

Nevada Natural Resource Education Council Newsletter & Conference Registration

Fall 2003

Conference!

NNREC's statewide environmental education conference will occur September 27, 2003 at the Donald W. Reynolds Non-profit Center in Incline Village, Nevada. This newsletter includes some detail about the conference, including a flier, workshop details, and a registration form. Please help us by posting the flier in your place of work, letting your friends know, and of course attending yourself. For the first time, online registration and payment is offered.

Board Report

Three members were elected to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting in July: Shirley Pollock Chris Miller, and Stephanie Lefevre from Winnemucca. Craig Rock, Anga Rebane and Dan Allison continue in the second year of their terms. Shirley serves as Chair, Dan as Vice Chair, Anga as Secretary and Craig as Treasurer.

The board has been meeting about once a month, but we are looking forward to a less frequent schedule. Our next board meeting is September 10, and we'll meet at Anga Rebane's house in Incline Village. You can read board minutes at <http://nnrec.org/about/minutes/>.

Meetings of the Board of Directors are always open to members. You can come to get involved or just to see what's going on. Guests have a chance to talk about their activities and passions during an open roundtable. Meetings dates, times and locations are posted on the web site calendar, and a meeting agenda is available at <http://nnrec.org/about/minutes/>.

Chapters?

A formal meeting in the north in January, and informal discussions in the south, came to the conclusion that chapters were not desired

at the present time. A number of people expressed that they would like to focus on strengthening the state organization before reconstituting chapters.

Membership

Nearly all of the people receiving this newsletter are not current members. Though many of our projects are funded through grant money, we receive no outside funding for maintaining the organization, such activities as the web site, the newsletter, meetings, planning the conference, and serving as a leader in environmental education in the state. We really need your membership dues to allow us to fulfill this responsibility. We now offer online membership and payment, at <http://nnrec.org/about/membership.html>, or use page 7 of this newsletter.

We encourage you to become a member of NNREC. The benefits of membership include: voting at the annual meeting to elect the Board of Directors, and in any other matter before the membership including modification of bylaws; nominating persons for election to the Board of Directors; serving on the Board of Directors, if elected, and on standing and ad-hoc committees of the organization, if selected by the Board of Directors; attending conferences and other functions of the organization, for which membership is required; additional fees may be set for the services provided; receiving printed newsletters, usually two per year; membership in the email groups; support of the activities and mission of NNREC; and posting jobs and organizational information on the web site (institutional member).

Access to the web site is of course open to all, and we hope that all environmental educators in the state will take advantage of that resource. Sharing information is at the heart of environmental education.

Individuals, organizations, agencies and businesses may also request complimentary mailing of the newsletter by completing the membership form and checking complimentary. This must be renewed every calendar year, just as with membership.

Project Fire

NNREC sponsored a Project Fire & PLT workshop at Camp Galilee and Nevada Lake Tahoe State Park in May. With our partners the Nevada Division of Forestry and others, 18 teachers, 6 agency and organization staff, and 5 GBOS staff were trained. The workshop was very well received and requests were made for similar opportunities. Funding for this workshop was BLM Project Fire and FS Conservation Education monies made available by Nevada Division of Forestry.

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Great Basin Outdoor School

Great Basin Outdoor School completed its sixth season of residential environmental education program. The six week spring session at Camp Galilee on the southeast shore of Lake Tahoe, served 260 students from six public and private schools in the Reno area and some homeschool students. GBOS will skip the fall season since Clear Creek is no longer available, and offer a longer spring season to host all the interested school. Check <http://greatbasin-os.org/> for more information.

