



## Tahoe Basin-Truckee River Watershed 12th Annual Snapshot Day

Lower Truckee River segment  
May 11th, 9am to 12 noon

**TO:** SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATORS

**FROM:** Lower Truckee River Snapshot Day coordinator

An educational field experience this spring may become an important part of your students' curriculum and, for many, an opportunity to experience hands-on science outdoors.

*Snapshot Day* is a watershed-wide monitoring event for the Lake Tahoe and Truckee River Watershed communities. Monitoring Teams take a snapshot of the water quality and habitat assessment of the Tahoe Basin, the Truckee River, its tributaries, Lake Tahoe and Pyramid Lake.

The event has a two-fold purpose:

- 1) to collect valuable water quality information, and
- 2) to promote environmental education and stewardship.

Snapshot Day delivers a unique opportunity to offer hands-on experience, to provide a job shadow, and to interact with students seeking to learn. Teacher response to pre-assign classes to monitoring sites nearby their school campus is overwhelmingly positive. We only accommodate one class at each site to ensure facilitators and equipment is available as needed.

The Snapshot event occurs during the morning hours (approximately 9-noon). The fieldtrip requires water quality monitoring and habitat assessment activities. Educators may include an added activity to complement the program. Examples of an activity/lesson include:

The Incredible Journey - The Hydrologic Cycle (ES grades)

Watershed wildlife - Animals pelts (ES grades)

Macroinvertebrates

Soils

Native Plants / Invasive Species

Recycling

Please **MARK your Calendars!!** Contact me early for more information and to request your site. We only accommodate one class at each site to ensure facilitators and equipment is available to assist as needed.

Contact me to reserve your site today!  
I hope to hear from you soon!

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**Educator / Facilitator Training-Refresher**  
Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 3-5pm  
University of NV - Cooperative Extension  
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