

UPCOMING EVENTS IN JUNE

Teacher Training Workshops Schedule

Please sign up in advance to attend a particular workshop at the circulation desk, by phone (044) 238-6610, or by e-mail: etrc_kyiv@yahoo.com.

Note: As the ETRC can provide free wireless Internet access, the participants who are willing to bring their laptops and use them at the workshops are welcome.

Tuesday, June 1 from 5:00 – 6:00 PM Technology Work Group

Presenter: **Thomas C. Tasker**, Senior English Language Fellow, U.S. Department of State

The group will continue talking about using technology in education. Participants will discuss the technology projects they are doing, or would like to do with their students, and we will discuss issues they are having, or ways to implement those ideas. Participation is limited to 10 people.

Wednesday, June 9 from 4:00 – 5:30 PM Certificate Series: Classroom Technology Part 3: Blogging and Wikis

Presenter: **Thomas C. Tasker**, Senior English Language Fellow, U.S. Department of State

This workshop will include an overview of the programs, practice using them, and a discussion on how they can be applied to your teaching context. **A certificate will be awarded to those participants who come to three out of four seminars.**

Tuesday, June 15 from 5:00 – 6:00 PM Technology Work Group

Presenter: **Thomas C. Tasker**, Senior English Language Fellow, U.S. Department of State

In our final meeting of the school year, we will discuss your future plans about using technology in education, and we will continue to discuss issues they are having, or ways to implement those ideas. Participation is limited to 10 people.

Wednesday, June 16 from 4:00 – 5:30 PM Certificate Series: Classroom Technology Part 4: Using Corpora

Presenter: **Thomas C. Tasker**, Senior English Language Fellow, U.S. Department of State

This workshop introduces teachers to using English language corpora in the classroom. Teachers will search the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA) to investigate their questions about lexis and grammar. This is the final workshop in the Technology Certificate Series.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) TESOL-Ukraine Teacher Development Summer Institute: “Computer Technology in EL Teaching/Learning” at Kamyanskyi Podilskyi Ivan Ohienko National University, Kamyanskyi Podilskyi, June 21-25, 2010

The Regional English Language Office at the U.S. Embassy, TESOL-Ukraine association, and Kamyanskyi Podilskyi Ivan Ohienko National University are glad to announce the Call for Participation at the TESOL-Ukraine Summer Institute on Using Computer Technology in EL Teaching and Learning to be held in Kamyanskyi Podilskyi from June 21-25, 2010. Please find detailed information in the attached documents.

Submission deadline: May 28, 2010.

b) Youth Film Club at ETRC on Fridays at 3:00PM

In June Friday afternoons, teachers and their university and high-school students are invited to watch and discuss popular American movies within Youth Film Club meetings (free of charge).

The moderators will introduce each movie to participants. The screening will be followed by a discussion. To help the participants get to know more about the movies, the moderator will provide them with handouts containing useful expressions and idioms, information about cast of actors and characters.

On coming to the Youth Film Club, each guest will get a number to participate in a book raffle. After the screening and discussion, the moderator will name 3-5 winners of the raffle chosen at random. The winners will get fiction books in English.

*Note: Those who attend Youth Film Club meetings will qualify for the privilege to become a **Junior ETRC member** and receive a library card valid for one academic year. Junior members will be allowed to borrow fiction, videos in English with subtitles, and periodicals from the ETRC library.*

Below please see a schedule of screenings for June.

Watch best classic and contemporary movies at ETRC!

DATE	TIME	FILM TITLE	DESCRIPTION
4 June, Friday	3:00 – 5:30 PM	The Day the Earth Stood Still (Runtime 104 min.)	An alien comes to Earth to stop humans from destroying our planet. <i>English subtitles</i> Moderator: Thomas Tasker, Senior English Language Fellow
11 June, Friday	3:00 – 5:30 PM	The Parent Trap (Runtime 128 min.)	Identical twins Hallie and Annie were separated at birth when their parents divorced. After the two meet at summer camp... <i>English subtitles</i> Moderator: Peter Wohlgemuth, English Language Teacher from the U.S.
18 June, Friday	3:00 – 5:30 PM	The Phantom of the Opera (Runtime 143 min.)	A disfigured musical genius, hidden away in the Paris Opera House, terrorizes the opera company for the unwitting benefit of a young protégée whom he trains and loves. <i>English subtitles</i> Moderator: Peter Wohlgemuth, English Language Teacher from the U.S.
25 June, Friday	3:00 – 6:00 PM	Pearl Harbor (Runtime 183 min.)	To mark the beginning of the Great Patriotic War Pearl Harbor follows the story of two best friends, Rafe and Danny, and their love lives as they go off to join the war. <i>English subtitles</i> There will be no discussion after the screening.

c) VII International Scientific and Practical Conference “Innovation Technologies in Education” September 20 – 22, 2010 in Crimean State Humanitarian University in Yalta

Crimean State Humanitarian University in cooperation with Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, Ministry of Education and Science of Autonomous Republic of Crimea, Academy of Pedagogical Science of Ukraine, Institute of Innovation Technologies, Drahomanov National Pedagogical University, University of Management in Education of Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine are inviting to participate in the **VII International Scientific and Practical Conference “Innovation Technologies in Education”** to be hosted by Crimean State Humanitarian University in Yalta from **September 20 – 22, 2010**.

