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Environmental Education is Alive and Well!

Welcome to the Fall edition of the CREEC newsletter. We hope that you are enjoying a new “crop” of motivated students. You may notice a few changes this year in CREEC Region 6. Conni Bock is now the coordinator for San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties, and Wendy Harrison is adding Tuolumne County to her duties that include Calaveras and Amador Counties. We will miss Tricia Dunlap, who has moved on to new career challenges. Our contact information can be found on page 2.

There is no question that we are living and working in challenging times. Slashed budgets, economic uncertainty, and many diverse issues are facing us as educators and citizens. The good news is that environmental education is alive and well in our region. There are many high-quality environmental education resources and opportunities available to teachers through CREEC in Region 6. I hope you will take a few moments to read these pages and learn about local workshops and events, as well as grants and contests that will support your efforts in the classroom. Be sure to visit our webpage www.creec.org/region6 for the most up-to-date news.

Free Salmonids in the Classroom Teacher Workshops

Come learn how you can raise salmon or trout with your students.

October 21 from 4:30 - 8:30 P.M. in Turlock (dinner provided)

October 28 from 4:30 - 8:30 P.M. in Sonora (bring your own dinner)

For more information and to register call (209) 853-2533 ext. 8# or email gdavis@dfg.ca.gov or shoover@dfg.ca.gov



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An Evening of Geocaching with Teacher Monika Riedel

Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. Come experience the basics of geocaching and learn about the many ways to use this hands-on engaging activity with your students.

Monday, October 26 from 4:00 -7:00 P.M. at Michelson Elementary School in Murphys Preregister by October 21. \$15.00 fee includes dinner, instruction, and materials.

Contact Wendy Harrison at wharrison@ccoe.k12.ca.us for more details, or download the flyer from this link:

<http://wwwstatic.kern.org/qems/region6b/Geocachingworkshop.pdf>

Delta Sierra Region 6 Workshops & Events

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DELTA Studies Institute, San Joaquin Office of Education

Delta Studies is an engaging California standards-based curriculum centered upon the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The Institute includes a day-long tour of the Delta and two workshops throughout the school year. Stipend of \$200 and unit of credit offered.

For PDF flyer on the DELTA Studies Institute click **DSflyer**

For information on the DELTA Studies curriculum,

visit <http://imeet.sjcoe.net/deltastudies/>



Free Professional Development Training for Educators **Fresh Fruits and Vegetables: A Centerpiece for a Healthy School Environment** Part I – Fall/Winter Season

This FREE, two-day training provides tools to support an increase of fresh fruits and vegetables on school campuses through interactive and skill-building activities. Topics covered include garden enhanced nutrition education, greening school campuses, safe culinary skills from garden to classroom, and more!

The trainings will take place in ten locations throughout California from October through early December. Check the link below to find a workshop that fits your needs.

To register now, go to or click on www.lifelab.org/ffv.php or contact Deborah Beall, CA Dept. of Education at dbeall@cde.ca.gov.

Registration ends two weeks prior to each training date.

Save the Redwoods League is proud to announce a new suite of online resources to support you in your **Redwood Education** efforts. Help the League protect the magnificent coast redwoods now and in the future--use our kit to teach your students about the Earth's tallest beings. Receive a gift when you upload photos onto our online gallery. The FREE kit is now live at www.education.savetheredwoods.org/kit/index.html

The League contributed research and other information for National Geographic's magazine article and documentary *Explorer: Climbing Redwood Giants*. The program chronicles Mike Fay's 1,800-mile on-foot transect through the coast redwood range. To complement this amazing work, the League has developed education materials useful to K-12 teachers, environmental educators and interpretive naturalists.

2010 Youth Garden Grants Program

<http://www.kidsgardening.com/YGG.asp>

Deadline: November 2, 2009

National Gardening Association (NGA) and The Home Depot award Youth Garden Grants to schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs. In evaluating grant applications, priority will be given to programs that emphasize one or more of these elements:

- educational focus or curricular/program integration
- nutrition or plant-to-food connections
- environmental awareness/education
- entrepreneurship
- social aspects of gardening such as leadership development, team building, community support, or service-learning

Applicants must plan to garden in 2010 with at least 15 children (ages 3 – 18 yrs).

