



North Coast CREEC Network



Focus on Mendocino County

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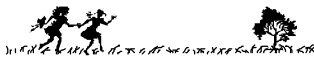
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Welcome to the North Coast California Regional Environmental Education Community (CREEC) Network's **"Focus on Mendocino County"** first print newsletter! Please E-mail Olga Clymire, Coordinator, North Coast CREEC Network at olganc@pacific.net for your recommendations for future newsletters.



This section of the newsletter will provide information about environmental education (EE) and environment-based opportunities for teachers in Mendocino County. Also see the **Online Resource Directory** at www.creec.org click on "Resource Directory" and then search by topic or EE providers in your county.

The Redwood Valley Outdoor Education Project (RVOEP) is a community-supported project of the Ukiah Unified School District. Located on 45 acres of mixed woodlands, the RVOEP provides outdoor environmental education field trip programs that support CA Science Standards and provide hands-on learning experiences that develop a sense of stewardship and an understanding of the interrelationships that exist in our local ecosystems. Specific programs are aligned with grade level curriculum. Descriptions of field trip and classroom programs, special workshops, and examples of student work are provided on: www.rvoep.org or contact: Helen Menasian, 485-0690 ext. 138 (leave message) E-mail: hmenasian@uusd.net



Free Curriculum Available on Recycling & Waste Reduction. Visit the California Integrated Waste Management Board's (CIWMB) Website www.ciwmb.ca.gov/schools/curriculum for an overview of free curriculum that encourages "reduce, reuse, and recycle." Offerings include *Closing the Loop*, a popular, hands-on guide for K-6 and *The Worm Guide: A Vermicomposting Guide for Teachers*. High school teachers will find *Earth Resources – A Case Study: Oil* to be an engaging curriculum, with most lab materials provided free of charge. For curriculum requests or questions call 916-341-6769. For information about starting or expanding a school waste reduction program, call 916-341-6199 or visit <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/schools/WasteReduce/>



The Mendocino Woodlands

Residential Outdoor Science School offers four and five day programs in the spring for school students in the 4th through 8th grades. Students stay in cabins and study in small field groups of 10 students with one teacher/naturalist while they explore the rich variety of ecosystems found at the park. Tuition is very reasonable. There is no fee for teachers or cabin leader volunteers. Programs can be requested for the fall. Contact: Jeanne Coleman, Education Program Director at 707-937-5755 or visit www.mendocinowoodlands.org.

Point Cabrillo Lightkeeper's Association in Mendocino County offers field trip programs to teachers of grades 1-5 that illustrate people's relationship to the land. These programs are correlated to California State Standards in Social Science, History and Science and are described in detail on our website www.pointcabrillo.org. Trips for older students are available on request. Point Cabrillo Lightkeeper's Association also offers workshops in Project WILD Aquatic, Project WET, or Project Learning Tree for teacher groups. Contact the Education Manager at Point Cabrillo Lightstation and Nature Preserve at 707-937-0816.

"Water Quality Service Learning Program" introduces 4th – 6th grade teachers to innovative student-centered science investigations focused on California's polluted runoff. Sponsored by the California Water Boards, the downloadable lesson plans are aligned to California Content Standards and support the Education and the Environment Initiative – a unified strategy to bring education about the environment into California schools. Online teacher support is available. Visit and view the webcast training video at <http://www.waterlessons.org/>

Another Grant Opportunity

California Department of Fish and Game Fisheries Restoration Grants Program has funds available for education and technical education projects focusing on salmon and steelhead. For more information, visit www.dfg.ca.gov/nafwb/fishgrant.html or contact: Christine Ramsey, 707-725-1027 or cramsey@dfg.ca.gov.

