

Welcome to the **July 9, 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 May 15 through June 15, there were 3,783 successful server requests and 1,000 successful requests for pages. If you would like field trip information for your site or your organization information posted on the site, please send information to: allison.brody@unlv.edu or fax to (702) 895-5166, Attn: Allison Brody.

The Public Lands Institute is hiring an Americorps/Vista Volunteer position (<http://publiclands.unlv.edu/>) to help coordinate and plan several projects, including the Nevada Certificate Program for Environmental Education and Interpretation, and the Our Places Tell Stories conference.



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Siegfried and Roy's Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat will be hosting the second annual Educator Appreciation Day on August 15, 2007. Approximately 600 teachers are expected to attend. If you are interested in hosting a table at the event, provide information, and/or donate a prize for the raffle, please contact Missy or Amy at 702.792-7980.

Siegfried & Roy's Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat announces the birth of a healthy 25-pound baby boy dolphin named Sgt. Pepper, born on June 8, 2007.

Nevada Cancer Institute is available to give presentations regarding Sun Safety, Wellness and Nutrition, and other Cancer prevention and screening information to your companies/organizations. Contact Jenny Quade, Partnership Coordinator, (702) 822-5299.

Calendar

July 13	Partners for Education about the Environment	Bimonthly meeting, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Springs Preserve, tour and presentation. allison.brody@unlv.edu for more information.
July 19	Partners for Environmental Cultural Connectedness	Monthly meeting, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. SNWA (Charleston and Valley View, room tba), allison.brody@unlv.edu for more information.
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 11	CHOLLA	Bimonthly meeting, 1:00 – 3:30, Las Vegas Natural History Museum. Presentation on Nevada Certificate

		Program for Environmental Education and Interpretation.
September 10 – Nov. 23	Applied Environmental Education Program Evaluation and Fundamentals of Environmental Education	On-line courses designed for environmental educators, natural resource professionals, and those interested in education about the environment (http://www.uwsp.edu/natres/rwilke/eetap/).
September 12 - October 10	Astronomy from the Ground Up	National Science Foundation-sponsored online astronomy workshop for nature center and other informal educators. Applications are being accepted for this FREE online workshop at http://astrosociety.org/afgu/distance.html , 415-337-1100 x102
September 24- 27	North American Weed Management Association's 2007 Annual Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada	This year's focus is The Influence of Urban/Wildland Interface on Expanding Invasive Plant Communities. Information and registration at NAWMA's website (http://www.nawma.org/title_page.html).
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

The USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Research Station, Wildland Recreation and Urban Cultures division has released the July 2007 Recreation Research Update (No. 61).



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According to a [Kaiser Family Foundation](http://www.kaiserfamilyfoundation.org) study, children 8 to 18 spend 6.5 hours a day watching television or engaged with some form of electronic media. The National Wildlife Federation is actively encouraging parents and their kids to take a “Green Hour” each day for unstructured play and interaction with the natural world (<http://greenhour.org/>).

Greenhelpline.com has been designed to help British consumers reduce their carbon footprint. The website designers plan on influencing half a million homes to switch to green energy and other sustainable practices. (<http://www.planetark.com/dailynewsstory.cfm/newsid/42708/story.htm>).

Flourescent light bulbs are energy efficient, but do contain mercury. The Association of Lighting and Mercury Recyclers (<http://www.almr.org/>) has lots of information on safe removal and recycling bulbs.

Articles/Info

Partners for Education about the Environment has long recognized the issue of a lack of a common language. We've even struggled to find universal definitions for such widespread terms as “environmental education.” The National Association for Interpretation, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Institute of Learning Innovations, and the EPA has tackled this issue and has revealed the newly launched Definitions Project website (<http://www.interpnet.com/definitions/>). The Definitions Project hopes to bring “together federal agencies, professional organizations, and other NGOs in a collaborative discussion that will lead to the development of common vocabulary and establish the basis for future collaborative works.”

The Campaign for Environmental Literacy (<http://www.fundee.org/>) hosts an interesting website that touches on some of the effects of the No Child Left Behind Act, definitions, and lots of research related to environmental literacy.