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GREENevada for the 2012 Student Sustainability Summit!

Friday, April 20, 2012 1:00pm until 6:00pm

UNR Davidson Math & Science Center, Room 110 (Redfield Auditorium)

- Please join The summit will feature presentations from student groups at 14 northern Nevada high schools, highlighting their sustainability visions.

The Sequoia National Forest, Giant Sequoia National Monument Cultural Resource Program, in partnership with the Sierra National Forest, Southern Sierra Archaeological Society (SSAS), the California Archaeological Site Stewardship Program (CASSP), Backcountry Horsemen Sequoia Unit, is holding the following **public archaeology opportunities**:

May 12-13 – Southern Sierra Archaeological Data share, Porterville, CA

June 2-3 – Advanced Site Steward: Historic Buildings and Site Records

June 25-29 – Session 1 – Trout Meadow Passport in Time Project (PIT)

July 2-6 – Session 2 - Trout Meadow Passport in Time Project (PIT)

September 29-30 – Basin Site Recording on Hume Lake Ranger District

Southern Sierra Archaeological Data share: 5th Annual talks and field trip to meet and discuss archaeology in the Southern Sierra Nevada.

Where: Sequoia National Forest Supervisors Office, 1839 South Newcomb Street, Porterville

How much: Free

How to register: Contact Linn Gassaway, lgassaway@fs.fed.us, 559-338-2251 x396

Advanced Site Steward by CASSP: The topic is historic buildings, and site forms will include classroom and hands-on training. For those who have already received Initial Site Steward training. (more information <http://cassp.org/>)

Where: Hume Lake Ranger Station, 35860 East Kings Canyon Road, Dunlap, CA 93621

How much: Free

How to register: Contact Beth Padon of CASSP at bpadon@discoveryworks.com and tell her you are interested in the Sequoia National Forest Advanced class.

Trout Meadow PIT: Wilderness archaeological excavation in the Golden Trout Wilderness.

Where: Western Divide Ranger District, Golden Trout Wilderness **How much:** Free

More information and how to register: <http://passportintime.com/> deadline April 30, 2012.

Basin Site Recording with SSAS: Basin sites are a unique feature of the Southern Sierra Nevada and the Sequoia National Forest may have the largest concentration of them in California. For the third year we are partnering with SSAS to systematically record these unique sites in order to understand more about their use and distribution. **Where:** Hume Lake Ranger District

How much: Free

How to register: Contact Linn Gassaway, lgassaway@fs.fed.us, 559-338-2251 x396

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Hume Lake and Western Divide Ranger Districts, Sequoia National Forest Phone: 559-338-2251 ext. 396 Cell: 559-310-9621 Fax: 559-338-2131 E: lgassaway@fs.fed.us Hume Lake Ranger District, 35860 East Kings Canyon Road, Dunlap, CA 93621

"Wherever men have lived, there is a story to be told." --Henry David Thoreau

[U.S. Will Pay a Settlement of \\$1 Billion to 41 Tribes](#) By TIMOTHY WILLIAMS

American Indian tribes had challenged the government's handling of funds and natural resources held in trust.

For those in the Northern Nevada area:

WELCOME NEW FOLKS to Connecting the Good:

Sharing the spirit, goodwill, energy, and good works going on in the Truckee Meadows in one common and co-owned space. We are only focused on what we want and not on what we are against!

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/202212706518478/doc/202220306517718/> Northern Nevada Connecting the Good

Connecting the Good Reno FB Group is composed of people like yourself who come from diverse backgrounds, beliefs, and political and religious affiliations—basically, all of us who care about our commu...

Welcome to all the new members, if you haven't heard yet, our first CASH MOB will take place next Tuesday, the 24th, from 10am to 6pm at Recycled Records. See posts below for more information, and thank you for joining! it's grass roots movements like this that will bring our economy out of the hole we've dug.

[Washoe offers sacred name 'Tahnu Leweh' for Lakeview Commons in South Lake Tahoe | South Lake Tahoe.](#) southtaohenow.com

With the Washoe Tribe's offering and support of El Dorado County Supervisor Norma Santiago, a move is underway to rename Lakeview Commons Park at South Lake Tahoe in time for an official June 20 dedication.