Accomplishments

In addition to the Project Fire workshop, other accomplishments this year include supporting and acting as a fiscal agent for High Sierra Resource Workshop which served twelve high school students in June, participation in Environmental Leadership's Pinecone Ball, planning of an Environment Science 100 summer course for high school students which unfortunately did not take place but has laid the ground for future partnerships with the community colleges, grants to Great Basin Outdoor School and the Water Canyon Project/Nevada Outdoor School activities in Winnemucca, and active participation with NAAEE as the state affiliate organization. We worked with several organizations and agencies including Lake Tahoe Environmental Education Coalition, CHOLLA and CHOLLA North, Washoe-Storey Conservation District, Tahoe Truckee K-12 Adopt-A-Watershed, Nevada Department of Education, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Land Management and USDA Forest Service, and of course our closest partner, the Nevada Division of Forestry. We also made significant progress on creating stability and clear policy for NNREC.

NAAEE News

This year NAAEE has released a draft of the next in the Guidelines for Excellence in Environmental Education series, *Nonformal Environmental Education Development and Implementation*.monitored and supported funding to EPA for environmental education (it is funded for the 2003-2004 fiscal year but the Bush administration continues efforts to eliminate funding for environmental education), continuing work on a national certification program for EE, and co-sponsoring the Fundamental of Environmental Education online course.

Dan Allison, the NAAEE Affiliate Representative, attended the NAAEE Conference last August in Boston, and will attend the conference this October in Anchorage. NNREC has provided partial reimbursement for the Affiliate Rep to attend these conferences, using NDF Conservation Education funds and other sources. NNREC is active in leadership of the affiliate network within NAAEE.

About your label

The label on this newsletter will indicate your membership status: Current, Renew (meaning this is the last mailing on your membership year), and Comp (meaning you have requested a complimentary newsletter for this year – or were added to our mailing list on the recommendation of a friend); and your membership year: 2002 or 2003. Memberships expire at the end of the calendar year.

About NNREC...

Mission

The Nevada Natural Resource Education Council is a statewide not-for-profit organization whose goal is to develop and promote natural resource education in Nevada. The membership is composed of those supportive of the goals of the Council, and includes a diversity of individuals, organizations, and agencies.

Objectives

The specific objectives of the Council are:

- To seek implementation of our state law which mandates environmental education in all Nevada public schools and promises statewide coordination, support, materials, and training
- To promote quality environmental education for the entire citizenry and act as a clearinghouse for public information concerning natural resources
- To enter into partnerships with entities sharing common interests in natural resources to foster resource education

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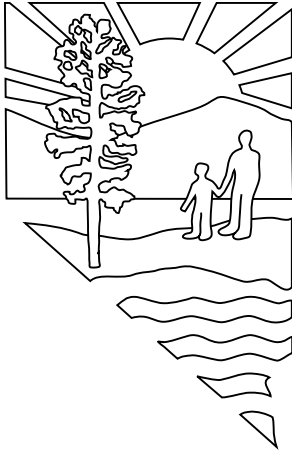
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More information than you ever wanted to know about NNREC is available on the web site at <http://nnrec.org/>. Click on the About link.



Partnerships Ignite Environmental Education NNREC 2003 Statewide EE Conference Saturday, September 27

Donald W. Reynolds Nonprofit Center, Incline Village

About the theme...

Partnerships among all providers and schools enhance environmental education by providing a variety of opportunities, disseminating curriculum and building capacity. We'll look specifically at how we align our efforts.

Keynote Speaker...

Tim Brown, former Executive Director of the Utah Society for Environmental Education, will speak about how USEE implemented unique partnerships in becoming a state and regional leader in environmental education. Tim is inspirational but down-to-earth, and has served as a mentor to NNREC in developing and renewing our leadership in Nevada.

Workshops...

All workshops will have an underlying theme of place-based education, using the Tahoe basin and activities there as an example to take home to all parts of Nevada. Workshop topics are: ecological restoration as a path to community involvement and education (we will do an actual hands-on project as part of the workshop), environmental history and service learning, teacher skills for taking students out of the classroom for service learning and natural history, EE provider skills for working with students in the classroom and on field trips, watershed education leadership, fire education, and an introduction to the projects. All participants will go home with ideas and skills they can implement immediately, as well as a renewed enthusiasm for environmental education.

Teachers...