PLT Greenworks! Service-Learning Grants

Deadline for proposals: October 31, 2009

http://www.plt.org/cms/pages/21_22_21.html

GreenWorks! grants engage Project Learning Tree educators and their students with their local community in “learning-by-doing” environmental projects. Student leadership, service-learning, and community participation are the cornerstones of GreenWorks! projects. These grassroots action projects enable schools and youth organizations across the country to make a positive impact on their communities. Two awards categories are available:

\$250 - \$1,000 GreenWorks! Grants and \$1,001 - \$5,000 GreenWorks! Grants

Target Field Trip Grants Program

<http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031880>

Deadline: November 3, 2009

As part of the Target commitment to supporting education, Target Field Trip Grants program will award 5,000 grants of up to \$800 each to U.S. educators to fund a field trip for their students. Target Field Trip Grants may be used to fund trips ranging from visits to art museums and environmental projects to cultural events and civic experiences. Education professionals who are at least 18 years old and employed by an accredited K-12 public, private or charter school in the United States that maintains a 501(c)(3) or 509(a)(1) tax-exempt status are eligible to apply.

The Get to Know Contest has been Canada's most exciting and impacting nature art contest since 2000. The contest, recently launched in California for the first time and currently accepting entries, is an invitation for youth (age 18 and younger) to go outside to "get to know" their wild neighbors, and then to share their experience with the world by creating an original work of art, photography, or writing and then entering their creation in the contest. The winning entries will be published in the 2011 Robert Bateman Get to Know Contest Calendar, on the Get to Know website, and through our contest partners. Winners will receive numerous prizes and VIP invitations to special events. **Entries accepted until November 30, 2009.** For details visit www.gettoknow.ca/us/contest

Grants and Contests

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Environmental Education Grants available to San Joaquin County Teachers

Deadline November 2, 2009.



Grants of up to \$250 will be awarded for environmental classroom projects and field trips. For more information and application form, email Conni Bock at cbock@sjcoe.net or click

[SJ Earth Day Grants](#)

Disney's Planet Challenge Registration Closes December 18, 2009

Portfolio Deadline: February 26, 2010 <http://www.Disney.com/planetchallenge>

Disney's Planet Challenge is a project-based environmental competition for fourth through sixth grade classrooms. The cross-curricular program empowers classrooms to make a difference in their homes, schools, and communities and prompts students to think and act responsibly toward the environment while fostering teamwork, problem solving skills, and lifetime love for learning.

The grand prize-winning classroom will win a three-day trip to the Disneyland® Resort May 6–8, 2010, a chance to meet a Disney Channel star, and the class and its winning project may be featured on the Disney Channel. Up to 55 classrooms will win additional prizes, including \$1,000 - \$2,500 grants, Disney DVDs, student eco-friendly prize packs and more. Prizes from NSTA include a one-year membership to the teacher/coach of each winning team, and an expense-paid trip to NSTA's 2011 National Conference on Science Education in San Francisco for the grand prize-winning teacher/coach where he or she will be recognized at a special banquet and awards ceremony.

Whale Tail Grants Program

Postmark Deadline: November 16, 2009

<http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/plate/plgrant.html>

The WHALE TAIL® Grants Program distributes funds from sales of the WHALE TAIL® License Plates. The grants support programs that teach California's children and the general public to value and take action to improve the health of the state's marine and coastal resources.

Categories of Grants: The WHALE TAIL® Grants Program funds projects that fall into any one of the following three categories: 1) Adopt-A-Beach programs; 2) Youth programs; 3) Programs for the general public.

This grants program focuses on reaching communities that are currently poorly served in terms of marine and coastal education. Available Funding: A total of \$352,000 will be distributed. Applicants may request any amount up to \$50,000, and 25-50% of the funding will be allocated in small grants under \$10,000.

Applicants must be either a non-profit organization or a governmental entity.

Education and the Environment Initiative

The California Integrated Waste Management Board, Office of Education and the Environment has announced that the Final Draft Education and the Environment (EEI) curriculum is currently posted for public review and comment. The Secretaries will submit the materials to the State Board of Education for approval in January 2010. The public is invited to submit comments regarding the EEI curriculum at [EEI Public Review](#). For additional information about EEI, please visit the [EEI website](#).