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#### Science Comics

A good resource from the Washington Science Teachers listserve - SCIENCE COMICS AVAILABLE (K-12)

The Scientific Committee on Solar-Terrestrial Physics is offering a series of free comics explaining topics such as cosmic rays, auroras, ozone holes and global warming.

Created at the Solar-Terrestrial Environment Laboratory (STEL) at Nagoya University, the comics have been translated into both in an English version and one with "blank" balloons to enable translation to other languages as well. These comics are meant to raise the curiosity of children and the awareness of those without a science background.

Registration is required to access the free comics. For more information, see

<http://www.bu.edu/causes/capacity.html>

<http://www.scostep.ucar.edu/> (English only)

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#### Science Writing in the Heart of Denali National Park- June 19-22, 2008 3 Credits

Join Alaska State Writing Consortium's Sondra Porter and the Murie Science and Learning Center for an exploration of science and writing. Discuss the connections

between literacy and science and use these concepts to reinforce educational standards. This course is limited to 10 participants.

#### Accreditation

The University of Alaska Southeast offers three professional development credits (level 500). The credit fee has been included in the course fee.

#### Times and Location

Participants meet at the Murie Science and Learning Center, located at mile 1 of the Park Road. This course begins at 1:00 pm on the first day and ends at 4:00 pm on the last day.

#### Hiking Distances and Physical Fitness

Field Seminars are active learning experiences. Participants must be capable walkers, in good health, and equipped for sudden changes in weather. This course includes up to four miles of hiking and/or 1,000 foot elevation gain per day, over uneven terrain.

#### Lodging and Meals

This course is based out of the Murie Science and Learning Center Field Camp, located 29 miles inside Denali National Park along the Teklanika River. The Field Camp includes rustic tent cabins and a common dining tent. Family-style meals are simple and healthy. Each tent cabin sleeps four people on platform beds with mattresses. Participants bring their own sleeping bags and pillowcases.

**Cost:** \$480 for food, lodging, credit fee, tuition, and materials. However, the 10% membership discount does not apply to the credit fees.

#### Questions?

If you have questions about this particular course, please contact the Murie Science and Learning Center by emailing [courses@murieslc.org](mailto:courses@murieslc.org) or calling (907) 683-1269.

**To Register:** Click here to register:

<http://www.alaskageographic.org/static/416/mslc-science-writing-in-the-heart-of-denali-course>

The Murie Science and Learning Center is one of 13 Research Learning Centers nationwide, established by the National Park Service to involve a wide range of people and organizations in America's spectacular national parks. These include researchers, universities, nonprofits, educators, and community groups. The MSLC opened its doors in August 2005.

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[www.alaskastatewritingconsortium.org](http://www.alaskastatewritingconsortium.org)  
<<http://www.alaskastatewritingconsortium.org>>

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### Join Citizen Weed Warriors

and help control the spread of invasive plants in your park lands.

June 17, 2008 6-8pm  
Lidia Selkregg Chalet

[www.AnchorageParkFoundation.org/Projects/WeedsWarriors.htm](http://www.AnchorageParkFoundation.org/Projects/WeedsWarriors.htm)

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### Just in time to celebrate EARTH WEEK... and EARTH DAY!

From the National Science Teacher Association (NSTA) recommended book *As If the Earth Matters!* currently being used at International Schools, Public Schools, Environmental Organizations, Nature Centers and various National and State Parks in over 12 countries in Asia, The Middle East and North America.

Get free activities here:

<http://asiftheearthmatters.wordpress.com/free-sampleenvironmental-activities/>

See the latest reviews and interviews.. from Qatar, USA and Malaysia here:

<http://asiftheearthmatters.wordpress.com/reviews-interviews/>

Learn how to get your own copy here:

<http://asiftheearthmatters.wordpress.com/how-to-get-this-book/>

Website:

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### Make a 'GeoConnection' On Facebook

If you're looking for a way to network with other geoscience students, professors, and professionals, then check out the AGI Geoscience Workforce Program's new Facebook Group, called "GeoConnection." GeoConnection members discuss career options, educational paths, and community issues with geoscientists at all levels. The site is kept fresh with new education and career data, links to videos, scholarship and internship listings, and other great resources.

An offering recently made available to GeoConnection members is "Geoscience Currents," a new series of workforce and educational data snapshots focusing on hot

topics in the geosciences. From scholarships to employment opportunities, the effect of retirements, and university enrollment trends, Geoscience Currents provides up-to-the-minute glimpses into what's happening in the field.

To subscribe for this free email series, go to <http://www.agiweb.org/workforce> and click "Register."

Facebook is one of the Internet's most popular social networking websites. To join GeoConnection, use an existing Facebook account or create one at <https://www.facebook.com/r.php>. After logging in, simply search in the Groups section for GeoConnection and click "Join this group."

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### Earth Science Week Spreads Science Worldwide

Geoscience Australia recently announced that in recognition of Earth Science Week it will host the Geologi Short Film Competition 2008. Australian secondary-school students are invited to participate by submitting a brief film dealing with natural hazards, underground resources, or subterranean geology. The Australian event is just one of many international examples inspired by Earth Science Week.

Last year, for example, Canadian children attended lectures by geoscientists at the Ontario Science Center. Young Earth Space Scientists held an event to discuss World Space Week and Earth Science Week at a Nigerian grammar school. French teens took part in a live, interactive videoconference hosted by local science centers during Earth Science Week. And Argentina's Universidad Nacional de San Luis hosted a series of presentations about Earth Science Week and International Year of the Planet Earth.

If you would like to promote awareness of an Earth Science Week event outside the United States, please email [info@earthsciweek.org](mailto:info@earthsciweek.org).

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