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TO: CHOLLA

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Subject: Minutes from May 17 CHOLLA Meeting Nedra Joyce Lab

To: CHOLLA 5-17-06

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> Links for Mad Science Camps

<http://www.mysummercamps.com/camps/nevada-traditional-camps.html>

<http://www.madscience.org/locations/lasvegas/>

Fast Facts NEW

Interested in "fast facts" about CCSD?

Check out the newly updated Fast Facts on the website.

http://ccsd.net/news/publications/Fast_Facts.pdf

Calendars 2006-2007

Quick Links > Calendars

http://ccsd.net/directory/news/calendar/pdf/06-07/Pub855_Year-Round.pdf

2006-2007 Elementary Year-Round Calendar (PDF)

http://ccsd.net/directory/news/calendar/pdf/06-07/SSUNIF_06-07.pdf

2006-2007 Support Staff, School Police and Unified Employees Calendar (PDF)

http://ccsd.net/directory/news/calendar/pdf/06-07/Nine_Month_06-07.pdf

2006-2007 Nine Month Calendar (PDF)

<http://ccsd.net/directory/news/calendar/summerSchool.phtml>

2006 Summer School Schedule

Meeting began 1:15 p.m.

Introductions and What is Happening:

Kathy August, Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Field Office

> MM contest winner and class to Red Rock for pizza party Friday, May 19

> Off Road Vehicles to be included in Driver's Ed Program (Kathy and Allison)

> Trail planning to begin Sloane Canyon, south of Henderson - sending out announcements soon

> Interpretive plan complete, facility planning upcoming

> Calico Basin, Red Spring, have money to do curriculum for that site, looking for teachers to help with that
(in Red Rock Canyon)

> June 1 taking applications for transportation scholarship for fall and general field trips

> Website has changed so refresh links www.nv.blm.gov/redrockcanyon

Ellen Anderson, Lake Mead National Recreation Area

> Field trips all complete, buses smoothly

> Still conducting field trips through July, Desert Princess Too, Grades 3-5, \$\$\$

> Moved into April, May, and June conducting water safety programs, interns, good response

> Involved with Forever Earth, Daphne Sewing (Saving) is coordinator, Public Lands Institute, SN Public Lands Act funded

> Grant for field trip science journals, Parks as Classroom Foundation

> Stay tuned for info on Elementary school geared river trips (CHOLLA trip?)

> Sky McClain hired full time 3-yr position

Amanda Dworak-Rowland, Mojave Max

> Accepted a position with the park service

> Currently working for Mojave Max

> Gr. 3-6, continuing the program with Pre-K through Jr. High

Stacy Irvin, Mojave Max

- > New project coordinator for Mojave Max
- > Recruiting staff
- > Handbook for teachers in the works with PDE to be offered in Jan. 2007
- > PowerPoint presentation, hired Lorenzo to work on it for the handbook (Share at CHOLLA)

Nevada State Museum

- > Saturday, May 20 booth at the Gardens at the Springs Preserve, Cultural Fair
- > Field trip to Sloane Canyon with Lola from BLM
- > Alana, NV Rock Art Society, will be giving a talk at the NV State Museum
- > Nevada's "Cultural Awareness Month"

Liz Stuck, Lied Museum

- > Had Heldorado Festivities in the cultural corridor
- > Memorial Day celebration, speaker from Nellis, Honor Guard marching, photo ops, see www.ldcm.org
- > New director - Linda Quinn from NC
- > Two exhibits opening June 3: "Pack Your Bags" - about travel
"Dragons and Fairies" - Folklore of Viet Nam

Ellen Leigh, Atomic Testing Museum

- > Field trips are now year round
- > Next exhibit Aug. 5-17, Aug. 6 and Aug. 9 survivors giving lectures (2:00 pm), Atomic Bomb Exhibition
- > Sept. 9, Susan Eisenhower (Dwight D. Eisenhower's granddaughter), will speak on Atoms for Peace, 2:00 pm, free and open to the public
workshop for PDE is 8:00 to 5:00
- > Will be at the cultural fair at the gardens on Sat. May 20

Charles Kotulic, UNLV

- > Assigned as the Science Coordinator for Paradise ES, on UNLV campus, 1 year of student teaching
Teaching methods class from Nov. through March
Greg Levin and CCSD - 5 schools Prof. Dev. Schools - Strategies to improve teaching and learning
Peterson ES
- > Encourages field trips and will organize them with a committee of teachers at Paradise - 5th grade science test is upcoming
- > Gr. 1 - Mirage, Gr. 2 - ???Lake Mead, Gr. 3 - Mandalay Bay, 4th Gr. - Natural History Museum, Gr. 5 - Mojave Max, and Science Fair
Bussing is problem, grants for the money to fund, locations providing the buses, hire charter buses
- > August, two inservice days, how to take effective field trips
- > Practicum 2 - visiting all facilities available to them

