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1. K-12: The ORC and Keeping the Learning Alive When Daily Routines are Modified

http://www.ohiorc.org/bookmark/view_a_folder.aspx?mid=28041858&folderID=3809

It is once again Achievement Test time in Ohio. Special planning is often needed to accommodate scheduling changes that occur during testing weeks. With careful planning meaningful learning can still take place during this time. Take a look at some of these ORC resources that involve students in highly engaging activities. These activities provide high quality, fun, low stress learning opportunities that are ideal for testing weeks and other times when daily schedules need to be modified. Each activity can be used as a stand alone short term activity or as part of a larger lesson or unit on the topic.

2. K-12: NSTA and CBC Release List of Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students

<http://www.nsta.org/ostbs06>

Every year many good science trade books are published for children. But teachers and parents want to know which are the very best. NSTA and the Children's Book Council (CBC) answer that question with this year's list of Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students K-12. NSTA and CBC have refined the criteria for the highest quality, most engaging, and scientifically accurate publications for children. This year's list contains a variety of books, including informational texts and biographies, fiction, poetry, and even a book of songs. The full list appears in the March editions of Science & Children, Science Scope, and The Science Teacher.

3. K-12: Have you been trained in Project WET, Project WILD, and Project Learning Tree?

<http://www.ohiodnr.com/education/correlations/>

Correlations to the Ohio Science Standards are now available for each of these curriculum resources and activity guides, as well as correlations for Healthy Water, Healthy People and Window on the Wild. Thanks to Jen Dennison, the Wildlife Education Coordinator and State Project WILD Coordinator at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, for becoming a new State Partner for BaP Ohio!

4. K-12: Vernier marks its 25th Anniversary by celebrating teachers' use of technology

Enter your story at: <http://www.vernier.com/25thanniversarystories>

In celebration of its 25th anniversary in 2006, Triangle Coalition member, Vernier Software & Technology, is inviting teachers to share memories about the ways in which the company's data-collection technology has influenced their instruction and enhanced students' learning. If a story is selected for publication, the teacher/author will receive a \$300 Vernier gift certificate and a box of gifts, including a 25th anniversary t-shirt and mug. Vernier is specifically looking for stories that showcase labs or classrooms that have used its technology to improve teaching methods, increase students' enthusiasm for science, or make difficult concepts easier to understand. As part of the company's year-long celebration, it will host anniversary parties at science conferences including the American Association of Physics Teachers' conference held in August in New York and at BCCE, Biennial Conference on Chemical Education, to be held in July in Indiana.

5. K-12: NASA Mission Educator Fellowship

<http://btc.montana.edu/messenger/teachers/fellows.php>

MESSENGER is a NASA Discovery mission that was launched in 2004 and will reach Mercury in 2011. Currently the program is recruiting 30 practicing teachers or teacher trainers to become the next cadre of MESSENGER Educator Fellows. These Fellows help bring the excitement of this challenging mission to classrooms nationwide by training teachers on the Solar System-focused education materials written in support of the mission. The Fellowship includes an all-expense paid five-day training workshop in Washington, DC, in June 2006. No teachers from Ohio were Fellows in the last two years; perhaps this year we'll have at least one be selected! Apply now! Applications are available online, and are due March 31, 2006.

6. K-16: An EECO Conference registration deadline approaches

<http://www.eeco-online.org/>

The Conference Early Bird Registration and the Awards Nomination deadline has been extended to March 17, 2006. Please pass this along to all of your contacts, and encourage them all to register ASAP. It is going to be a FABULOUS Conference! I am having a hard time deciding what tours and sessions to attend because they all sound WONDERFUL!! The Awards Nomination information can be found online too!

EECO 39th Annual Conference on April 7-9, 2006

Cleveland Hilton East in Beachwood, Ohio

7. K-16: Project WILD Facilitator Training

http://www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife/workshops/projectWILD_workshops.htm

There will be a Project WILD Facilitator Training on April 28-29, 2006 at Atwood Lake Resort. The registration form is available at the website above under "Advanced Project WILD

workshops. Cost is \$50 and that includes meals, lodging and materials. Participants must agree to hosting one workshop within a year.

