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Top 10 Eco-Schools (no tribal schools :~()

Eco-Schools USA engages school communities from coast to coast and from cities to rural communities in creating and implementing healthy solutions for sustainable education. In recognition of the incredible efforts for wildlife protection, sustainability, and environmental

education across the nation, National Wildlife Federation is recognizing America's Top 10 Eco-Schools.

Many of these schools are representative of entire districts working to become more eco-friendly; combined, the top 10 saved \$207,914.75 in energy, water, and waste diverted or saved. If every American public and private school saved at even a quarter of this rate, savings would total nearly \$675 million nationally. **At the same rate, the savings would total \$2.7 billion!**

Learn a bit more about these incredible schools and see their students in action below:

Academy for Global Citizenship, Chicago, Illinois

The Academy for Global Citizenship (AGC) is a Chicago public charter school on the city's industrial southwest side. At AGC, a commitment to sustainability unites the curriculum, culture and operations. AGC has addressed all 10 of the Eco-Schools USA pathways, and works to inspire sustainability in the district and beyond through a sustainable schools handbook and the development of the Midwest's first energy net positive school campus, in partnership with Studio Gang.

Alder Ave Middle School, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey

Alder Ave Middle School has been engaged in creating a healthy, energy-efficient school environment that incorporates environmental and sustainability practices at all grade levels since 2000. This green flag school has address 7 of the 10 Eco-Schools USA pathways and has saved more than 1.3 million kWh of energy, preventing 20,763 lbs of CO₂ from being emitted into the atmosphere. The school has also cut waste by over 22,000 lbs and has developed a community teaching garden.

Brooklyn New School (PS 146), Brooklyn, New York

The Brooklyn New School is an elementary school with a dedicated core curriculum centered on sustainability that has been in use for more than a decade. It is a Green Flag school that has addressed 6 of the 10 pathways, and students spend an average of 200 minutes per week learning outdoors. Teachers focus on experimental, hands-on instruction, and creating a healthy environment for all students.

Centreville Elementary, Centreville, Virginia

Centreville Elementary has earned not one but two Green Flags, showing dedication to multiple facets of sustainable environmental education. Since its work with Eco-Schools USA has commenced, the school has reduced its energy use by 20 percent and has expanded its outdoor learning classrooms that are now home to a wide variety of life: praying mantises, ladybugs, bees, spiders and butterflies, goldfinches and bluebirds.

EARTHS Magnet School, Newbury Park, California

EARTHS Magnet School for K-5 has a curriculum that is interwoven with environmental science and technology. The school grounds have extensive gardens, mirroring California's biomes, and students spend an average of 45 minutes per week in outdoor learning. EARTHS is also part of the Eco-Campus Partnership Program, with a sister school in Taiwan.

Eisenhower High School, Goddard, Kansas

Eisenhower High School has an all-around approach to the Eco-Schools USA pathways, addressing 9 of the 10 paths. The school is also a Kansas Green School and a certified Monarch Way Station. Students spend an average of 125 minutes per week in outdoor learning, and the campus has 300 culturally significant plants and grasses in their outdoor space that's cut the need for water. Eisenhower is also a Project Learning Tree Green School.

Green Tech Academy, Clint Small Middle School, Austin, Texas

Clint Small Middle School's Green Tech Academy earned Texas' first Green Flag. Students created an extensive garden, planting more than 300 native plant species. The campus also has an outdoor classroom, a greenhouse, a chicken coop, composting, recycling, water-harvesting, and a Japanese garden. Twenty-five percent of the school's food is produced locally.

Heritage Elementary School, Highlands Ranch, Colorado

Heritage Elementary promotes sustainability throughout the greater community, hosting events and acting as an example for other schools. Twenty percent of the school's food is produced locally, and the grounds have a garden and innovation space to immerse students in sustainable learning. Areas of focus include composting, recycling, and water and energy conservation.

