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Welcome to *The Center*, the newsletter of the Nature Center Directors and Administrators Section of the National Association for Interpretation.



Nature Center Issues and Solutions: A roundtable of ideas and answers

Thursday, November 7, 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

We need your input! Contact Section Secretary, Randy Smith rsmith89@bellsouth.net to let him know what you might like to discuss in this session.

Join members of the NCDCA Section as we lead an informative and collaborative roundtable discussion about issues, trends, and problem solving at nature centers and visitor centers. The session will include:

- A Short discussion on nature centers and roles of professional interpreters at these sites.
- A follow up discussion determines level of interest on operations, funding, volunteers, support groups and ideas brought up by the session participants.
- Participants then break up into subgroups to address their individual concerns and interests.
- Together we will identify peers that can serve as mentors or managers that can help with interpretive planning especially at nature/visitor centers.



Section Newsletter Editor needed

Our section is in need of a newsletter editor to produce at least 4 newsletters a year. The December newsletter is always devoted to a National Workshop and Interpreter's Roadshow recap. The other newsletters contain scholarship, NAI, or Roadshow information. Short relevant articles with engaging photos are very appreciated by the Section members. The editor will need to solicit articles or write them.

The newsletter is sent to NCDA members through NAI's National office. The editor merely has to send a Word doc with articles separated into sections, plus the accompanying URLs for photos to be used with the specific articles or information.

If interested, contact Naomi Thompson n.thompson@stonemountainpark.org

NCDA Section Meeting

We'll see all of you on Friday, November 8 from 330 - 430 pm for the Section meeting. This is a great chance to see old faces and welcome new ones, to network, and to set up some dinner plans with new friends.

National Workshop and Interpreter's Road Show Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to Allison Meador and Ray Novotny!



2013 Interpreter's Road Show

We are set for the Interpreter's Road Show in Nevada where we will visit five unique sites in and around the Reno

area that have a little bit of something for all participants.

Our itinerary includes the highly interactive Nevada Discovery Museum; Oxbow Nature Study Area, a local model for wildlife education; Animal Ark Wildlife Sanctuary and Nature Center, combining wildlife education with their captive wildlife collection; the Galena Creek Visitor Center and Recreation Area with its unique partnerships; and the Thomas Long Education Center located at the Tahoe Center for Environmental Studies "green" facility where science research and education are forefront.

We look forward to sharing with you the success of this amazing professional trip when we all meet at our NCDA member meeting.

NCDA Mission: To provide leadership and inspire excellence in nature center administration

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