



**Sierra Watershed Education Partnerships
Announces
Fall Teacher Training Opportunities**

Teacher's Interpretive Hike Series

The Teacher's Interpretive Hike Series is an exciting opportunity for teachers to explore the local area with resource professionals and experts, focusing on specific aspects of our unique watershed. Teachers will gain ideas and information on how to interpret nature and science in the field with their students. Lesson plans, activities and a resources list will be provided for each hike and topic. Designed by teachers and resource professionals, this series will focus on ways for teachers to incorporate field studies with California content standards for math, science, language arts, English and social studies. Teachers attending three of the five hikes may be eligible for district buy-back credit.

Hike Schedule:

Topic: **What's That, Habitat!**

Date: **September 26 3:30-5:45pm**

Interpreter: Stewart McMorrow, California State Parks Resource Ecologist

This hike will go beyond the basics of food, shelter, water and space to create a deeper understanding of the habitat relationships of plants and wildlife.

Topic: **Fire Ecology**

Date: **October 1 3:30-5:45pm**

Interpreter: Esther Mandeno, California State Parks Resource Ecologist

Explore the dynamic of fire in the forest. Learn how the effects of prescribed fire differ from the effects of wildfire.

Topic: **Stream Ecology**

Date: **October 10 3:30-5:45pm**

Interpreter: Victor Insera, California Tahoe Conservancy

Learn about the plants and animals of the riparian zone and how they affect the health of the stream.

Topic: **Outdoor Artistic Expression**

Date: **October 26 9:30-11:45am**

Interpreter: Marya Roddis, Arts for the Schools

Lifelong artist and instructor Marya Roddis will share techniques for field sketching to record wildlife, botany and landscape in the field.

Topic: **Forest Management/Restoration**

Date: **November 2 9:30-11:45am**

Interpreter: Rex Harold, Nevada State Forester

State forester Rex Harold will give insight into the many components and considerations taken into account on a restoration site.

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