyard. Stillwater Publishing, June 2007 (<http://www.takeawalk.com>).