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instantapp.com

Social Media & Film Specialist . Myron Dewey (Paiute/Shoshone) is president and owner of Digital Smoke Signals, DSS University, Digital Smoke Signals.TV and Indigenous Networks all cloud based companies. Myron is skilled in the following: Building social networking websites, building iPhone/iPad app...

The California Delta: One man's passion could produce a national park

Part 17 in a series: What's the next national park?

If you live in California or in America's southwestern states, you know that a contentious political and environmental battle over water has become a fact of life.

In California's Central Valley, the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers meet and form the [Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta](#), a source of freshwater to some of the state's most challenged urban and rural areas. "Composed of 57 leveed island tracts and 700 miles of sloughs and winding channels, the Delta is a unique blend of small town communities, busy ship ports, farmlands, industries, highways, historical sites, and marinas," notes the [California Department of Water Resources](#) website.

At the same time, state and federal water projects export water from the Delta into aqueducts, transporting it to the neighboring San Joaquin Valley and on to the Los Angeles metropolitan area—one of the most populated municipalities in the United States.

“Two rivers converge in the valley, and they form a beautiful, complex geometry,” said [John Bass](#), a Connecticut native who is now an associate professor at the [University of British Columbia School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture](#). “It has since subsided in areas, some by more than 30 feet. Those areas are protected mostly by a privately owned system of levees—in some cases fragile. It's a very beautiful landscape. And it's perverse, in that you can stand on a farm field and watch a boat go by above you because of the subsidence.”

Through research Bass has conducted in the Delta since 1997, he learned of the challenges the area faces—and in 2002, when Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton enforced longstanding water

contracts and cut back on California's use of Colorado River water, Bass began his personal campaign to protect and save the Delta.

He calls it the Delta National Park project, and it currently consists of a [website and blog](#) through which Bass explores "scenarios of change to and development of the Delta's natural processes and cultural practices."

Water from the Delta flows into San Francisco Bay, and a system of pumps and dams helps maintain a balance between fresh and salt water. "Salinity levels at the Delta mouth must be checked in order to ensure that Delta farmers have sufficiently high water quality to irrigate their fields," Bass writes on the website. "Water flows must be coordinated with the migrations of endangered fish species so they are not sucked up by the water project pumps." Should a major earthquake cause the levees to fail, salt water could inundate the Delta. "The Delta would become a vast brackish lagoon, making its valuable water supply worthless to farms and cities," the website explains.

Bass feels that the Delta requires increased protection, whether it comes from public or private interests. His proposition: a new kind of park, perhaps even on the level of a national park.

"My interest is in thinking about a new kind of park that makes the levees publicly owned and accessible, with reinforcing by doubling the cross-section of the levees," said Bass. "It could have linear forms of housing that might wrap around the islands ... people always say that's crazy, you don't build on a floodplain. But the levees are above the flood line, and that is where the development I've proposed is sited."

Federal protection for this area could come in an alternative form, Bass noted. "There's a [national civil engineering monument program](#)," he said, referring to the program run by the [American Society of Civil Engineers](#) since 1964. "This is actually among the greatest works of civil engineering in the U.S. Reclamation began in the mid-nineteenth century, and after the completion of the transcontinental railroads, Chinese labor migrated to the Delta to build levees. The clamshell dredger was invented in the Delta and replaced manual labor in reclamation processes."

So far, Bass has not seen a groundswell of support for his ideas. "The website has been up and running for three years," he said. "I try to maintain an active involvement in the day-to-day debate. I try to stay active in discussions with journalists and policy people in California. I did have a visit to the website by the Office of the President. I was quite excited when that happened. The website is visited by members of Congress, the Department of the Interior, and the Army Corps of Engineers."

As for the realistic potential of this area becoming a national park, Bass said that he has no illusions about what may happen. "We've moved into a new phase of what a national park might be," he said. "We should have a new era of national parks that are built around human practices of whatever sort. I know there are national monuments that tend to do that. Teddy Roosevelt's idea was a natural monument; I like to think of monuments more as something that's cultural, produced historically. To me the Delta reflects something about landscape and memory and park and human practices. Something I would single out as significant in the thoughts of people."

