



## **BPA awards community education grants**

### **Bonneville Power Administration**

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**COLVILLE, Wash. - The Lake Roosevelt Water Festival received a \$1,000 grant today from the Bonneville Power Administration.**

The grant is one of thirteen such grants given throughout the Northwest as part of BPA's Education Program. The grants will support projects that teach environmental awareness and energy efficiency to elementary, middle and high school students.

"Northwest educators are seeing tighter budgets," said Joan McNamara, BPA's education coordinator. "Organizations like BPA should help find creative ways to supplement the shrinking education dollar. As an organization committed to supporting education in the Northwest, BPA is proud to award this grant to the Lake Roosevelt Water Festival."

Fourth graders living in the Lake Roosevelt area will learn first-hand about the water, plants and animals in their watershed, thanks in part to the grant. The festival will offer a variety of subjects such as fish anatomy and water quality. In addition to the grant, BPA plans to offer its popular "Kids in the Creek" activity at the Sherman Creek Hatchery with help from the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife and the Spokane and Colville Tribes. "Kids in the Creek" is a hands-on learning experience where students determine the health of a stream by measuring water temperature, dissolved oxygen and aquatic insect population.

"We were not able to underwrite the entire budget," said Rob Swedo, community relations officer in BPA's Spokane Service Center. "But we hope that our grant will stimulate sponsorships from other government agencies and companies from the local area." The other twelve grant recipients are:

- Water Awareness Week 1997 sponsored by the Idaho Department of Water Resources
- The Montana Energy Calendar sponsored by the 1997 Montana Energy Education Council
- Salmon Camp sponsored by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Portland, Ore.
- Plant a Tree, Save a Fish sponsored by the Public Power Council and the Yakama Indian Nation Salmon Corps, Portland, Ore.
- The OCEEE Grant Program sponsored by the Oregon Collaboration for Energy, Education and the Environment, Portland, Ore.
- Salmon Watch sponsored by Oregon Trout, Portland, Ore.
- The Edison Project sponsored by Clallam County Washington Youth 2000
- Classroom Workshops sponsored by Snohomish County Washington Public Utility District #1
- Meet Mr. Electricity sponsored by the Columbia Valley Gardens Elementary School in Longview,

Wash.

- Energy, Environment and Community sponsored by the Energy Outreach Center in Olympia, Wash.
- The Richland Summer Science Camp sponsored by the Columbia River Exhibition of History, Science and Technology; Richland, Wash.
- Salmon Education and Restoration sponsored by the Toppenish Washington School District #202.

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