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Register NOW: CUE Rock Star Camp in Mammoth!

Pre-registration is now open for the CUE Rock Star Camp, which will take place at Mammoth Middle School June 15th - 17th. CUE has made a special offer to reserve 50 early-registration spaces for Inyo teachers, and ICSOS will cover the registration fee for certificated teachers currently employed with Inyo County districts who commit to attending all three days of the workshop. (ICSOS will not cover costs for transportation, food, or lodging). The special pre-registration window for Inyo County teachers begins March 1st and ends March 16th, after which registration will go "live" statewide. Since pre-registration is first-come, first-served, we suggest that you pre-register as soon as possible to ensure that you get a space.

Rock Star camps provide an opportunity for hands-on learning about teaching with technology in small-group settings. Educators from throughout California share how they use technology to enhance their instruction and provide

individual support. With a 10:1 participant to instructor ratio, it's a great way to learn new skills, meet and learn from other teachers, and have time to "play" with a wide variety of technology resources. Watch the video for more information: https://youtu.be/J5kNqxA_63I.



Registration instructions (please read completely before registering!)

1. If you don't already have a CUE account, create one by going to www.cue.org. Account registration is in the upper left area of the page.
2. Complete the form linked below, using the same name and email address as for your CUE account.
3. Before you click *Submit*, print the page (*one page is fine*).

4. Make out a *fully refundable* deposit check for \$50 to Inyo County Superintendent of Schools. If you have attended all three days, on the 3rd day of the workshop, we will return your check.
5. No later than March 25, mail or take the pre-registration page, along with the deposit check to:
ICSOS, Attn: Annie Blakey
166 Grandview Dr.
Bishop, CA 93514
Your pre-registration is not confirmed until we receive your deposit check. We will email you a pre-registration confirmation, and you will receive a final electronic confirmation from CUE in May.
6. You may **cancel** your registration with ICSOS **until April 15**, after which you will forfeit your deposit if you don't attend the workshop.

Click [here](#) to pre-register. Remember to print your form before you submit it.

Science Fair Winners

The Inyo County Science Fair was held on February 10th. Four schools participated this year: Big Pine School (6th-8th grades); Bishop Elementary (4th grade); Home Street Middle School (7th-8th grades); and Round Valley (4th-8th grades). These schools sent a total of

thirty-seven students to the county competition. Of these thirty-seven students, the following eight students were selected to move on to the [regional science fair](#), to be held in Riverside April 5-7: "

Ryder Delmas (RV 5th):
"Chin 2 Win"

Jack Slovacek (RV 5th):
"Take Off Effectively"

Rylee Arcularius (RV 6th):
"Shooting Baskets

Ace Selters (HSMS 7th):
"Which Material Causes
Baseballs to be Hit Farthest?"

Scott Hennarty (HSMS 8):
"What's in Your Water?"

Will Stange (HSMS 8th):
"Bullet Material
Composition"

Bodie Steinwand (BP 8th):
"The Effects of Disinfectants
on Bacteria"

Haley Yarborough (RV 8):
"Electrolyte Challenge"

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Padilla: 2016 County Poetry Champion

INYO COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS ANNOUNCES SHYANN PADILLA AS 2016 INYO COUNTY POETRY OUT LOUD CHAMPION



Poetry Out Loud 2016 Champion, Shyann Padilla (right), with fellow participant Cianni Benson

For the second year in a row Shyann Padilla from Owens Valley High School in Independence, received the title of 2016 Inyo

County Poetry Out Loud Champion at the county finals held in Bishop on February 3, 2016. The runner-up was Cianni Benson, also from Owens Valley High School.

This was the sixth year that Inyo Council for the Arts has collaborated with the Inyo County Superintendent of Schools office to offer the Poetry Out Loud program, which is sponsored by the California Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. Retired English teacher, Harold McDonald, was the county coordinator in the schools.

At the county finals, Poetry Out Loud contestants recited works they selected from an

anthology of more than 900 classic and contemporary poems. Poetry Out Loud gives students an opportunity to master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage. Shyann's readings of "Drowning in Wheat" by John Kinsella and "Domestic Situation" by Ernest Hilbert, wowed the guest judges, who evaluated student performances on criteria including presence, evidence of understanding, and accuracy.

Padilla moves on to compete in Sacramento at the end of this month representing Inyo County in the California State Championship.



2016 Poetry Out Loud participants (left to right): Heidi Gonzales, Grace Morriset, Shandy Ratchford, Cianni Benson, and Shyann Padilla

Tech Corner: Google Certification for Go-Getters

"How do I get Google Certified?" We've heard this question a number of times during the last few years, especially as people attend workshops presented by Google Certified Educators.

There are two levels of Google Educator Certification: Level 1 teachers must show that they can use Google Apps for Education in their instruction to enhance teaching and learning; Level 2 teachers demonstrate more advanced skills, and their ability to successfully incorporate a wider range of Google for Education tools and other classroom technologies in a way that transforms classroom practice.

Teachers who deliver professional development to others can also become Certified Trainers; they must be able to

demonstrate that they have experience delivering training on Google for Education tools.

To get certified at either level, you complete an online training course (Fundamentals Training Course for Level 1 and Advanced Training Course for Level 2); practice the skills; and pass an online exam (\$10 for Level 1, \$25 for Level 2). Teachers have 3 hours to complete each exam without significant pauses.

Interested? Visit Google's new [online Training Center](#) where you can peruse the training courses without committing to anything, or take a course and register for an exam. This is also a great resource if you just want to learn a bit more about specific Google Apps. Have fun!

Science Fair

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ICSOS congratulates these students and thanks all of our student scientists across the county for their hard work and participation!

Our thanks are also extended to all of the adults who worked to make this event possible:

- Student coaches: Randee Arcularius (RV), Jan Hart (BP), Wayne Linse (BES), and Matt Wilson and Jonothan Willy (HSMS).
- Volunteer judges: Hillary Behr, Dustin Blakey, Jim Gilbreath, Sheena Girner, Mark Hodges, Richard Kizer, Zach Nelson, Kary Schlick, Michele Slaton, Elsbeth Otto, Howard Walker, and Sue Weis.

STUDENT EVENTS

MARCH

- 10th:** Speech Contest, 6pm at JKBS (6th–8th grades)
- 24th:** Geography Contest, 6pm at JKBS (9th-12th)

APRIL

- 8th:** 5th Grade College & Career Day at Cerro Coso College, Bishop Campus