



North Coast CREEC Network

Focus on Mendocino County

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This newsletter provides information about the CREEC Network and environmental education opportunities for teachers in **Mendocino County** and is published by the North Coast California Regional Environmental Education Community (CREEC) Network, sponsored by the California Department of Education.

The CREEC Network's purpose is to increase and improve environmental education (EE) in California classrooms by linking educators with high quality resources. The **Online Resource Directory** is designed to be used by teachers to identify and select EE programs and resources for themselves and their students.



Please visit www.creec.org and click on "Resource Directory" and then search by topic or other criteria to locate a resource.

The North Coast CREEC Network (Region 1) serves five counties: Sonoma, Mendocino, Lake, Humboldt, and Del Norte. The North Coast CREEC website provides information on **local** programs, events, and opportunities as well as statewide grants, contests, and other EE resources. Please visit www.creec.org/Region1 to locate a calendar of events, grants, free teacher resources, website links by topic, and previous copies of newsletters.



Light It Right – A CFL Fundraiser for Schools

Many elementary schools in Mendocino County are eligible to participate in a Compact Fluorescent Lamp (CFL) fundraiser early next fall. While making money for school activities, students make a difference for the environment. CFLs are provided by PG&E without charge to the schools and therefore all the money raised belongs to the classes or the school that participate. A



one-hour Light it Right orientation meeting at the school site along with an educational guide for teachers and an activity book for students are part of this fundraiser. Brochures for parents that explain the saving to households and the benefits to the environment are provided. For more information contact Olga Clymire olganc@pacific.net; 707-263-7249.

A Solar Schools Workshop for K-12 Teachers is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16 from 8:30 am to 3 pm in Fort Bragg. The location is to be announced. Substitute teacher costs will be covered and lunch



provided. This workshop is activity packed, providing the most up-to-date information on all aspects of energy, such as sources of energy, efficiency, and impacts. Workshop attendees receive a \$400 Science of Energy kit, a \$350 Solar Energy kit, and curriculum. Register online www.need.org/pgesolarschools; for further information contact NEED at 800-875-5029 or email Barry Scott, PG&E Solar Schools Coordinator at bscott@need.org.

Student Energy Patrols Are Good for the Environment.

Get your students involved in a hands-on program monitoring the energy your classroom and school uses by attending an energy patrol orientation workshop. By attending this 90-minute workshop grade 4-8 teachers will discover how to conduct a patrol and receive without charge two videos, an energy patrol handbook, and other educational materials. Workshops can be scheduled at a school site as long as at least six teachers attend. To schedule a free workshop at your school, contact Olga Clymire at olganc@pacific.net or 707-263-7249.



"Water and Energy Use in California" is

a new middle school curriculum produced by the California Department of Water Resources and is available for a free download in PDF format at www.owue.water.ca.gov.



Disney's Environmentality Challenge for 3rd - 5th Grade Teachers and Students. Third- through fifth-grade classes are invited to submit the Environmentality Pledge this fall. Fifth-grade classes may submit the pledge and participate in the project component which is due in spring 2008. State Content Standards can be incorporated into the project by using the environment as a context to strengthen students' skills and knowledge in science, mathematics, and language arts while the students learn meaningful environmental concepts. For more information, go to www.jceckids.org or call 800-290-0299 for FREE environmental education resource materials.