the 8th annual native american youth entrepreneur camp

t's not too late to register! The Native Nations Institute's Eighth Native American Youth Entrepreneur Camp (NAYEC) will be held on the University of Arizona campus on July 11–16, 2004.

NAYEC instructors teach high school juniors, seniors, and recent graduates the basics of economics, computer skills, and business plan preparation through activities that lead to personal and professional development. Students will also have the opportunity to meet and seek advice from Native American business professionals through classroom visits and field trips to nearby native-owned businesses.

Applications are being accepted from interested students until June 25. A brochure and application form is available on the NNI website at <www.nni.arizona.edu/nayec.htm>. For more information (or if you missed the deadline), contact Rose Chischillie at 520.626.0664 or rchischil@u.arizona.edu.

On the heels of the innovative ECOSTART program, ECOSTART II is off and running with the help of a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ECOSTART II assists Arizona teachers in adapting to the recently evolved Arizona School Standards. The program provides environmental education workshops, follow-up classroom support, and field trip planning. Its goal is to improve students’ understanding of geographical and ecological processes and to encourage their participation in water conservation decisions in a basin context.

So far, the ECOSTART II program has participated in the Sierra Vista/Cochise County SMILE (Stimulating, Motivating, Innovative Learning for Educators) Conference, and in June is offering a series of teacher workshops in Sierra Vista for grades one through twelve. The workshops are on the subject of Sonoran/Chihuahuan Desert ecosystems and San Pedro riparian ecology; they are being undertaken in collaboration with the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension’s Water Wise Program and the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum.

For More information about ECOSTART II, contact Anne Browning-Aiken at 520.626.0664 or browning@u.arizona.edu.
The third annual Native Nations Institute/Roger Willie Charity Golf Tournament was a great success! NNI would like to thank everyone who contributed to this year’s tournament, which was held at Starr Pass Golf Resort on April 30 and May 1, 2004. Winners in the various categories are posted online at <www.nni.arizona.edu/2004golf.htm>.

The golf tournament is held annually to raise money for the NNI/Roger Willie Endowment Fund. The Fund allows NNI to address the challenges of nation-building through leadership and management programs, research and policy analysis, collaborative relationships, endowed chairs and directorships, and a policy fellows program.

If you are interested in participating in the 2005 tournament as a sponsor or golfer, please contact Rose Chischillie at <rchischi@u.arizona.edu> or 520.626.0664, or look for the tournament announcement in future issues of the Update.
The Border 2012 Arizona-Sonora Water Task Force met in Bisbee, Arizona, on May 21st to discuss Upper San Pedro Basin water projects. The objectives of Border 2012 are to ensure ready availability of potable water, characterize surface water, establish an effective coastal health program, and increase water efficiency in irrigation and municipalities.

The discussion was largely focused on the potential for creating an Arizona-Sonora water database to improve information-sharing. Individuals at the Arizona Department of Water Quality have been constructing a data archive and website, and have begun the first stage of the project by providing web links to existing data. The second stage will be the creation of an actual database with metadata providing the contexts in which data was collected. The meeting participants also proposed the creation of a virtual binational San Pedro Research Institute to be supported initially with funding from the Universities of Sonora and Arizona and foundations.

publications


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presentations
Research Assistant Denise Moreno gave a talk entitled, “Building Alliances: The San Pedro River Basin,” for an international audience at the 2do Foro Internacional Gestión Social de Cuenas Hidrográficas in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico. Her presentation described the Udall Center’s role as a mediator in the San Pedro river basin and described the newly-formed San Pedro River Basin Binational Alliance. The conference, held May 13-14, was hosted by the Universidad de Sonora and the Comisión Nacional del Agua (CNA).

Udall Center Deputy Director Robert Varady has recently spoken on the subject of global water initiatives at several events: the Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation in Karlsruhe, Germany; the Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute in Norrköping, Sweden; and the Tampere University of Technology in Tampere, Finland.
Deputy Director Robert Varady was appointed to serve a two-year term as a member of the Good Neighbor Environmental Board (GNEB) of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The GNEB advises the U.S. President and Congress on good neighbor practices along the U.S. border with Mexico, focusing on environmental infrastructure needs.

The Udall Center sends congratulations and fond farewells to several of our graduate program associates who are completing their degrees this spring and summer. Meagan Cahill earned a Ph.D. in Geography with a minor in Public Administration; Ian Record is completing a Ph.D. in American Indian Studies. Meanwhile, Program Assistant Tara Deubel left the Center in June to continue pursuing her Ph.D. in Anthropology, and Senior Office Specialist Ina Holm retired earlier this year.

NNI is pleased to announce that Nathan Pryor, a former program associate who just completed his Ph.D. in Public Administration and Policy, has been hired as Program Coordinator for Leadership and Management Programs. Two new graduate research associates are joining NNI’s staff this summer. Stephen Corral is pursuing a Ph.D. in Sociology after earning his M.A. in 2004. Before attending graduate school, he worked in health and human service nonprofit organizations in the San Francisco/San Jose area. Julius Snell (Navajo/Choctaw/Cherokee) is a Ph.D. student in Economics who originally hails from Dallas, Texas. He has an M.A. in Economics from the University of Colorado at Denver.

On June 17th, NNI launched a redesigned and updated website at <www.nni.arizona.edu>. The expanded site features a fresh, simple look, more details about NNI program areas and projects, and more timely information about news and events. Please visit the new site and tell us what you think!