

Registration for the Summer Institute and GeoFIT (Forestry Institute for Teachers is open. Go to <http://www.ndgeographic.org>

1. Alliance Summer Geography Institute Mandan, ND - June 6-10, 2016. 3 credits

Where the West Begins and the fun never ends. Come join us for the 2016 Summer Geography Institute. Learn how humans have interacted with the environment in Mandan and surrounding area. Whether you are an elementary teacher looking for learning activities or a secondary educator looking to give students depth of understanding, this institute is for you. While expanding your network of colleagues who are such valuable resources, enjoy the highlights of exploration and discovery at Ft. Lincoln State Park, the Missouri River walking workshop, an agriculture field trip and by finding the real Fort Mandan!

2. GeoFIT(Forestry Institute for Teachers) Walhalla, ND - August 1-4, 2016. 2 credits

Human Geography: Faces and Places is a “classroom on wheels” human geography tour. We will study people from the past and evaluate present day communities, culture and interactions with the forest, riparian and prairie environments in the Pembina Gorge area. Visiting experts and local people will present content, rich in hands-on outdoor experiences. There will be individual and group activities at Icelandic State Park, Tetrault State Forest, Gingras Trading Post and the Pembina Museum. A Christmas tree farm, riparian river restoration project and community forest will demonstrate environmental stewardship.

3. Teacher Resource Coalition workshop Bismarck, ND – June 27-29, 2016, 1 credit

Valuable for educators across K-12, especially those teaching state studies classes, session topics highlight notable people, places and events of statewide and global importance, such as the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service, Shakespeare’s 400th birthday anniversary, the Pulitzer Prize, and historical sites in ND. Explore the growing K12 Maker Movement and the use of technologies where remote sensing helps manage and preserve culture and nature. Special events at the former ND Governor’s mansion and Heritage Center galleries are scheduled.

4. Space Place

“Space Place Prime is now available on Android! A spinoff of NASA’s popular kids’ Space Place website (spaceplace.nasa.gov), Space Place Prime has timely, educational, and easy-to-read articles and activities from the Space Place and other science websites, the latest and most impressive NASA space and Earth imagery, and a wide array of informational movies. <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.nasa.jpl.spaceplaceprime>

5. New Ideas, New Perspectives at National Geographic

No matter how creative people are, they eventually encounter a situation where they could use some inspiration. [Daily Ideas comes to the rescue!](#) Whether you want something new to use with a class or just a short video to enjoy by yourself, our website offers ten exciting new resources each morning. <http://education.nationalgeographic.org/daily/>

6. United State Census Bureau (don’t miss this video)

You may be familiar with, *World Population*, a short video-animation of the history of world population of the past 2,000 years. A new version of *World Population* is now part of a new website, [that](#) has a number of interactive features and rich content to help students learn more about human geography – past, present and projected. We designed the site with students and teachers of World Geography and AP Human Geography in mind. Please note: I recommend it also for grades 4-6. <http://worldpopulationhistory.org/>

7. Ocean Awareness Student Contest 2016 theme: *Making Meaning of Ocean Pollution* i

We invite middle and high school students to participate. **Contest deadline: June 13, 2016 EST.** We challenge you to focus on ONE type of ocean pollution and “make meaning” of it through art, poetry,

prose, or film. We would encourage you to connect it with your own life, your own local community, or something else that is personally meaningful to you, but what's most important is to pick a topic that inspires and motivates you. <http://www.fromthebowseat.org/contest.php>
<http://www.fromthebowseat.org/downloads/2016OceanAwarenessContest.pdf>
(Download info)

8. Top Ten Geo Stories of 2015

My (Alex Chaucer) goal is to put together an interesting list and I'm hopeful that it helps someone who may have missed one of these stories over the past year. Additionally, another goal would be some interaction with other like-minded folks about these stories to further our collective thinking and understanding (either on Twitter or elsewhere).

https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/top-ten-geo-stories-2015-alexander-chaucer?trk=eml-b2_content_ecosystem_digest-network_publishes-31-null&midToken=AQH33eoOjZ7_oA&fromEmail=fromEmail&ut=14CVatBQ0oqT41

9. Giant Traveling Map 2016-2017 Rental Request Open

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10. Story of Flint's water problem

The town of Flint is still reeling from [the contamination of its water supply](#), which exposed thousands of residents to lead-laced water, put Michigan in [the political hot seat](#) and prompted [an emergency declaration from President Obama](#). So how did a town of 100,000 lose access to something as basic as clean drinking water? First you have to understand how Flint got its water before the crisis.

<http://time.com/4191864/flint-water-crisis-lead-contaminated-michigan/>