A half unit of teacher inservice credit will be available for conference attendance. Limited travel stipends are available for teachers, and limited scholarships for pre-service teachers. Limited mini-grants will be available to assist teachers attending the conference to use their conference learning and skills with their students by implementing place-based, community-involved, service learning projects.

Awards...

Several awards will be presented to environmental educators. To nominate an NNREC activist, teacher, agency or organization or representative, please check <http://nnrec.org/about/awards.html>.

Other...

Lunch and dinner are provided. We'll have an Advisory Committee meeting, and entertainment in the evening.

Registration...

Fees are \$30 for pre-registration, through September 13 (postmark), plus \$15 for membership. On-site registration will be \$50 plus membership. Online registration and fee payment is available and recommended, at http://nnrec.org/conference/registration_online.html.

Info on the web...

This flier is a brief summary of the extensive conference information available on the NNREC web site at <http://nnrec.org/conference/>. Stop by for more detail. If you still have questions, or if you would like to be part of the conference planning and hosting committee, contact Dan Allison, allisondan@sbcglobal.net, 775-882-2375.

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The NNREC conference is funded by and in partnership with Nevada Division of Forestry and USDA Forest Service. NNREC is an equal opportunity service provider.

Conference Information

The conference will be held Saturday, September 27, 2003, from 8:30 am to 9:30 pm. The location is the Donald W. Reynolds Nonprofit Center in Incline Village on the shore of Lake Tahoe.

Conference fees will be \$30 for those who pre-register (the deadline is September 20), and \$50 for those who register on-site. Attendance requires that you be a current member, \$15 for most people. The fee includes lunch and dinner, and all the conference programming. A great deal! Presenters who have been scheduled by the conference committee will pay a reduced registration fee of \$20. A limited number of scholarships for under-represented cultures and pre-service teachers will be offered and will pay a reduced registration fee of \$10. A limited number of travel stipends will be offered to teachers coming from areas outside of the Reno/Carson/Minden/Tahoe area. For more information, check <http://nnrec.org/conference/scholarship.html>.

On the NNREC web site, you can find more information about:

- workshop details and presenters, at <http://nnrec.org/conference/workshops.html>
 - keynote speaker Tim Brown, at <http://nnrec.org/conference/TimBrown.html>
 - directions to Incline Village and the nonprofit center, at <http://nnrec.org/conference/directions.html>
 - transportation to the conference, at <http://nnrec.org/conference/transportation.html>
 - housing with local members for out-of-area participants, at <http://nnrec.org/conference/housing.html>
 - supporting the conference and partners, at <http://nnrec.org/conference/support.html>
 - information specifically for teachers, at <http://nnrec.org/conference/teacher.html>
- (and much, much more!)

What to bring? Bring clothing for a variety of weather conditions (hot to cold, sun to rain to snow) and comfortable walking shoes. Don't forget sunscreen, sunglasses and hats. Both of the morning workshops will spend time outside, with ecological restoration including a hands-on work project, while history involves some leisurely walking. Afternoon sessions will include some time outside as well. Bring a re-usable mug for coffee, tea and other drinks. Bring paper and a writing utensil for notes during workshops. If you have fliers or resource materials from your own program, bring those to share. Bring some money for the auction. Bring your enthusiasm and creativity!

