

**UNB EDUCATION TEAM  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

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Meeting Date: Thursday, January 24, 2008

Meeting Time : 2:00 to 3:00 PM

Location: Back Bay Science Center

Attendees: Matt Yurko (Calif. Coastal Commission) Jack Keating (NBNF)  
Shannon Levin (City of Newport Beach) Roger Mallett (NBNF)  
Joe Guzman (County Health Care Agency) Rita McCoy (NBNF)  
Robin Madrid (DFG) -Chair Jean Whitaker (NBNF)  
Dave Meyer (DFG) Christine Kirk (Outdoor Education Center)  
Christie Pearce (Inside the Outdoors) Bill Cooper (UCI)  
Berkeley Green (Newport Sea Base)

1. Robin reported that DFG is still in the process of moving into the Teaching Lab. The classrooms are still in the design/logistical phase. The intent is to get the aquaria moved over from the old BBSC trailer by April so that all trailers can be removed from Shellmaker prior to the public opening on May 31, 2008. Robin also reported that during the transition phase DFG is being selective with respect to the programs being offered. Joe reported that the Water Quality Laboratory will also be moved over to the new building by April.
2. Attendees shared information on their programs and events calendars for 2008:
  1. Robin noted that the two main BBSC events for 2008 are the public opening on May 31, and Cleanup Day on September 20. They are trying to keep the public opening fairly low key because of limited parking. Tables will be set up for UNB education partners to provide information on their programs. See <http://backbaysciencecenter.org/>
  2. Christie provided information on the Inside the Outdoors programs. They do elementary school field programs at Big Canyon from fall to spring, as well as programs at other locations in Orange County. See <http://ito.ocde.us/Programs.htm>
  3. Matt provided information on the Coastal Commission restoration/education programs at UNB and the site-specific elementary and high school curricula that have been developed. The curricula are available for free at <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/directory/educate.html>
  4. Berkeley announced that the annual Sea Base open house will be on April 19 from 11-4. Berkeley also reported that the Sea Base has acquired two shallow-draft pontoon boats that can be used for bird counts and docent tours in the Back Bay. Roger will discuss with Berkeley with a view to offering docent tours as part of the May 31 event. Berkeley will need to coordinate with Jeff Stoddard of DFG in order to get the necessary authorization to enter the reserve. For Sea Base programs see <http://www.newportseabase.org/>
  5. Bill announced that the Urban Water Research Center that he heads at UCI will be hosting the UNESCO International Water Conference 2008 December 1-5. He also talked about grants that the UWRC is writing and the focus on partnerships that help make science more accessible to the public. See <http://www.uwrc.uci.edu/events/events.php>
  6. Christine announced that a Project Wild workshop will be held at the Sea Base on February 2. Christine also provided information on the new Boy Scouts of America facility under construction near Irvine Regional Park. See <http://www.outdooreducationcenter.org/>
  7. Joe reported on the Water Quality Laboratory move. See <http://www.ocwaterlab.com/>

8. Jean, Rita and Roger provided information on Earth Day which will be held at the OC Parks Peter and Mary Muth Interpretive Center from 11-4 on April 20. Last year there were 1,500 attendees. They also mentioned the SOCALPAPA Plein Air event July 25-27. See <http://newportbay.org/>
3. Roger asked Robin if she needed the Edu Team's help in organizing the May 31 BBSC Opening. Robin felt that event planning was already taken care of, but help is needed in publicizing the event. Team members were asked to get the word out.
4. The next UNB Education Team Meeting was set for Tuesday, April 1 from 2-3:00 pm.

Minutes prepared by Roger Mallett  
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