



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, SEPTEMBER 2005

Hands on the Land continues to grow – there are over 40 sites from 19 states in our community network. The Keystone Center is very excited about the coming months as we facilitate a number of new and developing initiatives including new sites, environmental monitoring, an HOL presentation at NAAEE's national conference, and online training. As we continue to support HOL we want to recognize the dedication of the folks at all of our sites. Great work!

Member News

We'd like to welcome the following new sites:

- Alder Creek Children's Forest, Oregon
- Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve, Idaho
- Garden Park Fossil Area, Colorado
- Headwaters Forest Reserve, California
- Roseburg District, Oregon

When you get a chance, swing over to the website and see their site profile:

<http://www.handsontheland.org/profiles/profiles.cfm>.

As new members of Hands on the Land, these sites enjoy the following benefits:

- Teacher resource marketing in HOL resource databases
- Availability of a Flash web tour developed on your site's programs
- Involvement with our classroom environmental monitoring databases
- Networking with other federal land management agency program providers
- Posting of student-created materials (artwork, web sites and writing)

Please help us expand membership and the HOL network! Contact a site close to you and share with them the benefits of HOL. The criteria for membership include having all the following available on a site's website and linked to the HOL site:

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| Site Name | Site Tour |
| Details | Site Link |
| Teaching materials | Education Programs |
| Environmental Monitoring Projects (if any) | Service Learning Projects (if any) |

If you have any questions about membership requirements, please contact us!

Action Items for September 2005

We need your help! This month, please collect your site's information on ***job postings, useful partnership documents, and training and teaching opportunities***, and ***photos*** and send them our way. Do you have any of the following that you can send?

- **Useful Documents**
We are working to create a database of useful documents including partnership agreements, volunteer/docent documents, special days, educator information, etc. Email us any documents that you think might help your fellow sites develop and grow.

- **Job Opportunities**

Does your site have a job posting? Do you have any volunteer opportunities? We'd love to post them on the HOL website.

- **Training Needs and Opportunities**

Are you running a PROJECT WET workshop? Do you have opportunities for professional development for educators, staff or volunteers? Are you looking for any particular equipment? Creating a network of information can help fill these needs!

- **Teaching Materials**

What new activities has your site created? What are the lesson plans that excite students time after time? Send them our way. We have uploaded over 45 new activities to the HOL site in just the past two months! Be sure your site is represented.

- **Photos**

Send any photos or stories to celebrate what is happening at your site. And, if your site gets publicity we would love to hear about it and share it with other HOL sites.

Featured Site

Each month we will take a closer look at one of our HOL sites. This month we are featuring Fish Slough Ecological Preserve. Fish Slough is in Bishop, California and is a unique desert wetland ecosystem with rare plants and fish, an unusual geological site with highly visible seismic and volcanic features, and an outstanding cultural site including ancient petroglyphs and grinding stones.



Joy Fatooh, site manager, says "We have successful field-tested programs developed by our wildlife biologists, botanists, geologists and archaeologists, which we regularly present not only to students but also in "teach-the-teachers" programs as ideas to adapt to different sites and circumstances."

For additional information, go to:

http://www.handsontheland.org/profiles/profile_details.cfm?sitecode=fisl.

If you would like to share your HOL site please contact: aspencer@keystone.org.

Odds and Ends

Ellen Reid, Senior Associate at The Keystone Center, joins the HOL project to enhance classroom partnerships through her public and outdoor education experience. "Hands on the Land is a program I would have loved to use in the classroom. I am looking forward to getting more sites and classrooms to partner and share information so that students across the country can learn more about their public lands," Ellen commented.

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