



**Sierra Watershed  
Education Partnerships**  
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# Spring Happenings 2002

## Projects and Events

### Trout Creek Days May 29 & 30

Sierra Watershed Education Partnerships and the Town of Truckee have been working together to get students involved with the re-design and restoration of Trout Creek.

Sixth grade students from Sierra Mountain Middle School will host Trout Creek Days to exhibit their efforts on this project. Classes from Truckee area schools, as well as community members are invited.

Exhibits and hands on demonstrations relating to water quality will be presented.

Students will demonstrate what they know about monitoring water flow, sampling techniques and re-vegetation.

The Trout Creek project will continue through 2003 with students as active participants. Community members should be on the lookout for changes in the creek as well. Summer 2003 begins the reconstruction phase of the project in downtown Truckee.

Anyone interested in getting involved can contact Jan Ellis or Christine McMorrow.



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### Campus Beautification Week *Defensible Space*

Several teachers in the TTUSD are following the lead of their students to improve the look of their campuses. Garden design, grass planting and fuels reduction are some of the projects teachers and resource professionals are coordinating as part of the Tahoe-Truckee Service Learning program.

Service Learning involves students in

service oriented projects with academic outcomes.

SWEP is looking for interested resource professionals and community members to help with campus defensible space projects. There will be a meeting with interested teachers and resource professionals April 30 at King's Beach Elementary.

Dates to remember	
Teachers and Resources meeting	April 30
Snapshot Day	May 4
Beautification week	May 28-31
Trout Creek Days	May 29,30
Adopt-a-Watershed Leadership Institute	July 9-20 Bend, OR
Truckee River Day	October 20

### WELCOME!

SWEP has hired two new staff members this spring.

**Jan Ellis**

**Watershed Coordinator**

Jan brings with her seven years teaching experience in both elementary and middle school. She looks forward to working with teachers to implement hands-on community based projects.

**Christine McMorrow**

**Program Manager**

Christine will be working with community partners to identify and develop watershed education programs in area schools. She has taught environmental education in the classroom and participated in numerous habitat restoration projects.

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**Mission...**

*To support TTUSD students in learning the principles of environmental and social stewardship by coordinating interdisciplinary watershed education programs that build collaboration between students, educators and the community through conservation and restoration projects.*

