



Utah Geographic Alliance

Updates–March 2012

Dear UGA Member and Friends,

Thank you for your interest and enthusiasm shown for the Annual Spring Conference. Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts, the Spring Conference has been postponed and will now take place in September. Everen Brown, photographer, author, and creator of the 360° World Atlas is still planning on presenting the keynote and conference participants will receive a copy of the 360° Atlas Antarctica Edition. The exact date in September and registration information will be announced soon.

In the mean time, there are amazing activities, events and opportunities available throughout the spring and summer:

☛ For those who have been looking for the UGA online, you may have noticed that the Alliance webpage has not been updated or available at times. Since the release of www.education.nationalgeographic.com, the old network site has not been supported. As a result, the UGA is moving to its own website. Look for the launch of www.utahgeo.org on March 31st.

☛ The UGA leadership has been involved in a strategic planning process with National Geographic. As a result, the UGA has developed a draft leadership handbook and would like your feedback. The handbook and feedback information will be available on www.utahgeo.org when the site is launched. Many leadership opportunities will be available.

☛ **Scholarship:**

The UGA is offering a scholarship for a UGA member to attend the Esri Education GIS Conference in beautiful San Diego July 21-24. Informational flyer and application will follow. Application deadline is March 23rd.

☛ The 9th Grade Geography Olympiad is scheduled for Saturday, April 28. For more information, contact Kevin Poff at kpoff@dsdmail.net

☛ **Community Mapping Workshops**

Learn how to use GIS/GPS technology in the classroom. Summer workshops will be held in Moab, St. George and Salt Lake City. Go to <http://uen.org/cmap> for more information. Informational flyer will follow.

☛ Alliance Summer Geography Institute sponsored by the Utah and Colorado Geographic Alliances. "Mormons and Miners" June 24-30. Home base will be Salt Lake City. Informational flyer will follow.

☛ **Scholarship:** The UGA is offering several scholarships to the Intermountain AP Summer Institute in Davis District July 9-12. Information flyer and application will follow.

Look for more information coming soon on these exciting opportunities!

Upcoming Events/Dates:

March 30
Geography Bee

March 31
New UGA Website

April 28
Geography
Olympiad

June 4-8
CMaP Workshop
(Moab)

June 24-30
Alliance Summer
Geography Institute

June 25-29
CMaP Workshop
(St. George)

July 9-12
AP Human
Geography
Workshop

July 21-24
Esri Education GIS
Conference

July 30-Aug 3
CMaP Workshop
(UEN, SLC)

September
UGA Fall
Conference