Continue reading on Examiner.com [The California Delta: One man's passion could produce a national park - National national parks | Examiner.com http://www.examiner.com/national-parks-in-national/the-california-delta-one-man-s-passion-could-produce-a-national-park#ixzz1rwYiH2Bw](http://www.examiner.com/national-parks-in-national/the-california-delta-one-man-s-passion-could-produce-a-national-park#ixzz1rwYiH2Bw)

Great American Backyard Campout

Kids today spend nearly seven hours a day in front of electronic screens, increasing their risk for obesity, learning problems and a shorter lifespan. Your Campout experience is the first step toward an active, outdoor lifestyle—one of the best prescriptions for a happy, healthy life!

When you sign up for National Wildlife Federation's (NWF) Great American Backyard Campout, you'll explore the outdoors with your family, while supporting NWF programs that help get kids outside and get healthy.

As soon as you register at www.backyardcampout.org, you'll receive a link to your personal online Participant Center so you can start planning your Campout and have the opportunity to support our mission and fundraise. Check out our website and visit [Get Ready](#) for recipes, activities and crafts that will help you create your family's outdoor adventure which will encourage you to get outdoors year-round.

Let's go Camping this June 23rd to inspire your family and our nation's children to spend more time in the great outdoors.

CONFERENCES:

Title: "Summer Symposium: Religion and Environment Stewardship"

-Environmental Education for Clergy, Lay Leaders, and Seminary Faculty Bringing together science, theology, and ethics

Date: June 5-7, 2012 **Location:** Yale Divinity School **Deadline:** May 1, 2012

Registration: Cost for participants in symposium will be \$100. Students can attend for free!

Website: <http://summerstudy.yale.edu/environmental-symposium>

Contact: joanne.vanvlack@yale.edu

Title: TribalNet 13

Date: November 5-8, 2012 **Location:** Town & Country Resort; San Diego, CA

Registration: <http://www.tribalnetonline.com/2012attmain.php>

Title: "Serving our People, Serving our Nations: Native Visions for Future Generations"

Conference: Ninth Annual National Training Program Youth Program

Organizers: Society of American Indian Government Employees **Dates:** June 3-8, 2012

Location: Denver, Colorado, at the Omni Interlocken Hotel

Deadline: Completed application packets must be postmarked or electronic copies sent no later than April 15, 2012

Contact: JoAnn Brant, Program Coordinator (Brant.joann@epa.gov)

Website: <http://www.saige.org>

Title: Third American Indian Teacher Education Conference

Conference Dates: July 13-14, 2012

Location: Northern Arizona University, College of Education, Flagstaff, AZ

Website: <http://jan.ucc.nau.edu/~jar/AIE/conf.html>

Contact: Joe Martin (Joseph.Martin@nau.edu)

This conference is for community, preschool, K-12, college, and university indigenous educators and activists through panels, workshops, and papers to share ideas for improving American Indian education with a focus on the type of preparation Indian Nations want for teachers in their schools.

-To bring together educators, administrators, board members, tribal officials, and parents to share ideas and experiences on how to better prepare teachers of American Indian students.

-To examine teacher education programs in order to determine how they can better prepare teachers of American Indian students.

-To provide a forum for exchange of scholarly research on teaching American Indian students.

-To disseminate through a monograph and an American Indian Education web site recent research and thinking on American Indian education best practices.

Title: Seventh Annual Vine Deloria, Jr. Indigenous Studies Symposium; Hosted by Northwest Indian College

Date: July 12-14, 2012

Location: Bellingham, WA

Registration: \$100 (includes lunches and salmon dinner)

Contact: Angel Jefferson, Symposium Co-Coordinator (360-392-4287; ajefferson@nwic.edu)

The purpose of this symposium is to bring together Native and non-native scholars and tribal elders who are interested in honoring the life and work of our friend, colleague, and mentor, Vine Deloria, Jr., and in presenting new ideas and expanding knowledge in several key areas that Vine devoted his life to. There will be no topical focus or theme this summer. The symposium itself will be organized as a series of *intellectually driven* panels – no “workshop” type presentations – and specially invited speakers addressing these issues. Individual presentations may be formal or informal, but in keeping with the spirit of Vine, *there will be no PowerPoint or other electronic presentations.*

