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Environmental Events in ALTA -- August

Cottonwood Canyons Foundation Fundraiser

Friday, August 6th, 9:30am - 3:00pm, Alf's Restaurant

Come Join us! Celebrate the beauty of Albion Basin's wildflowers and help support the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation. Enjoy guided wildflower walks and a delicious fundraising lunch at Alf's restaurant, Alta Ski Area, Little Cottonwood Canyon (hiking attire welcome). Walks begin at 10 a.m. and Lunch is at noon. This organization is the Cottonwood Canyons' greatest environmental land steward and their work has been seen and utilized by many from Salt Lake Valley and out of state visitors. To learn more of their efforts visit www.cottonwoodcanyons.org.

Cost: \$50 per person

Contact: Please RSVP to jessiew@cottonwoodcanyons.org.

Sponsored by: Alta, Brighton, Snowbird and Solitude Ski Areas.



USEE: Project Learning Tree K-8 Activity Guide Training

Tuesday, August 10th, 9:00am-3:00pm, Alf's Restaurant

Come participate in a Project Learning Tree workshop up Little Cottonwood Canyon with the Utah Society of Environmental Education! This workshop is geared toward non-formal and pre K-8 educators interested in incorporating more forestry and environment related activities into their programs and classrooms. You will learn interactive activities that meet core requirements; reading strategies with connections to relevant fiction and non-fiction books are spread throughout the activities; technology connections expose students to software applications, imaging tools, and Internet resources; differentiated instruction helps you reach students with varying needs and talents; and improved and expanded assessment opportunities are closely aligned with clear objectives. To learn more about USEE visit www.usee.org.



Cost: \$25, which covers the workshop fee and the activity guide.

Teachers also receive 6 contact hours by attending this workshop. So bring a brown-bag lunch and have some PLT fun!

Contact: Please RSVP to Nicole Thomas at nicole@usee.org or (801) 328-1549 by Fri., Aug. 6th.

Tip of the Month: Check your house for Air Leaks



Want a good summer project that will save you money? Check the caulking and weather-stripping of doors and windows for leaks and breaks. Keeping these areas airtight will prevent the loss of cool air inside the house in the summer and warm air in the winter.

Other great areas to check for air leaks are electrical outlets and old windows. Go to your local hardware store to find window film to improve the insulation for those old windows and electrical outlet foam pads or sealing boxes and outlet plugs for your electrical outlets. The window film is a great way to save up for new windows and those electrical outlets surprisingly allow a lot of air to leak in and out of the house. Remember to be safe when installing the outlet foam pads or sealing boxes by turning off the power to those outlets in your breaker box.



All of these ideas are inexpensive and easy do-it-yourself projects that will not only keep you warm and cool when you want, but will save you money on your electrical bills.