JC Parks Elementary School, Indian Head, Maryland

JC Parks Elementary has achieved Green Flag status, US Department of Education Green Ribbon status and is also a Maryland Green School. Parks jump-started its sustainability efforts with the installation of an outdoor classroom and transformation of school grounds, and incorporates native plants and permeable pavers in its landscape, as well as recycling, composting, and renewable energy programs.

Jitta Bug Learning Center, North Miami, Florida

Jitta Bug Learning Center is the first pre-school in the country to achieve Green Flag status with Eco-Schools USA, and has addressed 6 of the 10 pathways. The center has extensive outdoor play and outdoor learning for its toddler and pre-k students and is also a "Let's Move" child care center. The center uses 100% healthy cleaning products and has reduced its water use significantly.

Honorable Mention:

Charles Patton Middle School, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

Charles Patton Middle School is the first school in Pennsylvania to receive the Eco-Schools USA Green Flag. They are also a US Department of Education Green Ribbon School. Over 90% of the grounds at Patton are devoted to gardens, wildlife habitat, and outdoor learning classrooms. Patton also has a composting program, solar array, protected wetlands, and classes that go outside to explore nature and conduct science experiments. In July 2015, the [PA Green and Healthy Schools Partnership](#) adopted the Eco-Schools USA Framework statewide, so we will begin to see many more campuses like Patton in the near future!

The National Wildlife Federation's Eco-Schools USA challenges schools to conduct an environmental audit, formulate an action plan, and engage the entire community in



implementing solutions for the health and sustainability of the school. [Learn about the path to becoming an Eco-School here.](#)

Children today spend less time playing outdoors than any previous generation. What outdoor activities do you have planned this weekend? <http://1.usa.gov/yTK0YR>

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Interesting article about McGill professor and former UN War Crimes prosecutor's opinions on the **crime of genocide and Canada treatment of 1st Nations**

<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/news/national/98cultural+genocide+canada+indigenous+people+98mourning/11654813/story.html>

Local Scholarships

For more information about scholarships offered at the Community Foundation call Shawn Vogel, Program Officer at 775-333-5499.

Description	Deadline
<u>Rotary, Reno Central Scholarship</u> For students of Wooster and Hug High Schools	03/01/2016
<u>Bain, Alan, Initiative in Math or Science</u> To generate curiosity and interest in something out of the ordinary in either math or science.	03/01/2016
<u>Belding, Orville Memorial</u> For student athletes born and raised in Nevada	03/01/2016
<u>Becker, Jack and Jane Medical School Scholarship</u> For students entering or in UNR Medical School. Must be graduate of a Nevada High School and be a current Nevada resident.	03/01/2016
<u>Bowker, Peggy, Memorial Scholarship for Women in Engineering</u> For women entering freshman, returning students, or non-traditional students. Applicants are pursuing an engineering degree from University of Nevada-Reno	03/01/2016
<u>DePoali, Kendyl Ruth, Memorial Scholarship</u>	

For full-time teachers in the WCSD who are continuing their education at UNR in College of Education, College of Sciences, or College of Liberal Arts. 03/01/2016

Dreiling, Robert and Judy

Ideal candidate will be enrolled in AA Degree or Certificate track. 03/01/2016

Jones, CJ, Memorial Scholarship

For Washoe County high school graduating seniors 03/01/2016

Lymbery, Gordon Scholarship

For graduating seniors at Spring Creek High School who will attend a State of NV Higher System of Education school 03/15/2016

Michel, General Fred, Career in Aviation Scholarship

Applicants: provide strong evidence of interest in aviation as a career, are a senior graduating from a northern Nevada high school, enrolled in or accepted to an accredited 4-year college, are pursuing a degree in a field related to aviation. 03/31/2016

N. NV Youth Scholarship

For students who will not qualify for other scholarships based on G.P.A. 03/01/2016

NV Energy Powerful Partnership Scholarship

For high school seniors in the northern Nevada service area. Up to 30 \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded and 2 additional \$2,000 scholarships for dependents of NV Energy employees. 03/15/2016

