



North Coast CREEC Network



Focus on Lake County

Region 1 Newsletter

February 2006

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



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

An A+ Energy Education Workshop to assist K-12 teachers in writing grants for 5K or 10K will be held on February 23 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm in Lake County Office of Education's Kesey Room. Free energy education materials and a CFL lightbulb will be given to each participant. Grant applications are due April 7, 2006. For more information about the grant go to www.aplusforenergy.com/. To register for the workshop contact Olga Clymire at 263-7249 or olganc@pacific.net by February 21, 2006.

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 <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/nafwb/fishgrant.html> or contact: Christine Ramsey at 707-725-1027 or cramsey@dfg.ca.gov.



The McLaughlin Reserve, 14 miles east of Lower Lake and operated by University of California, Davis, is available to K-12 teachers and students as a site for day or overnight field trips in environment-based education (natural sciences, art, language arts). The Reserve also offers educators an opportunity to work with local scientists to gain experience in ecological research. The field station can be booked by groups (of less than 20 people) needing a natural setting for meetings, retreats, or workshops. Contact Cathy Koehler to discuss field trip needs or goals at 995-9005; koehler@ucdavis.edu.

Fifth-grade teachers can sign-up for a free WaterWise™ Program that educates their students and their families about water conservation. The WaterWise™ Program in Lake County is sponsored by Lake County Special Districts and is provided free to participating fifth-grade teachers and their students. The curriculum includes fun, real-life activities and reinforces the California Content Standards. Each participating student will be provided with a WaterWise™ Kit, which contains measurement tools, educational materials, and high quality water saving products. These kits are taken home and shared with parents, creating a family learning experience with a goal of changed habits and quantifiable water savings that will have a positive impact on the community for years to come. For more information on how to sign up for this program call Peggie King at Lake County Special Districts 263-0119.



The Mendocino Woodlands Residential Outdoor Science School, offers four- and five-day programs in the spring for students in the 4th through 8th grades. Students stay in cabins and study in small field groups of 10 with one teacher/naturalist as 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. Visit www.mendocinowoodlands.org or call Jeanne Coleman, Education Program Director, at 707-937-5755.

Junior Duck Stamp Program and Art Competition for grades K-12 is sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Each year, students are invited to create duck stamp drawings to show what they have learned about wetlands habitat and waterfowl conservation. These drawings can be entered into the annual Junior Duck Stamp art competition prior to March 15, 2006. In addition to the contest information, a curriculum guide to teach conservation through the arts, filled with lessons about creating field journals, observing wildlife, stamp collecting and much more, is available on the website <http://www.fws.gov/duckstamps/junior/junior.htm>. Teachers can obtain a free 2006 Duck Stamp Calendar from Olga Clymire 707-263-7249; olganc@pacific.net.

