



Hands on the Land

A National Network of Field Classrooms Linking Students, Teachers, and Parents to their Public Lands and Waterways

Featured Site:

Campbell Creek Science Center

The BLM Campbell Creek Science Center is an outdoor science education center for people of all ages that encourages interest and participation in the balanced management of natural resources. The mission of the Science Center is to promote discovery and learning experiences that increase awareness, understanding, and appreciation of nature; use of the best science for the management of Alaska's natural resources; and behaviors, practices, and lifestyles that minimize impact on the environment. The Center is located on BLM's Campbell Tract, a 730-acre parcel of public land with diverse habitats, wildlife, and native vegetation in the heart of Anchorage.

The Center is operated by the BLM Anchorage Field Office with assistance from many volunteers and partners. The Center serves approximately 40,000 visitors each year with a variety of programs, special events, workshops, volunteer opportunities, and facility rentals. Our talented and enthusiastic staff offer students of all ages custom-designed, hands-on science programs that inspire a sense of wonder and increase understanding of science.



The Campbell Creek Science Center promotes lifelong learning through adult classes, such as this drawing class, evening lecture series, and family friendly educational programs.



In addition to its many science program offerings, the Campbell Creek Science Center also teaches avalanche awareness, orienteering, winter survival, and other important outdoor skills. Here students practice using an avalanche transceiver.

Our facility offers a retreat-like setting for meetings, trainings, and workshops on science and environmental topics, education, natural resources, outdoor recreation, or health and human services. Rental customers have the options of two different-sized meeting rooms as well as a commercial kitchen.

The Center's program offerings in 2008 include a dynamic Astronomy series, natural and cultural history workshops and a program on Vikings, Glaciers and Climate Change.

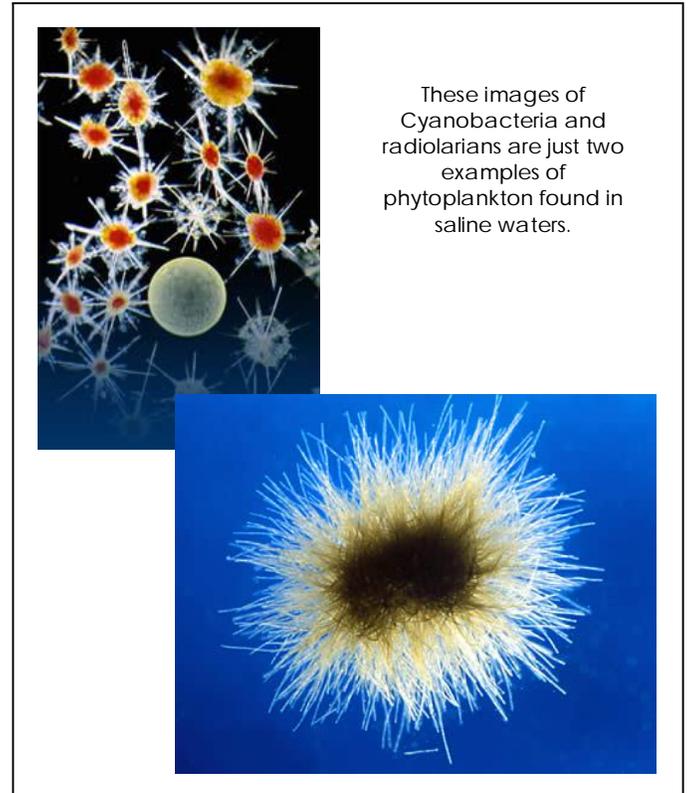
For more information, please visit the Campbell Creek Science Center webpage on the Hands on the Land website at

http://www.handsontheland.org/profiles/profile_detail.cfm?sitecode=cacr or contact

Jeff Brune at (907) 267-1247 or jbrune@ak.blm.gov.

New Monitoring Opportunity

In late 2007, NOAA, one of HOL's sponsoring agencies, developed a new project designed to enlist schools in alerting scientists to harmful algal blooms in coastal areas of the United States. The project invites volunteers (students and classroom teachers) to monitor phytoplankton in saline waters on a weekly or bi-weekly basis, create slides for viewing under a microscope, and use the field experience to learn about ecosystems. Students learn about the critical role phytoplankton play in the food chain and participate in a project of national scope. The monitoring and data collection also helps teachers creatively meet standards of learning in their classrooms. For detailed information, visit the website: <http://www.chbr.noaa.gov/pmn> and view sections on resources, volunteers and the newsletters.



These images of Cyanobacteria and radiolarians are just two examples of phytoplankton found in saline waters.

Upcoming Events

Association of Partners for Public Lands National Convention February 24-28, 2008 Denver, Colorado

Changing visitor and donor demographics, a mass retirement of baby boomers, developments in technology, and centennial events are all impacting the way public land management agencies and their nonprofits partners are planning. Join APPL as they explore these topics and identify resources that will help you engage public land stewards for the future.

Web Corner

Posting and Reading Bulletins

In an effort to share site information, upcoming events and programming ideas you can post bulletins to the Hands on the Land website. It's easy and is a great way to network! Follow these steps to post a bulletin:

1. Login to the Admin Hub on the HOL website
2. In the left-hand column, click on Bulletin
3. At the bottom of this page, click on the contribute link
4. Complete the information and submit!

Please share any events or happenings through this valuable tool. Or, simply visit the Bulletin page to learn about other HOL sites.