

Resources

Professional Standards for School Food Service

USDA has instituted professional standards for all individuals who work/volunteer in school food service. This includes substitute workers. For more information regarding the educational background needed for a school food service director and training needs for all school food service personnel, please go to: https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/tn/ps_guide-highres.pdf.

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2016 Lead Data and Program Report

The NH Division of Public Health Services and The Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (HHLPPP) works to address the risk of lead poisoning and other health and safety issues that stem from the home environment. As part of this mission, the HHLPPP is mandated to collect the data on blood lead levels of children and adults across the state in order to target resources towards the high risk communities and populations. This mandated collection of blood lead level data is the foundation of the program's annual 2016 Lead Data and Program Report. The HHLPPP seeks reader's feedback and comments on the program's 2016 annual report. For more information go to www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/bchs/clpp/lead-exposure-report.htm.

New Hampshire State Council on the Arts Surveys

New Hampshire State Council on the Arts is conducting two brief surveys to learn how they can better serve New Hampshire citizens, communities, organizations and schools. The grants, programs, and services of New Hampshire State Council on the Arts are guided by their Strategic Plan for the Arts, which is developed through a process that factors in the voices of the people we serve; the economic, social, and cultural circumstances of the times; and aligns with the resources we have available.

Please share your thoughts to help shape their next three years by completing a survey and add your voice to the arts community in New Hampshire. Thank you in advance for responding, and please share the surveys widely. Surveys will be up until March 30, 2018.

- Community/Creative Enterprise/Organization Survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/99NPYP2>
- Citizen Survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/998XY9P>

Information From Other Agencies and Organizations (contests/awards, conference/workshops, and misc.)

2018 NH High School Short Film Festival

The New Hampshire Division of Film and Digital Media, an agency of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, will once again present the New Hampshire High School Short Film Festival, which will take place in May 2018. Students from NH public and private high schools are encouraged to start planning and producing their projects, which do not have to be created as part of a class assignment. The submission period opened March 1, 2018. More details are available at www.nhstudentfilm.com. Media arts faculty interested in receiving updates about the Festival via e-mail should contact film@nh.gov.

The New Hampshire Soap Box Derby (NHSBD)

The New Hampshire Soap Box Derby is excited to announce its 75th Anniversary Local Championship Race on Sunday June 3, 2018. As a youth education & development organization, the NHSBD has encouraged boys & girls ages 7 to 20 to build (with assistance from an adult) then race in their gravity-powered cars since 1939. Participating in Soap Box Derby provides racers the opportunity to sharpen their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) skills. Mechanical knack along with an appreciation of physics and mathematics define a successful racer. Through hands-on assembly of their cars, racers are introduced to real-world uses of geometry, fractions, and decimals. While maintaining their cars racers are turning wrenches, twisting and polishing to tune its performance. In the driver's seat, the forces of gravity acceleration, drag and friction are challenged to win a race in fractions of a second. The winner in each division becomes a "Local Champ" and achieves the opportunity to race at the national level. For more information go to www.soapboxderby.org/new-hampshire.aspx or contact Dick Behan, Race Director, at (603) 953-3086 or rabehan54@hotmail.com.

Great Bay Discovery Center Seeks Volunteer Educators for Spring Natural History School Programs

The Great Bay Discovery Center is holding its annual spring educator training on April 11 at the Great Bay Discovery Center, 89 Depot Road in Greenland, N.H. The training runs from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and includes a complete run-through of the actual school program offered April through June to students throughout the Seacoast region and beyond. The training will prepare volunteer educators for teaching small groups of school children about the natural history of the Great Bay Estuary, including the wild and wonderful plants and animals that call it home. Once trained, educators lead a variety of lessons throughout the grounds. All spring school programs are mornings only -- April, May, and June -- and run about 3 hours each. Most of the classes attending the program are in grades one through five. Volunteers sign up for dates that are convenient for them. The training session is free, with snacks, lunch, and all teaching materials provided. Registration for the training is required by calling the Center at (603) 778-0015 or emailing Beth.Heckman@wildlife.nh.gov.

Forgotten Frontier Teacher Workshop

The Old Berwick Historical Society invites middle school and high school teachers to apply to participate in the Forgotten Frontier Workshop being held July 24-26, 2018 at the Counting House Museum, South Berwick, Maine. This three-day intensive training program will explore the founding history of the Seacoast region and the ways that diverse cultures navigated deep cultural divides.

Twenty teachers will join curators, archaeologists and historians in examining the turbulent century of the 1600s through the lives of diverse characters vying for control of the landscape and their destiny on the far reaches of settlement in northern New England. The workshop will introduce teachers to local primary resources and advanced methods for teaching early colonial history using artifacts and documents as research tools. Sessions will be held at the Counting House Museum in South Berwick, Maine, with field trips to four historic sites. The program runs 9:00-4:00 daily and lunch is provided.

Full-time classroom teachers (grades 5-12) are eligible to apply to the program, which carries a stipend of \$400 and a certificate for 20 hours of professional development. Application forms are available on the OBHS website at <http://www.oldberwick.org>; click on the "Teacher Workshop" tab. Forms should be submitted as email attachments sent to ffteacherworkshop@gmail.com. **Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2018.** Applicants will be notified about workshop participation by April 1, 2018.

An Invitation to Spend some "Quality Winter Time" at the Wright

The Wright Museum is closed to the general public during the winter, however schools can make an appointment from now through May to visit. It is a great time to visit because you usually have the entire Museum to yourself. You can request a docent-led tour of the Museum, or you can be your own guide. To arrange your trip to the Wright call (603) 569-1212, or email michael.culver@wrightmuseum.org or Donna.Hamill@wrightmuseum.org.

Plymouth State University - Holmes Center 1st Annual Problems of Practice Summit

Plymouth State University is excited to announce their *1st Annual Problems of Practice Summit*. It will focus on NG2 Foundations in co-teaching, equity and project-based learning towards Personalized Inclusive Educational Pathways. The vision of their center is to advance the educational and social welfare of children, youth, and families through a Problems of Practice model of innovation, while mentoring educational leaders to sustain that work. Their goal is to work mindfully, optimizing resources based on evidence of sustaining impact on the lives of children and youth around persistent educational problems and dilemmas. This model provides the synergy needed to develop cohesive systems in educator professional learning and school partnerships. The summit is taking place August 6th-9th. To register or for more information please go to

<https://www.ng2personalizedlearning.org>.

Fisher Cats Education Days

Come join hundreds of other schools from throughout New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maine, as they take part in an educational setting while attending a professional baseball game. The Fisher Cats games are taking place:

- UNH STEMbassadors (April 19): STEMbassadors is a team of more than 50 College of Engineering and Physical Sciences students who are dedicated to providing inspiration, role models and hands-on STEM activities to students.
- LEtGO Your Mind (May 2 and June 6): LEtGO Your Mind programs focus on the vital STEM subjects and challenge the kids to think creatively, problem solve, work as part of a team and reinforce skill sets while the students have lots of fun.

For more information go to

http://www.milb.com/content/page.jsp?ymd=20140206&content_id=67505882&fext=.jsp&sid=t463&vkey=team2 or contact Stephanie Fournier at (603) 641-2005 Ext. 105.