

1. National Geographic Ocean Education

The NG Ocean Education Program aims to engage and collaborate with the marine recreation community with a shared goal of raising public awareness about ocean conservation and inspiring people to help protect the vital natural resources that the ocean provides. This toolkit page will aid educators in planning and delivering their own workshop for the marine recreation community.

http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/marine-recreation-community-workshop-toolkit/?ar a=1&utm_source=AC+BLAST+for+January+31%2C+2013&utm_campaign=AC+BLAST&utm_medium=email

2. Historical NASA Space Artifacts Available for Educational Use

NASA is inviting eligible educational institutions, museums and other organizations to screen and request historical space artifacts. The artifacts represent significant human spaceflight technologies and processes and the accomplishments of NASA's many programs. The Web-based artifacts module is located at <http://gsaxcess.gov/NASAWel.htm>.

3. Endangered Species

Find endangered species in different areas of the U.S. View our new interactive map to learn about endangered species success in your state or territory.

<http://www.fws.gov/endangered/>

4. Why do we love maps so much?

The link below is to a great two-minute piece about maps that was made by a curator of Medieval Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. You'll need sound for this. The curator notes: "I wonder why it is that we love maps so much. I think in part it has to do with the fact that it allows us to be God for a minute."

<http://www.metmuseum.org/connections/maps/>

5. North Dakota State Library Flickertale

The ND State Library Flickertale newsletter is now available at

<http://www.library.nd.gov/newsletters.html>. Go to www.library.nd.gov

for other education resources..

6. This Day in History

Excellent for everyone!

<http://www.nikon.com/about/feelnikon/thisday/index.htm>

This visually rich record of the milestones in human history shows you one image of one significant event which happened on this day. Today's event will spiral back to yesterday's, and keep moving back as long as you stay on the site.

7. FABULOUS Human and Physical Feature Maps for Students in Grades 1 - 4

The world in spatial terms. Includes labeled and blank versions in B&W as well as colored version. http://alliance.la.asu.edu/maps/maps1_4/grades1_4.htm

8. NCGE Webinars

The National Council for Geographic Education Webinars nurture the desire for life-time learning. NDGA members can join for the reduced rate of \$50. Join at

<http://www.ncge.org/new-membership-page>. Then go to <http://www.ncge.org/webinars>. The program offers an opportunity to learn new skills, interact with your geography educator colleagues and experience new tools and resources. It's the conference that lasts all year long!

9. US Department of Agriculture for Kids

...provides students, parents, and teachers with youth-gearred information and resources related to agriculture. http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=FOR_KIDS

10. 3-Week NEH Summer Institute About Acadia

This summer, the National Endowment for the Humanities is offering a unique 3-week professional development opportunity for K-12 educators called "***Borders and Borderlands: the Acadian Experience in Maine and New Brunswick***" (July 20-August 10, 2014). Applications for this competitive tuition-free opportunity are due by March 4 (with notification of accepted applications by March 31). Complete details are posted at: www.mainehumanities.org/borderlands.

Drawing on history, literature, culture and language studies, borderland and Acadian scholars from Maine and New Brunswick will guide participants in examining borderland theory as applied in the American Northeast; the history of the Acadian people; cultural phenomena such as Acadian folk music, local foodways, architecture and crafts; and ways in which the language and lifeways of the Acadians have enriched literature and influenced cultural identity on both sides of the border. You'll gain knowledge through immersive lectures, site visits, and cultural experiences; gain transferable training in oral history collecting as well as have opportunities to contribute new material to existing archives; travel to, through, and within the Maine/New Brunswick borderlands; AND receive a generous NEH stipend to put towards expenses, including texts.

The final days of the Institute coincide with the Congrès Mondial Acadien 2014 (World Acadian Congress), a unique "gathering-in" of Acadian families from many countries that takes place every five years. In 2014, the event will be co-hosted by the borderland communities of Maine, Québec and New Brunswick and it is a unique opportunity for NEH program participants to attend.

12. State photography from Vern Whitten

Bakken projects: www.vernwhittenphotography.net/wesind913

Scenery: www.vernwhittenphotography.net/wessce915

The Devils Lake Basin in central North Dakota has been plagued by rising water for over 20 years. Let's take a look: www.vernwhittenphotography.net/dev913

Vern Whitten Photography

13. And one more travel opportunity

Hilton Worldwide Teacher Treks Program: A Scholarship Opportunity for K-12 Teachers

Announcing the launch of the Hilton Worldwide Teacher Treks Program 2014 for K-12 teachers! The Hilton Worldwide Teacher Treks Program is meant to bring people together and foster greater understanding between the U.S. and other countries. The Institute of International Education (IIE) administers the Hilton Worldwide Teacher Treks Program on

behalf of Hilton Worldwide. For the 2014 year of the program, teachers will be asked to choose one of the following two tracks as a focus for their program: Teach Abroad Grant or Travel Grant.

Application Information: Apply online today! www.iie.org/hiltonteachertreks

Application deadline: February 26, 2014

Questions? Contact teachertreks@iie.org

Teach Abroad Grant: The Teacher Treks Program "Teach Abroad" track was established to allow ESL/ELL teachers the opportunity to teach abroad for 2-3 weeks to provide educational workshops to Hilton employees in key emerging hotel markets. The purpose of Teach Abroad is to increase Hilton employees' knowledge of American culture and customs in hotel markets that will see an influx of American tourists. Selected Teach Abroad awardees will be placed at a Hilton hotel for 2-3 weeks. The timeline for this track of the program is during the 2014 summer months (June-August).

Travel Grant: The Hilton Teacher Treks "Travel Grant" track was established to recognize teachers who build awareness of cultural diversity within the classroom and to provide an opportunity for them to further their commitment to acting as cultural curators and molding the future generation of travelers. Travel Grant awardees are offered the opportunity to go abroad for 2-3 weeks to travel, explore and experience culture firsthand with an itinerary of their own design. The timeline for this track of the program is during the 2014 summer months (June-August).

<http://www.iie.org/en/Programs/Hilton-Teacher-Treks-Program>