Kitty Heckendorf, CC Museum and Wetlands

- > "Bringing up Baby", Late June, self curated exhibit, glass baby bottle, quilts, blankets, old cradle 1902
- > Wetlands field trips over for the year
- > Partnering with Wetlands Park, Chris Leavitt and Elsie Sellers working hard
- > "Real" Offices for volunteers
- > Booked through June and some of July, too hot
- > Site based education, support of the administrators needed

Allison Brody, UNLV Public Lands Institute

- > Teacher field trip database compliments InterAct information, a searchable database, should be online by June
- > Template will be posted and sent to CHOLLA members
- > House boat acquired for environmental educational and scientific research, cannot accommodate 20 kids
Curriculum being worked
- > Stewardship activities - service projects, public lands, litter cleanup, pulling weeds - call Allison

> Conference scheduling - Our Places Tell Stories, planning to have it again

Marcella Posthuma, Martha P. King

> Have to make sure that there is something educational to present back to her staff

Idea from Leanne: Share some content each time - Schedule a presentation or message for each meeting 2006-2007

> Had vandalism again, destroyed plants, cactus, water pipes

> 3 babies gone, Daisy is fine, garden in full bloom, Tortoise Oasis

> Carnival for staff member with cancer, Friday May 19, 5-8 pm

> Mary Weisenmiller's PDE class June 19-22, Science sessions based on asking questions about the natural world.

Leanne Fernald, National Energy Foundation

> Grant ends in June

> Slogan contest ran last fall, whole classrooms to participate and discuss, Don't Let Energy Run Out on You

> Energy handbook for custodians distributed at Staff Development Day

> Awareness is the key, next year will be desk calendar for everyone, what do public agencies do to conserve energy

Missy Giannantonio, Curator of Education Secret Garden/Dolphin Habitat

Written Report

I regret to say that I am unable to attend tomorrow's meeting.

My Director is out ill and hence, I will be the only manager on staff tomorrow.

An update on the recent events with the district are as follows:

School times will remain as is for the next school year.

However, Amy, Charlie, and I all agree that it would be in our best interest to arrange in the future a meeting with a person from the district, possibly a regent superintendent, to showcase our facilities and programs.

I will plan to be at the June Meeting, Hopefully I can attend. Please feel free to contact me and please continue to keep me in the loop.

Have a great meeting. Missy

Joyce King (Dr. Joyce King), CCSD Technical Resources

> Dr. King!!! - looking for opportunities in academia

> Handouts

- How to get in touch - how to download interact at home, etc (have to go into setup - follow instructions)
- issues - government access, National Park Service, BLM, etc
library do not download on these computers

- Kids Voting

- civic education

- training programs available for teachers, combine lessons, streamlined for teachers, CD coming soon.

- things happening here in Las Vegas for kids voting

- websites in the brochure - check them out

- Art for the Ears

- Kids discussing art as the narration

> End of the Year - LIST of What is going on

*** Please email Joyce King with what is happening at your location during the summer and any specific information on scheduling field trips or classroom visits for the 2006-2007 school year. This will be posted ASAP before 9 month schools are out. There will also be a link to Allison's database

- teachers have access to CHOLLA and the classroom - next to individual icons - supply a list calendar of events

New Issues

Southern Nevada Interpretive Association added to interact as an icon (Charleston Office)
Dr. Joyce will investigate.

Menu for the Potluck

> Need a list to organize

- Salad Bar -

Leanne - Spinach Salad

Allison - Humus

Kathy - Fruit Salad

Stacy - desserts

Kitty - crab/meat salad

Liz - Breads and Crackers

Marcella - veggie tray

Ellen - paper products (includes spoons, forks, knives, napkins, cups, plates)

Barb - drinks

Missy -

Chris -

Lola -

Amy (and baby) -

SUGGESTIONS

-be aware of allergies (nuts and cheese etc)

-meat, cheese, pasta,

Planning Meeting, June 13, 2006, 9:00 - 3:30 at Nevada State Museum & Historical Society

Respectfully submitted,

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"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

"Happiness comes of the capacity to feel deeply, to enjoy simply, to think freely, to risk life, to be needed."

--Storm Jameson, British writer