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**A MEMBERS-ONLY BENEFIT!
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Dear NJAGC Members,

Welcome to the 76th edition of NewsNet, the electronic newsletter provided for our valued NJAGC members! We've come upon so many interesting events that we're sending out another NewsNet so you won't miss out on these outstanding opportunities!

Be a part of NewsNet. Send happenings of interest throughout NJ for families of gifted students as well as educators, to Lenore Argen at argenhouse@msn.com.
Your input will be appreciated by all who enjoy this publication!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

NJAGC 24th Annual Conference*
April 15 & 16, 2016
[Hotel Somerset- Bridgewater](#)

This is a unique opportunity of networking and professional development with the gifted community statewide and beyond.

- Are you ready to Power Up! your students?
- Are you looking for strategies to deepen thinking, to empower metacognition, and spark self-expression?
- Do you want to enhance challenge and depth throughout your teaching?
- Are you looking to network and learn with like-minded parents, educators, and advocates for gifted education?
- Are you a gifted student, ready for a fun-filled day of engaging activities?

Join **NJAGC** as we **Power Up!** at our **2016 conference April 15th and 16th** in Somerset, NJ!

Visit www.njagc.org often for registration information and workshop descriptions. You will also find new and updated information, applications for contests, award nomination forms, scholarship opportunities, presentation proposals and exhibitor registration.

THE ARTS - PROGRAMS

Stage Door Connections, a pre-eminent producer of **Broadway workshops** and special events, presents a collection of unique workshops designed to add a new dimension to your Broadway experience. Choose from their menu of Performing and Non-Performing workshops or customize a workshop based on your students' needs and interests. Workshops can be taken simply for fun, or as a way to explore employment opportunities in the entertainment industry. For a complete list of workshops, descriptions, and pricing [CLICK HERE](#).

[High 5 Tickets to the Arts](#) gives teens exclusive access to New York City's thriving arts scene for just \$5! Through the generosity of over 300 arts organizations in NYC, High 5 offers \$5 tickets to events ranging from dance to music to theater and the visual arts—we've got a taste of everything for everyone! They also sponsor special events.

VOLUNTEERS

We hope that you will be able to attend our annual **NJGAC conference**. We are in the final stages of making preparations but always welcome volunteers to help out at our registration tables and to serve as breakout session facilitators. Please send an email to njagc@njagc.org to volunteer your time or ideas.

Pen Pal and Service Learning Project:

Adopt a Military Platoon and show the soldiers that you appreciate their sacrifice and service. We now have 500 soldiers from the 1st Battalion 10th Aviation Brigade deploying and need sponsors to adopt them ... if you are willing please let me know ... thanks for your continued support. VR ... Mike at plummike@aol.com

GLOBAL TRAVEL

GEEO is offering the following travel programs for 2016: Bali/Lombok, Bangkok to Hanoi, China, Costa Rica, Eastern Europe, The Galapagos Islands, Greece, Iceland, India/Nepal, Southern India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Morocco, Ethiopia, Myanmar (Burma), Peruvian Amazon, Peruvian Andes, Portugal/Spain, Heart of the Silk Road, Southern Africa, Sri Lanka, Turkey, Vietnam/Cambodia, Western Balkans, and The Philippines. **The registration deadline is June 1st**, but space is limited and many programs will be full well before the deadline.

Detailed information about each trip can be found at www.geeo.org.

GEEO can be reached 7 days a week, toll-free at [1-877-600-0105](tel:1-877-600-0105) between 9 AM-9 PM EST.

RESOURCES TO CHECK OUT

Stossel in the Classroom would like to share some great educational opportunities with you and your students! All they need to do is go to <http://www.stosselintheclassroom.org/>

Science Near You is a site offered by Liberty Science Center, enabling you to locate science related programs and locations in your local area. Just enter your address at <http://snu.lsc.org> to begin your search.

Go to www.Elmers.com to join The Elmers Teacher Club, offering resources and downloads in all subject areas. This site also offers project ideas for parents and students.

Check out www.nasa.gov for NASA resources for the education community. There are continuous opportunities for webcasts, workshops, grants, etc.

Located on Duke Farms in central New Jersey, the **EagleCam** allows viewers an up close and personal view into the lives of a pair of bald eagles as they breed, incubate, and raise young. It is a perfect tool for teaching about wildlife and covers a variety of topics including animal behavior, bird biology and natural history, endangered species, food webs, contamination, and more.

Visit <http://www.conservewildlifenj.org/education/eaglecam/> daily for updates and lessons.

The Center for Economic Education sponsors *Gen i Revolution*, a free online personal finance game, at www.genirevolution.org

Find assessment tools that gauge historical thinking using **Library of Congress** primary source documents, rubrics, and examples of student work at <http://beyondthebubble.stanford.edu/>.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Somerset County YMCA will offer a two week camp focused on archaeology this July including field trip explorations.