Languages of the conference: Ukrainian, Russian, English.

Deadline for receiving applications is July 15, 2010.

Please see the attached announcement for details and the application form.

Address for correspondence:

2 Sevastopolska street, Yalta, Ukraine, 98625

For more information please call (0654) 32-21-14 or (0654) 32-30-13, or e-mail astras59@bk.ru.

d) Annual Charitable American Independence Day Picnic in Kyiv July 3, 2010

The American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine is excited to continue the long-standing tradition of organizing the **Annual Charitable American Independence Day Picnic** in Kyiv which will be held on **Saturday, July 3rd, 2010**. Please mark your calendars, as you will not want to miss this great family event that is not only fun but also raises money for worthy charities throughout Ukraine! Please see details at <http://www.chamber.ua/networking/social/charity/picnic/42695>.

NEW ACQUISITIONS

We are happy to bring to your attention another acquisition of fiction donated by Marta Pereyma to the ETRC library this spring. Attached you will find a list containing brief descriptions of the books from the recent donation.

TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION

THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY ALPHABET

80 Ways to Celebrate



World Environment Day (WED) 2010 is aimed to be the biggest, most widely celebrated, global day for positive environmental action.

Commemorated on 5 June since 1972, WED is one of the principal vehicles through which the UN stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and encourages political attention and action.

The theme of WED 2010 is “**Many Species. One Planet. One Future.**” It echoes the urgent call to conserve the diversity of life on our planet. A world without biodiversity is a very bleak prospect. Millions of people and millions of species all share the same planet, and only together can we enjoy a safer and more prosperous future.

As we celebrate WED, let us consider carefully the actions each of us must take, and then address ourselves to our common task of preserving all life on Earth.

A

- Adopt a 'green' way of life
- Art made of recycled materials
- Auctions to benefit an environmental project
- Award presentations for environmental competitions
- Awareness campaigns

B

- Bicycle parades/races
- Broadcast of public service announcements (TV and Radio)
- Buy a fuel-efficient car

C

- Calculate your carbon footprint
- Carpools
- Celebrity support
- Clean-up campaigns
- Competitions (banner, drawing, essay, painting, poster, poetry)
- Conferences on the environment

D

- Debates on environment issues
- Dedicate your blog to World Environment Day on 5 June
- Distribute leaflets, brochures and posters
- Donate to an environmental cause

E

- Environmental education programs in schools
- Excursions to nature sites
- Exhibitions (drawings, posters, photos, paintings)

F

- Fairs
- Festivals
- Film festivals on the environment

G

- Give a gift membership of an environmental organisation
- Guidelines to community-based environmental activities

H

- Hoist banners at major road intersections
- Help local environmental groups organize WED events

I

- Inform all your friends about WED
- Involve various partners (NGOs, ministries, youth groups, celebrities, private sector)
- Issue First Day Covers (stamps)

J

- Join an environmental group
- Join UNEP's carbon neutral network

Join the Billion Tree Campaign

K

Keep your neighborhood clean
Kick-start an environmental campaign
Kick the CO2 habit!
Know your rights

L

Launch of government environment policies, books, reports
Lobby local authorities to adopt sound environmental policies

M

March for the environment
Media coverage and activities

N

Never litter

O

Offset your emissions
Organic farming/cooking
Organize a WED themed event in your neighborhood

P

Parades
Performances (plays, songs, poetry)
Plant a tree
Plastic bags: avoid them!
Promotional material (t-shirts, stickers, bookmarks)
Puppet shows for children with an environmental message

Q

Quizzes related to the theme for schools, youth groups, company staff, etc.