Olds, Diane, Memorial Education Scholarship

For Wooster, Reed or Hug High students interested in pursuing teaching as a career. 03/01/2016

Reno and Gloria Quilici Scholarship Fund

For graduating seniors from Churchill High School 03/01/2016

Read With Me Preschool Scholarship

Provides full annual preschool scholarships for in Reno and Sparks to at least two young children who show an interest in being read to and looking at books . 04/30/2016

Reno Pops Orchestra Hillary Case Memorial Scholarship

Applicants must be participants in Reno Pops Orchestra and must be committed to making music a part of their life. High school seniors, college students, and returning college students are eligible to apply. 04/30/2016

Phil and Jennifer Satre Scholarshiip

High school senior children of Nevada Caesars Entertainment employees, especially children of tip and wage earners. 03/01/2016

Officer Mike Scofield Memorial Scholarship

For northern Nevada students who are active participants in a Bible-based Christian church.

04/30/2016

Smith Family, Ron and Linda Scholarship

A one-time award of up to \$1,000 for a student attending Truckee Meadows Community College, Western Nevada College, or Great Basin College, who is pursuing a degree or certificate program.

04/30/2016

Snyder, Nicole Memorial Sports Scholarships

2 Women's and 1 Men's Athletic Scholarships for graduating students of Douglas High School

03/31/2016

Stegelmeyer, Eugene & Nadine Scholarship

Eligible students are graduating seniors in a Washoe County High School (or students pursuing post-secondary or graduate studies in teaching and/or geriatrics) who will attend teaching and/or geriatric programs through a community or junior college, private school, or accredited college or university—in or outside of Nevada

03/01/2016

Stockman, John, Memorial Scholarship

For a graduating senior from high school or home school in Washoe, Douglas, Carson City, Storey, Lyon, and Churchill counties, and South Lake Tahoe High School. The John R. Stockman Scholarship is given in the hopes that the most qualified candidate will be able to recognize the best in themselves, pursue their dreams, and succeed.

04/30/2016

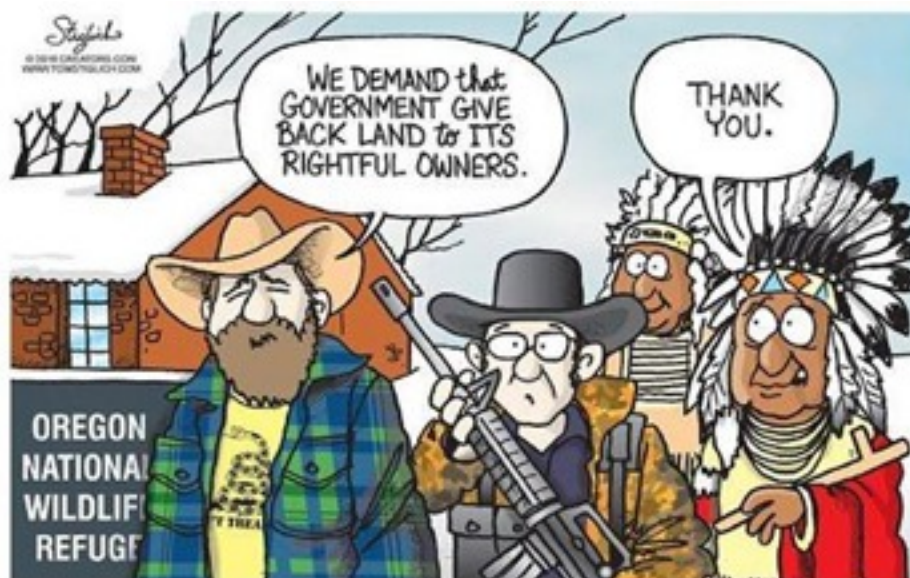
Claudine Williams Harrah's Las Vegas Employee Scholarship

Any high school senior or current college student (GED acceptable) whose parent or guardian is a full-time employee in grade L14 or below and employed by the company full-time for at least three consecutive years when the application is submitted.