Go to <http://www.somersetcounty-ymca.org/programs/summer-camp.org> or call 908-766-7898 ext.507 for more information.

NJ Audubon conducts summer camps and programs throughout the state at the following site. See the [map](#) for sanctuary locations.

- [Lorrimer Sanctuary](#) (Franklin Lakes, Bergen County) 201-891-2185
- [Scherman/Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuaries](#) (Bernardsville, Somerset County) - 908-766-5787
- [Plainsboro Preserve](#) (Plainsboro, Middlesex County) 609-897-9400
- [Nature Center of Cape May](#) (Cape May, Cape May County) 609-898-8848

*** Make sure to also check out the summer and weekend programs offered for Elementary and High School students **by our Newsnet sponsors, CTY, SIG and MSU...their contact and website information is listed below at the end of this publication.**

FAMILY AND SCHOOL OUTINGS

The **Philadelphia Science Festival** is a nine-day, community-wide celebration of science that takes place annually in April, featuring lectures, debates, hands-on activities, special exhibitions and a variety of other informal science education experiences for all ages. Visit <http://www.philasciencefestival.org/> for more information and schedule of events.

Save the date! Tuesday, June 14, 2016 is the annual **NYC Museum Mile Festival**. Go to <http://museummilefestival.org/> to learn about special events and free/discounted admission to some of NY City's most iconic museums.

The Stages Festival is still going strong, featuring special events and free/discounted tickets at performing arts venues around the state. Go to <https://njtheatrealliance.org/stages-festival> for more information.

Spirit of the Jersey State History Fair

Saturday, May 14, 2016, at Monmouth Battlefield State Park, Manalapan, NJ
11 AM – 5 PM, rain or shine. Visit www.njhistoryfair.org for more information.

Visit the **Museum of Mathematics** in NYC for hands-on, interactive exhibits...a museum devoted to the wonders of mathematics and its many connections, from art to science to finance. They have even developed a summer camp program! Check out www.momath.org for more information.

Rutgers Geology Museum features hands on special events and walks. Check out their website at <http://geologymuseum.rutgers.edu> for more information.

Experience New Jersey's State University!

Saturday, April 30, 2016
10 a.m.–4 p.m. Free Admission
Rutgers University – New Brunswick

Come share in Rutgers pride by exploring the university's research, education, and service. Meet the diverse student body and faculty, and learn more about the health sciences programs that are now a part of the university. There's something for everyone, whether you're a current student, an alumna/us returning with your family, a prospective student, an athletic fan excited about the Big Ten, or a visitor curious about your state university, you'll find something to enjoy.

A complete listing of programs will be posted April 1st on this website: <http://rutgersday.rutgers.edu/>. Each year they add new programming, so try a new campus if you are a repeat visitor.

CONTESTS AND GRANTS

The "For the Love of Wildlife" Photo Contest is free to enter! Two grand prize winners - one youth and one adult winner - will receive \$250. The People's Choice Winner will win a canoe trip for two on the Batsto River in Wharton State Forest courtesy of [Pinelands Adventures](#).

Submit your photos **by 8 PM on Friday, March 25, 2016** in the following categories:

***New Jersey's Rarest Residents:** Endangered and Threatened Wildlife Species Only

***The Garden State:** New Jersey Landscapes

***Experiencing Nature:** People Enjoying the Outdoors

***Wild New Jersey:** All Animals in the Garden State

For official contest rules and entry form, visit [Conserve Wildlife Foundation's website](#).

Conserve Wildlife Foundation

General contest information, a collection of video clips provided by CWF for student use in the contest, online entry form

[Online Entry Form](#)

[Free Video Clips:](#) Get started with wildlife video clips provided by Conserve Wildlife Foundation.
<http://www.conservewildlifenj.org/education/edge2.0/>

The fun and educational **2016 Species on the Edge 2.0 Video Contest Kit** capitalizes on high school students' expertise with technology, and provides them with the opportunity to showcase their talent, creativity, and love of nature. The contest helps to develop students' experience in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and their project management skills.

Best of all, it's **free** – and gives students the chance to win scholarships and other prizes! All entries will be eligible to win a day in the field with a wildlife biologist.

Prizes include:

-1st prize: \$1,000 in scholarship money

-2nd prize: \$500 in scholarship money

-3rd prize: \$250 in scholarship money

All entries are due **Friday, May 13, 2016**.

The James T. Webb Scholarship currently extends the opportunity for identified gifted and talented students from minority populations and their parents to participate in the SENG Annual Conference. Students attend the program for children or teens. Parents attend concurrent adult sessions. - See more at: <https://sengifted.org/programs/james-t-webb-scholarship>

Mahatma Gandhi Peace and Harmony Art & Writing Contest for Middle and HS Students
Essay/Poem/Art Work based on the following quote:

"I object to violence because when it appears to do good, the good is only temporary: the evil it does is permanent." - Mahatma Gandhi

www.AIA-S.J.org

http://www.aia-sj.org/AIASJ2015_entryform.pdf

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