R

Rainwater harvesting
Rallies
Ratify international environmental conventions
Reduce, re-use, recycle
Rehabilitate natural habitats
Replace your light-bulbs with energy saving ones

S

Save paper
Seminars
Sort rubbish
Speeches
Sponsorship from private sector
Sports activities
Switch off stand-by TV and computer

T

Take action
T-shirts for WED

U

Use sustainable modes of transportation (walking, jogging, cycling, skating, carpool)

V

Vehicle emission monitoring
Vermicomposting
Visits to botanical gardens and national parks
Volunteer for organizations such as Clean Up the World

W

Waste less!
Workshops
Write plays, poems, songs
Write letters to civic leaders, members of parliament, government and newspapers

X

Xchange ideas
Xpect environmental responsibility

Y

Youth-led activities

Z

Zero emissions

For more information please go to <http://www.unep.org/wed/2010/english/> and <http://www.unep.org/iyb/>.

SPECIAL DAYS IN JUNE AND JULY



June 1 – International Children's Day. Celebrated around the world (although not necessarily on June 1). Dates back to the World Conference for the Well being of Children in Geneva, Switzerland in 1925.

June 5 – World Environment Day. Commemorated each year on June 5. According to the United Nations Environment Programme, World Environment Day "is one of the principal vehicles through which the United Nations stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and enhances political attention and action." This year's theme: Melting Ice—A Hot Topic? For informational material, photos, and more, go to <http://www.unep.org/>.



June 14 – U.S. Army Founded in 1774.



Stars and Stripes Adopted. On this day in 1777, the Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the U.S. (Flag Day.)

Harriet Beecher Stowe. Anniversary of Birth. Born June 14, 1811; Died July 1, 1896. Stowe was an abolitionist and author, perhaps best known for her book *Uncle Tom's Cabin* which was published in 1851.

June 20 – Father's Day.

World Refugee Day. In 2000, the United Nations General Assembly designated this day as World Refugee Day "to recognize and celebrate the contribution of refugees throughout the world." For more information, go [here](#).

June 28 – Constitution Day in Ukraine. Annual holiday to honor the country's constitution, on the anniversary of signing and promulgation of the national law system and various significant amendments. To read the Constitution of Ukraine in English go to <http://www.rada.gov.ua/const/conengl.htm>.



July 4 – Independence Day. On July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence. Interesting fact: According to the Library of Congress, observing Independence Day only became commonplace after the War of 1812. Be sure to visit the [National Archives: The Charters of Freedom](#) as well as [PBS Liberty](#). The following are links to lesson plans:

[EDSITEment: Declare the Causes: The Declaration of Independence.](#) Grades: 3-5.

[read-write-think: Myth and Truth: Independence Day.](#) Grades: 3-5.

[The Bill of Rights Institute: Heroism and the Declaration of Independence.](#) PDF. Grades: 6-8.

[EDSITEment: The Constitutional Convention.](#) Grades: 6-8.

[EDSITEment: The Constitutional Convention: What the Founding Fathers Said.](#) Grades: 6-8.

[The New York Times: Creating "Quilts" Portraying American Independence.](#) Grades: 6-12.

[EDSITEment: An Expression of the American Mind: Understanding the Declaration.](#) Grades: 9-12.

July 11 – World Population Day. Sponsored by the United Nations, World Population Day is commemorated on July 11 each year. For more information, visit the [United Nations Population Fund](#). Your students may be interested in viewing the [Worldometer](#). (Have them note the population at the beginning of a lesson, then again at the end.) For a map showing the relative size of an area based on its population, visit [WorldMapper](#). For a unit on population growth, go [here](#). Appropriate for grades 9-12. PBS's Nova offers

[World in the Balance](#) with accompanying [activities](#). Recommended book: *Can Earth Support Our Growing Population?* by Kate Shuster and *Population* by Paul Mason.

July 16 – Congress Declares Washington D.C. New Capital. According to the Library of Congress: "On July 16, 1790, the Residence Act, which stipulated that the president select a site on the Potomac River as the permanent capital of the United States following a ten-year temporary residence in Philadelphia, was signed into law. In a proclamation issued on January 24, 1791, President George Washington announced the permanent location of the new capital, an area of land at the confluence of the Potomac and Eastern Branch (Anacostia) rivers that would eventually become the District of Columbia. Soon after, Washington commissioned French engineer Pierre-Charles L'Enfant to create a plan for the city."



July 20 – First Man on the Moon. On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong stepped from the lunar landing module *Eagle* and onto the surface of the moon. Armstrong said, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Your K-3 students will enjoy reading *The Moon over Star* by Dianna Aston. For students in grades 4-6, we recommend *Neil Armstrong: One Giant Leap for Mankind* by Tara Dixon-Engel and Mike Jackson. For more information, visit the [Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum](#). Be sure to visit also [Smithsonian's 40th Anniversary of Apollo 11](#).