03/01/2016

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Entry**



Scholarship & Young Women in Public Service Award

Applicants must be registered with the TMCC Re-entry Center. Applicants for YWPA award must be between 16 and 19 on April 03/01/2016

4 fascinating things we already know about Area 51, and 1 thing we don't.

We don't know everything, but we know more than you might think.

By [Jon Comulada](#) January 15, 2016

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It's pretty much a fact that when you try to hide something, it only makes people a lot more interested in it.

Kind of like this photo of Beyoncé:

Love you, Bey. Photo by Ezra Shaw/Getty Images.

Which Bey's publicist [genuinely tried to hide from the Internet](#). Yet, on the Internet it remains — where people have photoshopped it into [pretty hilarious memes](#).

Of course, there's pretty much nothing more hidden behind layers of mystery and intrigue than Area 51.

Located in Southern Nevada, the 60-square-mile Air Force facility is one of the most secret and conspiracy-riddled locations on Earth.

Photo from [Simon Johansson/Wikimedia Commons](#).

Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton recently brought Area 51 back into the spotlight when she [jokingly promised to](#) "get to the bottom" of the various UFO conspiracies surrounding it if elected. Jokes aside, that statement made Clinton one of the few public officials to officially acknowledge the base, jokingly or otherwise, in recent years.

In fact, when President Obama [made a joke about Area 51 at the Kennedy Center Honors](#) in 2013, he became the first president to publicly mention it. Ever! Despite the base being around since (roughly) the 1940s. Before that, information on Area 51 was either ignored or [redacted](#).

What many people don't realize, however, is that thanks to the Freedom of Information Act, over the past few years, not only has Area 51 been *officially* recognized by the United States government, but a lot of information about it has already been revealed.

Without further ado...

1. We do actually know what Area 51 looks like.

That may seem obvious, but information on Area 51, historically, has been so sparse that photos of it have only recently been seen by the public.

Satellite imagery of the base was routinely deleted from government databases. In 1973, astronauts aboard Skylab 4 inadvertently photographed Area 51 and immediately had their pictures [censored by the CIA](#).

Now, in the technologically advanced world of 2016, you can hop on Google Maps and look at Area 51 all you want.

It looks like this:

Photo from [NASA/Wikimedia Commons](#).

See? No aliens.

It's just a bunch of runways and aircraft hangars. I know what you're thinking: "THE ALIENS ARE IN THE HANGARS, DUMMY!"

First of all, *stop yelling*.

Second of all, yes, I'll admit it'd be cool to see inside those hangars. But ... even if you did, all you'd probably see are a couple classified airplanes and helicopters alongside some government R&D contractors.

Why do I think that? Because...

2. We built the U-2 spy plane there.

Thanks to [recently declassified data](#), we now know that the U-2 spy plane was largely developed and built at Area 51 in the 1950s.

The U-2 spy plane was, *of course*, built to help our nation more effectively spy on Irish rock band U2.

We're watching you guys. Always. Photo by Thomas Samson/AFP/Getty Images

OK not *really*.

The U-2 spy plane was an early reconnaissance craft used by the CIA to gather high-altitude data during the Cold War. The U.S. still uses U-2s, though they've been upgraded significantly over the years.

A U-2 spy plane in 1997. Photo by [U.S. Air Force/Wikimedia Commons](#).

The current U-2, named the "U-2S" was used in Iraq and Afghanistan. The "S" at the end of its name also reveals that the CIA apparently gets its upgrade nomenclature from Apple's iPhone. Or maybe it's the other way around? Add that to the conspiracy list.

3. Area 51 is actually where we flew some of the first drones.

Unmanned drones are now ubiquitous in both war zones and the backyards of GoPro hobbyists. But before you could buy one at RadioShack to spy on your neighbors, they were researched, developed, and flown at Area 51 in the early 1960s.

That's right! Drones are as old as [nondairy creamer](#) (which is similar to Area 51 itself, in that you really shouldn't ask too many questions about what's in it).