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| 8:30-9:00 | Welcome and introduction to place-based learning, for everyone | | |
| 9:00-12:30 | <p>A Restoration: a restoration project will model components of place-based and service learning; we will working outside on an erosion control project nearby; community mapping will be included.</p> | <p>B History: history of natural resource use and development in the Eastern Sierras, from Comstock logging operations to water allocation plans on the Truckee River starting in the 1940s.</p> | |
| 12:30-1:30 | Working lunch, to discuss the morning's learning and share between the two workshop groups | | |
| 1:30- 4:30 | <p>C Teachers Interpretive Hike Series: provides teachers with skills and knowledge to take students outdoors and learn about their place. [1:30-4:30]</p> | <p>D Community Leaders in the Classroom: gives community partners basic understanding of the cognitive learning abilities of students and how that differs for each grade level. Hands on activities simulate classroom presentations and help enhance partners' time spent working with youth. [1:30-4:30]</p> | <p>E Nevada Watershed Education: What is the future of environmental education? How can we foster a sense of place in our young people? Come to this session if you want to be a leader in your community. [1:30-3:00]</p> <p>G Sense of Place: What factors have historically created this sense of regional place and how can they be used by educators in improving the quality of community life and in meeting state education standards? [3:00-4:30]</p> |
| | | | <p>F FireWorks: curriculum and trunk for wildland fire ecology [1:30-3:30]</p> <p>H The Projects: A introduction to PLT, WET and WLD [3:30-4:30]</p> |
| 4:30-5:30 | NNREC Advisory Committee Meeting: all participants are invited to discuss the future of environmental education in Nevada and provide input to the NNREC board which will be used to set projects and priorities for the coming year | | |
| 5:30-7:30 | Dinner and Entertainment | | |
| 7:30-8:30 | Keynote Speaker Tim Brown: Tim will speak on the unique partnerships that the Utah Society for Environmental Education used to create a strong program in the state and be recognized nationally for leadership and creativity | | |
| 8:30-9:30 | Awards and Auction: We will recognize NNREC members and other leaders in the state, and have fun auctioning off a few unique items | | |

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Questions? Please contact Dan Allison, allisondan@sbcglobal.net, 775-882-2375.

Conference Registration

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Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip+4 _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Agency/Organization _____

Are you a presenter? YES NO Workshop number or title _____

Are you interested in PDE inservice credit? YES NO

Did you apply for scholarship? YES NO

Meal preference: OMNIVORE VEGETARIAN

Payment

Registration Fee _____

Registration Subtotal _____

Membership Dues _____

Total Payment _____

Check, MO or PO # _____

(payable to NNREC; mail to NNREC, PO Box 4741, Carson City NV 89702)

Membership Application

To join the Nevada Natural Resource Education Council, complete this application form and mail along with your check payable to NNREC to: NNREC, PO Box 4741, Carson City NV 89702-4741. Membership is renewable at the beginning of every calendar year. Memberships starting in the last quarter (October/November/December) will be extended through the next year. All persons providing email addresses will be added to the announcement-only E-Newsletter email list.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip+4 _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Agency/Organization _____

Regular.....\$15

Senior/Student.....\$10

Corporation/Organization.....\$50

Supporting.....\$25

Complimentary Newsletter

I want to help with:

Board of Directors

Advisory Council

Spring Conference

Workshops

Liaison with other organizations

Fundraising

Other _____

Calendar

- Aug 15 (Fri): Lake Tahoe Environmental Education Coalition annual meeting, Incline Village, contact John Cobourn, 775-832-4150
- Aug 20 (Wed): NNREC Social Evening Get-Together - see your friends!, Washoe Valley, contact Dan Allison, 775-882-2375, allisondan@sbcglobal.net
- Sep 10 (Wed): NNREC Board Meeting on the budget, contact Shirley Pollock, 775-849-2180
- Sep 20 (Sat): National Public Lands Day, events and opportunities throughout the state; and Lake Tahoe Stewardship Day
- Sep 23 (Tue): Autumnal Equinox
- Sep 27 (Sat): NNREC Statewide Environmental Education Conference, contact Dan Allison, 775-882-2375, allisondan@sbcglobal.net
- Oct 4: NNREC Fall Meeting Board Meeting
- Oct 18 (Sat): World Water Monitoring Day (there will be Nevada events on or before this date)
- Nov 11-15: National Association of Interpretation (NAI), National Interpreters Workshop, Sparks NV
- Nov ?: Environmental Leadership's Pinecone Ball
- Dec 4-6: National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), Western Area Convention, Reno NV
- Dec 22 (Mon): Winter Solstice

Check the NNREC web site at <http://nnrec.org/news/calendar.html> for up-to-date calendar information and additional detail on these events.

The Paper

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