Title: The Eighth Annual Cultural Tourism Conference; sponsored by the Cle and the Upper Village of Moenkopi

Date: May 9-11, 2012

Location: Moenlopi Legacy Inn & Suites in the western gateway to Hopi

[http://www.nytimes.com/2012/04/15/nyregion/at-the-blue-school-kindergarten-curriculum-includes-neurology.html?
r=1&nl=todaysheadlines&emc=edit th 20120415](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/04/15/nyregion/at-the-blue-school-kindergarten-curriculum-includes-neurology.html?r=1&nl=todaysheadlines&emc=edit_th_20120415)

THIS SUN 4/22 NEED TASTE TESTERS for chili & apple cook-off

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Description: Members of the Native American Network (NAN) are participating in the seventh annual "Chili Cook-off and Apple Dessert Fundraiser".

The goal is to raise funds for building and repair at 'NAOMI', a safe shelter for abused Navajo, Apache, and Hopi children in rural northeast Arizona. <http://thenaomihouse.org/outreach/>

When: Sunday, April 22, 2012 • 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
• Taste testing to be completed by 6:30pm for voting and awards

Where: Gymnasium owned by Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church (WCPC), located at 1801 Lacassie Avenue, Walnut Creek, CA 94596. Lacassie Ave is SouthEast of the Walnut Creek BART station. <http://www.wcpres.org/index.php/directions.html>

Admission: \$15 per person (age 7 or over) or \$40 per family. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door.

For more info, please contact Peter Young (pjyo@chevron.com)

Reminder: *2012 Young Native Writers Essay Contest*

The Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation [<http://foundation.hklaw.com/aboutus/index.asp>] welcomes entries for the Young Native Writers Essay Contest, which it organizes each year in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian [<http://nmai.si.edu/home/>].

The entry deadline is fast approaching, but the reward is well worth the effort!

Winners of the annual Young Native Writers Essay Contest [<http://www.nativewriters.hklaw.com/>] will receive college scholarships and an opportunity to participate in a Scholars Week in Washington, D.C. But they have to get their essays in by the April 30, 2012 deadline.

This contest is for high school students who should write an essay of no more than 1,200 words that addresses the following: "Describe a crucial issue confronting your tribal community today. Explain how you hope to help your tribal community respond to this challenge and improve its future."

The students should draw from their own personal knowledge and research information from a variety of sources, which can include historical and reference material, interviews, personal

experiences, oral testimonies, official documents, diaries, letters, autobiographies, newspapers, academic journals, films and television movies, or CD-ROM and Internet sources.

The contest is open to Native American high school students currently enrolled in grades 9-12 only. All students participating in the contest should have a significant and current relationship with a Native American tribal community.

Five first-place winners will each receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., the week of July 8-14, 2012, to visit the National Museum of the American Indian and other prominent sites. They will be accompanied by the teachers who inspired their entries into the contest. The winners also will receive a special award for display at home or school, and they will receive a scholarship of \$2,500 each to be paid directly to the college or university of their choice.

Here are some helpful links about the contest:

*Main contest site: * www.nativewriters.hklaw.com [<http://www.nativewriters.hklaw.com/>]

*Rules, eligibility and other information: * www.nativewriters.hklaw.com/2012/index.asp
[<http://www.nativewriters.hklaw.com/2012/index.asp>]

*Writing tips: * www.nativewriters.hklaw.com/2012/tips.asp [<http://www.nativewriters.hklaw.com/2012/tips.asp>]

"This event has a goal of building the human capital within tribal communities, specifically targeting tribal youth. Human capital is one asset that First Nations works to strengthen in Indian Country, so we applaud the organizations sponsoring this contest," said Michael Roberts, president of First Nations Development Institute [<http://www.firstnations.org>].

Educators, challenge your students to learn vital Web research skills and study an event in history with the On This Day Challenge. Participating classes will be eligible for prizes and could be featured on findingDulcinea. [Learn more >>](#)

Canandaigua Treaty of 1794

Brother, we the Sachems of the Six Nations will now tell our minds. The business of this treaty is to brighten the Chain of Friendship between us and the fifteen fires.