The first drone was called the Lockheed D-21 and had to be launched on the back of another aircraft:

The D-21 mounted on an M-21 launch jet. Photo by [U.S. Air Force/Wikimedia Commons](#).

Like a baby koala! Only deadlier.

Several test launches were necessary to get the drone program off the ground (literally), and recently declassified data reveals that a lot of those [early test flights occurred at Area 51](#).

4. We kept a lot of our stolen stuff at Area 51.

If you steal something from someone, you have to hide it somewhere. Like a shoebox under your bed.

Area 51 was, and probably remains, America's shoebox.

When foreign technology is captured during war time, it's a good idea to hold onto it. That way, you can examine it and figure out its weaknesses or use it to improve your own technology.

When Soviet MiG planes were captured during the Cold War, [we took them to Area 51 to check them out](#). We also used Area 51 to examine and exploit foreign radar systems.

A soviet MiG-17 airplane. Photo from [U.S. Navy/Wikimedia Commons](#).

These are tactical moves that necessitate secrecy. You don't want your enemies finding out you have their stuff, let alone that you're thoroughly investigating it for weaknesses and loopholes.

Of course, the [Russians were doing the same thing to us](#). It *was* the Cold War after all.

The nature of Area 51 as America's shoebox of stolen and hidden foreign aircraft is the one fact that does feed into the alien conspiracies more than the other things we know about it. If a UFO really did crash in Roswell, Area 51 is probably where the government would take it.

Although, if they really didn't want anyone to see it, they would've hidden it at a James Franco art show. *No one* goes to those.

So, yeah, we actually do know a lot about Area 51's history.

As time goes on, more and more information will probably be revealed, declassified, and demystified. If there *was* a giant alien cover-up in 1947, it won't stay hidden forever. Although, if one day all the information about Area 51 was suddenly released at once, my guess is the reaction would be a unanimous, "Oh, they just built planes there mostly."

That being said, there is *one* important thing we still *don't know* about Area 51.

Which brings me to...

5. OK, conspiracy theorists. You win this one. We don't actually know what's going on at Area 51 right now.

What's happening at the base right now in 2016 remains a mystery covered by the highest level of government clearance, which means Area 51 is essentially a huge black hole of American military spending and government secrecy.

[America spends more on its military than the next seven countries combined](#). So you can be sure that the government is probably still developing a lot of stuff at Area 51. Stuff that "we, the people" might not know about until it's already being used in a military conflict or is declassified decades later.

A U.S. Blackhawk Helicopter. Largely believed to have been developed at Area 51. Photo by Ted Aljibe/AFP/Getty Images

Some have alleged that the Blackhawk helicopters used in the Osama Bin Laden raid [were developed there](#).

That's good.

Others have asserted that Area 51 was used to [dump illegal and extremely dangerous amounts of chemical waste](#). Which may have led to [the death of workers there](#).

That's not good.

For now, both theories are surrounded in, and in turn protected by, the overwhelming secrecy afforded to the mysterious base in Groom Lake, Nevada.

Though I certainly wish that we lived in a world that didn't necessitate government secrets, the fact is ... we don't. So we're just going to have to wait until all the goings on at Area 51 are slowly-but-surely declassified.

Until then though, ease off the alien stuff.

Unless ... wait a minute ...

WHAT IF THEY'RE BEING KEPT *UNDER* THE BASE?!

Give Snowy Owls a Beautiful Future

Snowy owl populations are in steep decline, causing wildlife experts to sound the alarm and call for action.

We have a chance to conserve the crucial habitat that snowy owls need for survival. Will you please help?

This majestic, yellow-eyed raptor depends on the wide-open Arctic tundra for nesting and to raise young.



But if the open tundra becomes overrun with trees that are spreading northward because of climate-driven warmer temperatures—or is disrupted by oil and gas drilling—the “snowies” breeding grounds will disappear.

The National Wildlife Federation Action Fund is tackling threats to snowy owls in two key ways—by building momentum to curb the carbon pollution that drives climate change, AND pressing to forever protect tundra habitat in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from oil and gas drilling.