

# **EDUCATION PROGRAMS**



Diamond Valley School's Advanced Learning Program

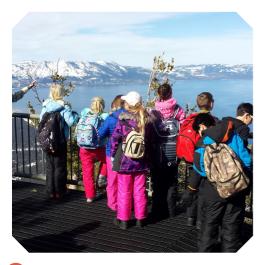


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### Why:

Our education program strives to spark an interest in the sciences, foster a respect for nature, develop an understanding about their connections to the natural world, engage students in alternative forms of classroom education, and provide information on environmental science career opportunities.



#### Who:

Our youth education program utilizes the Project WET, Project WILD, Project Aquatic WILD and Project Learning Tree programs to develop most of the educational activities provided. The Education and Outreach Coordinator tailors these lesson plans specifically towards the desired grade level, subject area, activity topic and/or time required to complete the lesson. We also offer field lessons that can range from educational hikes to water quality monitoring and restoration projects. We have had students assist with collecting water samples, willow plantings, and trash cleanups. Anyone can volunteer or attend the community events!

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### DIAMOND VALLEY SCHOOL'S **ADVANCED LEARNER PROGRAM**

The Advanced Learning Program is an after school program that meets once a month and is open to all students who are interested in furthering their education. This year, AWG and DVS have partnered to create a program specifically focused on watershed stewardship and natural resource protection. Each month, AWG's Education and Outreach Coordinator, Julia Keane, will be presenting these topics through engaging educational presentations, hands-on learning activities, field trips, and more.

#### **Smokey Bear Presentation**

In late Winter/early Spring, AWG works with DVS and US Forest Service to promote fire safety and forest fuel education by inviting Smokey to the school.



# **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

#### Creek Day

Creek Day is AWG's largest, annual restoration event. Volunteers help with various restoration projects at sites throughout Alpine County. Some of these projects include willow planting, trash cleanups, revegetation, weed treatments, and storm drain stenciling.

#### Alpine Aspen Festival

In partnership with Friends of Hope Valley, AWG hosts an annual festival in Hope Valley to engage visitors to the area. There are educational hikes and workshops, speakers, tabling activities, and music for attendees. The event is family friendly and a great way to speak with the local experts about a variety of topics.

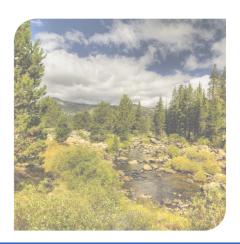
#### Snapshot Day

Snapshot day is a Carson River Watershed wide annual monitoring day that involves students of all ages and from all areas of the Carson River. Participants go to their assigned site to learn about and test basic water quality parameters.



### **☆** IN-CLASS PRESENTATIONS FOR **♣** SPECIFIC ORGANIZATIONS OR CLUBS

Community education is critical in providing long term protection of our watersheds. AWG regularly tables at community events and is available to conduct presentations to groups upon request. The best way to understand the natural processes involved in our surrounding area is to explore our watershed. AWG hosts trips out in the field to experience Alpine County's watersheds first hand. These trips include visits to monitoring sites, ecology tours, and visits to restoration areas.



JOIN US ON AT OUR STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS ON THE 2ND TUESDAYS OF JANUARY, MARCH, MAY, JULY, SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER

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