- Red Jacket

The Canandaigua Treaty is a treaty between the United States of America and the Six Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy - Seneca, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida, Mohawk and Tuscarora. It was signed in Canandaigua, New York on November 11, 1794 by sachems representing the Grand Council of the Six Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy and by Colonel Timothy Pickering who was the official agent of President George Washington. This treaty is sometimes called the "Pickering Treaty."

The Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Nations sent 1600 representatives to the treaty council - the Seneca sending an impressive 800 representatives. The United States sent both Colonel Timothy Pickering

and General Israel Chapin. It was General Israel Chapin who chose the treaty council site to be at Canandaigua, New York. Quaker representatives, led by William Savery of Philadelphia, also attended this treaty council. These Quaker mediators had been invited to the treaty negotiations by the Seneca people because Quakers were a trust-worthy, peaceful people who could read English and help to ensure fair negotiations.

The Canandaigua Treaty established peace and friendship between the young United States of America and the Six Nations. The Treaty also affirmed Haudenosaunee land rights - the Canandaigua Treaty restored to the Six Nations lands in western New York State that had been ceded by the Fort Stanwix Treaty. The Canandaigua Treaty also recognized the sovereignty of the Six Nations to govern and set laws as individual nations.

Some notable signatories of this treaty included Cornplanter (Seneca), Handsome Lake (Seneca), and Red Jacket (Seneca).

While the chain of friendship that embodies this treaty has been strained and there have been violations of the treaty, the treaty has never been broken and is still actively recognized by the Six Nations and the United States governments.

The Canandaigua Treaty Today

As part of its continued observance of the Canandaigua Treaty, the United States each year provides \$4500 for the annual distribution of cloth to the Six Nations peoples. This annual distribution of cloth is 200+ year old affirmation of the obligations the United States government made in this treaty.

The Canandaigua Treaty Day Celebration, held each year on November 11 in Canandaigua, New York, is an event commemorating the continued observance of this treaty by the Six Nations people.

Please see our [Canandaigua Treaty Day Celebration](#) webpage for more information on this year's commemorative event!

Additional Resources: For further information and resources on the Canandaigua Treaty and related information, please see the following articles.

- *Treaty Of Canandaigua 1794*
by G. Peter Jemison, Clear Light Publishing, 2000.
- [The 1794 Treaty of Canandaigua](#)
by G. Peter Jemison
- [1794 Canandaigua Treaty](#)
by Edgar A. Brown and edited by Jeanette Miller
- [The Canandaigua Fire Must Be Preserved](#)
by Doug George-Kanentiio

- [1794 Canandaigua Treaty Text](#)
- [Celebrating Aboriginal Day: A Sharing of Words of Wisdom](#)
by Barbara Gray
- [Wampum](#)
by Kimberly Burkard
- Homework Hotline: *Canandaigua Treaty*
Click the image below or navigate to this video via the [Homework Hotline](#) website to view it. Be sure to enable pop-ups to view this video.

<http://www.ganondagan.org/CanandaiguaTreaty.html>

Welcome to the official website of the **Haudenosaunee Confederacy**. Through generations of attempted assimilation the nations of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy have held fast to their cultures and traditions.

Today they are expressing their story through their own people with the introduction of HaudenosauneeConfederacy.ca. An excellent resource for students and teachers alike, this website shares cultural information in historical and contemporary contexts through the eyes of the Haudenosaunee.

The website will provide a voice for the Haudenosaunee people in new media while providing engaging information to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal audiences. The Haudenosaunee welcome you as you explore the unique culture held close to the hearts of their people.

This project was made possible with the support of the Department of Canadian Heritage through the Canadian Culture Online Strategy.

New Moon Wolf Pack Auditions!!!! www.youtube.com

New Moon Wolf Pack Audition tapes. Four Hungry Native Actors give it their all to star in the new film in the Twilight series.

Horse You See | Offbeat | PBS Film Festival www.youtube.com

Watch and vote for "Horse You See," a film in the final category for the PBS Online Film Festival, Offbeat. Meet Ross, a horse from the Navajo reservation. H...