July 21 – Ernest Hemingway. Anniversary of Birth. Born: July 21, 1899; Died: July 2, 1961. Hemingway was an American novelist and short story writer. He is known for such titles as: *The Sun Also Rises*, *Farewell to Arms*, *For Whom the Bell Tolls*, and *The Old Man and the Sea* (winner of the Pulitzer Prize in 1953). In 1954, he won the Nobel Prize in Literature. His writing style (terse, with short, simple sentences) influenced a generation of writers. For more information, visit the [Ernest Hemingway Foundation of Oak Park](#). For a brief biography and listing of his work, visit the [Nobel Prize Web site](#).

TIDBITS FROM THE INTERNET

Video Palindrome "Lost Generation"

This is a really cool video.

A palindrome reads the same backwards as forward. This video reads the exact opposite backwards as forward. Not only does it read the opposite, the meaning is the exact opposite. This is only a 1 minute, 44 second video and it is brilliant. Make sure you read as well as listen...forward and backward.

This is a video that was submitted in a contest by a 20-year old. The contest was titled "u @ 50" by AARP. This video won second place. When they showed it, everyone in the room was awe-struck and broke into spontaneous applause. So simple and yet so brilliant. Take a minute and watch it.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42E2fAWM6rA>

USEFUL RESOURCES



<http://unistudy.org.ua/eng/>

UNISTUDY is an information project about study opportunities abroad and international youth programs which was launched in October 2006.

Information in UNISTUDY is aimed to increase academic mobility of Ukrainian students in the international education area. Long-term (scholarships, fellowships, internships, grants, volunteer opportunities, Erasmus Mundus university exchanges) and short-term (conferences, seminars, training courses, workshops, summer schools, Youth in Action projects etc.) programs can be found here. UNISTUDY is also a platform for experience exchange between students and feedback from participants of different programs is shared at the site. There are also other useful materials about study abroad.

In partnership with Kyiv Student Council, AIESEC-Ukraine, AEGEE-Kyiv, MBA Strategy Ukraine, European Youth Parliament-Ukraine.



<http://www.interexchange.org/>

InterExchange is a non-profit organization devoted to promoting cross-cultural awareness through work and volunteer exchange programs. For more than 40 years, InterExchange has

been connecting young people from all over the world with life-changing international cultural exchange opportunities.



Believe it or not, summer is just around the corner, which - for your children - means two or three wide open months of time to fill! Even though summer break is a time to rest and enjoy time off, young bodies and minds thrive on activity, discovery and new experiences... and that's where summer camps come in.

With youth proven to be the best time in a person's life to learn new skills, summer camps have been conceived to reach out to youngsters' interests while simultaneously keeping them active between school years. With a perfect balance of educational classes, fun workshop, sports, activities and cultural excursions, English language programs are an ideal way to keep a child or teen active, both physically and intellectually.

Below please see the links with the information about the summer camps in Ukraine.

<http://osvita.ua/languages/children/7340>

http://www.wizard.vn.ua/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=55&Itemid=72

SUMMERTIME ACTIVITIES



Your kids will have more fun during summer holidays if you could help them create interesting summer projects using their imagination and unique talents.

Below please find the links with some ideas and information about indoor and outdoor summer activities and games for kids, which could be used by both teachers and parents:

<http://www.kidsource.com/education/summer.activities.art.html> - Great educational activities for children 1-12: articles filled with activities, lists of great books.

<http://www.kidsturncentral.com/summer/summerfun.htm> - There are lots of things to do, see and learn about both online and offline.

<http://holidays.kaboose.com/summer/> - Get your kids into summer spirit with these kids summer fun activities. Camp crafts, coloring pages, recipes and more.

<http://www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/summer/> - Fun summer activities: summer coloring pages, crafts for kids, word searches, poetry, games, and stories.

<http://www.dltk-holidays.com/summer/index.html> - DLTk's holiday crafts for kids: summer activities.

<http://www.creativekidsathome.com/summerkidsactivities.html> - Free children crafts and creative kids' activities for the summer.

<http://www.readwritethink.org/beyondtheclassroom/summer/> - Your trusted reading and language arts resource—in and out of school.

http://www.readinga-z.com/about_us/summerread.html - In addition to leveled reading, phonics, and alphabet books and materials, Reading A-Z offers a number of other resources to help make teaching easier and help children learn to love to read.

<http://www.thecutekid.com/parent-resources/summer-activities.php> - Take advantage of free summer fun activities for kids.

<http://family.go.com/holidays/pkg-schools-out/> - School's Out! From graduation gifts to year-end party ideas to teacher appreciation presents, we've got everything you'll need to celebrate the end of the school year.

http://www.nutrawize.com/summer_activities.htm - The top ten fun fitness summer activities for kids.



Have a Wonderful Summer!