



Sierra Watershed Education Partnerships 2005 Spring Teacher Training Opportunities

Spring Teacher's Interpretive Series

The Teacher's Spring Interpretive 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, information and curriculum on how to use the outdoors to enhance their standards-based classroom instruction. Lesson plans, activities and a resources list will be provided for hikes and topics. Designed by teachers and resource professionals, this series will focus on ways to incorporate field studies with California state content standards for math, science, language arts, English and social studies.

Interpretive Series Spring 2005 Schedule:

Topic: **Teach Tahoe Curriculum Workshop**

Date: **April 5, 2005 4-6:15pm, Tahoe Lake School, Tahoe City**

This workshop is open to teachers and community leaders wanting to learn more about the Teach Tahoe curriculum developed by SWEP, LTEEC and various community partners. Come ready to learn more about the Place-based service learning philosophy and the pedagogies that inform the curriculum. Learn how to use the curriculum in and out of the classroom. **Participants will receive a copy of the Teach Tahoe Curriculum (Video and activity plans), Community Leaders in the Classroom Resource guide, and be eligible for follow-up support from SWEP staff.** Four topics are covered in the Teach Tahoe Curriculum. They are:

- Watersheds and Water Quality
- Erosion and Best Management Practices (BMP's)
- Native Plants and Restoration
- Fire and Defensible Space

Topic: **Cultural and Natural History of our Watersheds**

Date: **May 19, 2005, 4-6:15pm, Donner State Park**

Interpreter Don Schmidt, California State Parks

State Parks ranger Don Schmidt will focus on the cultural and natural history of some of our local watersheds. Join us on this interpretive hike to learn more about the history of land use and how to use these perspectives as a medium for meeting California state content standards. Participants will also learn specific skills important when taking students outside the classroom. This hike is a hands-on, outdoor opportunity to learn how to apply the Teach Tahoe curriculum in the field.

For more information or to register for the Teacher's Spring Interpretive Series, please contact:

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There is a \$5 requested donation for these workshops.