8. K-16: State Science Day judges needed

<http://www.ohiosci.org/ssd.htm>

On Saturday, May 6th, State Science Day 2006 will be hosted by The Ohio State University at its French Field House in Columbus. Judges for all the outstanding projects are always needed; now is a great time to volunteer your time and to get involved as a judge or to help behind the scenes as well. The sooner you volunteer, the better; the deadline is April 1, 2006.

9. Gr 6-12: Healthy Water, Healthy People (HWHP) Facilitator Workshop

There will be a one day workshop on June 1, 2006 is coming June 1, 2006, at Flory Park in Newark, Ohio for those interested in water quality monitoring (wqm) curriculum for middle - high school students and citizen monitoring groups. This workshop is open to the public, camp counselors, non-formal/formal, SWCD , health, extension educators and others. There is no fee for the workshop and it will be filled with hands-on participant driven activities. Participants will also receive one HWHP Educator Guide (with 25 activities) and Test Kit Manual (includes 13 parameters and other wqm information).

For more information and to register for the workshop contact: Dennis Clement, Ohio EPA/OEE, dennis.clement@epa.state.oh.us or 614-644-2048.

10. Gr 6-8: FREE Classroom resources

<http://www.theadstoredc.net/NIH/NIH.html>

The National Institutes of Health--the nation's medical research agency--supplies **FREE** classroom resources to teachers like you. Now available are three new resources: Doing Science: The Process of Scientific Inquiry, Looking Good, Feeling Good: From the Inside Out, and The Science of Mental Illness. Titles of other free NIH materials are also available, if you have not found them yet.

11. Gr 9-12: Consultants needed for the Specification Committee for GED Science Tests

<http://www.gedtest.org> (click on the GED Information for Educational Professionals link)

The GED Testing Service is looking for high school educators to serve as consultants on the Specification Committee for the 2011 GED Science Test. Committee members will make recommendations for the 2011 test design, so familiarity with high school graduation achievement expectations is essential. The two day meeting will be held in Washington D.C. in the summer of 2006. Those selected to serve on the committee will receive an honorarium of \$500.00/day, reimbursement for round trip transportation, meals, and accommodations. Applications are due by March 15, 2006, and may be completed online. Let's get some Ohio educators on this prestigious committee!

Contact Person: Adora Beard (adora_beard@ace.nche.edu)

12. Gr 9-12: Free Bookmarks from The Ohio Mathematics and Science Coalition (OMSC)

<http://www.OhioMSC.org>

The Ohio Mathematics and Science Coalition (OMSC) is partnering with InfOhio to distribute more than 120,000 bookmarks to 9th-grade students, teachers, and high school libraries

throughout the state. The bookmarks emphasize six reasons for students to continue their studies of mathematics and science throughout all four years of high school. The messages were developed by members of the Coalition at earlier statewide meetings, and are being distributed as a public service reminder of the importance of these subjects in preparing Ohio's students for college and career. Teachers who would like a set of six "Why Study Mathematics and Science" posters for their classroom bulletin boards can download the PDF file at www.ohiomsc.org.

OMSC is also seeking new members from the science and business communities. Visit our Web site (www.ohiomsc.org) for membership information and a listing of member responsibilities. Your participation as an active volunteer helps to continue the growth of a statewide advocacy network of educators, community members, business representatives and public policy officials dedicated toward the improvement of mathematics and science education for all of Ohio's students.

13. Ohio Science Education Leaders: MSELA/NSELA 2006 Summer Science Leadership Institute

http://www.bapohio.org/m_nsela06

Make plans now to attend the MSELA/NSELA 2006 Summer Science Leadership Institute, to be held July 9-12, 2006 at the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn, Michigan. Science educators in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio have been planning this event for over a year, and an excellent program has been planned. Only the first 150 registrants will be able to attend; first come first served. More information and a registration form are available at the BaPOhio web site, above.

14. Ohio Science Education Leaders: The 6th Annual Leadership Initiative in Science Education (LISE 6): What Our Students Know: Assessment and Accountability in Science Education.

<http://www.chemheritage.org/events/lise6/>

If you are a science teacher, science supervisor, curriculum director, school administrator, university professor or working in a science-based industry, mark your calendar and register now for this exciting conference on assessment in science. The conference features eight leading national experts on assessment in science. The conference will be held from April 26–27, 2006 at the Chemical Heritage Foundation in Philadelphia, PA.