

# 2005 NNREC Mini-Grant Summary

The Nevada Natural Resource Education Council (NNREC) hosted a mini-grant program for teachers and other educators in 2004-2006, distributing \$1450 in mini-grants of about \$250, to five innovative environmental education projects. Funds were provided by Nevada Division of Forestry grant of Conservation Education Program funds to NNREC.

## Butterfly Garden

\$250 The Winnemucca Community Garden partnered with a Girl Scout troop to enhance the butterfly garden and related learning activities. A butterfly activity kit was assembled, which was used by older Girl Scouts in educating younger scouts about butterflies. The older scouts used the work towards leadership and service-learning requirements. Additional partners included University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, Winnemucca Nursery, and Junior Master Gardeners. <http://winnemuccacommunitygarden.org/>



## Winnemucca Recycling Center

\$250 Winnemucca Recycling Center established a schoolwide recycling program in cooperation with French Ford Middle School in Winnemucca. Each classroom had a bin to recycle cardboard, white paper, aluminum, tin and plastic. Every week the materials were collected, weighed, charted for the whole school, and transported to the recycling center. Twelve tons of material were recycled during the year, with participation by 563 students and 53 adults.

## Pyramid Lake Paiute Kit

\$250 Nevada Outdoor School partnered with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe to create Kooyoee Tukadu: Pyramid Lake Paiute Kit, an interpretive kit

that documents the tribal culture and natural history of the Pyramid Lake area. The kit, available on CD, will be used to educate children in the local schools as well as the community. <http://nevadaoutdoorschool.com/> & <http://www.plpt.nsn.us/>

## Save-A-Sucker, Las Vegas

\$250 Teacher Diana Sjoberg of Swainston Middle School in Las Vegas expanded the school's participation in the Save-A-Sucker program which raises Colorado River native endangered Razorback Sucker fish from larval stage until they are returned to a hatchery for further growth. An additional tank was placed near the school's counseling office, with benefits to student behavior and enhanced support for the program. Additional partners were US Fish & Wildlife Service and Nevada Department of Wildlife.

## Project Astro Training

\$450 Nevada Outdoor School partnered with Space Science for Schools to bring the Project Astro training to Winnemucca in 2004 and to send additional staff to a training in Incline Village in 2005. These trainings have resulted in an active Family Astro program in Winnemucca, only the second location in Nevada to have such a program. Project Astro and Family Astro involved both school students and families in learning astronomy and viewing the night sky. <http://nevadaoutdoorschool.com/> & <http://ss4s.org/>

## Administration

NNREC expended \$145 to administer the 2005 Mini-Grant program, which includes accepting and evaluating applications, providing educational support to grant recipients, receiving final reports, creating a program summary, and publicizing the mini-grant program. NNREC is an equal opportunity service provider.