

Join us for a Field School in the Verde Watershed!

Dear Educators,

The Verde Watershed Research and Education Program at Northern Arizona University is pleased to announce a 2-day field school on May 18-19, 2002. Our intention is to provide a relatively small group of primary & secondary school educators a high-quality, low-cost field school that provides watershed, water supply and water use information you can use and apply in your classroom and curricula. In the fall of 2001, we sent a survey about a possible field school to many watershed educators, and this program has been developed in response to the many positive and enthusiastic responses that we received.

The Verde Watershed Research and Education Program (VWREP) began in the summer of 2000 and is hosted in NAU's Center for Sustainable Environments. VWREP supports undergraduate and graduate student research on water issues (supply, policy, etc.) and provides for active NAU participation and involvement in the Verde Watershed. The program awards research grants to students on a competitive basis; is building an archive of Verde Watershed information, and data (please visit verde.nau.edu); hosts at least one major watershed event each year; and works with watershed stakeholders on a variety of water issues. ***Our event this year is the field school and we invite you to join us!***

We are planning to meet at 8:00 AM on the 18th. We will travel in vans to the field sites, and we will supply lunch, drinks, snacks and dinner. That evening, we'll have a brief presentation, discussion and social event and then put you up at a motel (accommodations are premised on *double occupancy*). We will start early after breakfast on Sunday, provide lunch in the field and should have you on the road home by late-afternoon.

Our objectives are to provide you with information that is 1) valuable to you as a resident of the Verde Watershed, and 2) useful to you as an educator, whether you design a lesson plan for in-class or field use. While targeting natural sciences, the information and discussions will be useful for social studies, English or American politics courses and programs. In addition to being of service, by holding this event, we seek to foster and promote dialog amongst educators from across the watershed.

Your total cost for this event is a \$30 non-refundable registration fee. We will accept registration from educators who work in schools that provide service to students from the Verde Watershed. VWREP will heavily subsidize this event and will cover meal and lodging expenses and provide all field school educational materials. You will be on your own for breakfast on Saturday and dinner on Sunday.

Please contact us with questions, comments or suggestions. We will post information about the field school and updates to this announcement on our web site: <http://verde.nau.edu>. A registration form is enclosed. We require that you register by May 10th.

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