



## Summer Teaching Academy

13–17 July 2009, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

### *Preliminary Itinerary*

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

During a diverse and fulfilling five days, enthusiastic facilitators from five partnering organizations will serve the needs of fourth grade teachers as adult learners as much as serving the teacher's needs to teach. Digital cameras in hand, teachers will come away from guided, inquiry-based tours of forests, deserts and wetlands armed with newfound knowledge, instructional activities and materials, thematic photographs and contagious enthusiasm to take back to their students.

#### **MONDAY 13 JULY 2009 HOST: TRACY AVIARY**

KEY TOPICS: Workshop Orientation, Avian Ecology

Sample Events: workshop orientation; watershed overview, digital photography, site tour; introduction to birds, birding and bird ecology; AVES activities and resources

#### **TUESDAY 4 JULY 2009 HOST: COTTONWOOD CANYONS FOUNDATION at Silver Lake**

KEY TOPICS: Forest wildlife and ecology and stewardship; Watershed

Sample Events: Organizational background and resources; site tour of forest wildlife, ecology, trees, soils, watershed; management; teaching materials and activities

#### **WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 2009 HOST: LEGACY PRESERVE and THE NATURE CONSERVANCY**

KEY TOPICS: Wetlands wildlife, ecology and stewardship

Sample Events: Organizational backgrounds and resources; wetlands wildlife; tours, wetlands ecology, wetlands dynamics, management topics; teaching activities and resources

#### **THURSDAY 16 JULY 2009 HOST: ANTELOPE ISLAND STATE PARK and FRIENDS OF GREAT SALT LAKE**

KEY TOPICS: Deserts & Great Salt Lake wildlife, ecology and stewardship

Sample Events: Organizational backgrounds and resources; site tours, watershed, GSL aquatic and avian ecology, desert systems, players and processes; teaching activities and resources

#### **FRIDAY 17 JULY 2009 HOST: TRACY AVIARY**

KEY TOPICS: Bringing it all Together

Sample Events: guest speaker; AVES activities and resources; summary discussions, presentations and projects; Family event with live bird program, pelican and conure feeding

35 Total Contact Hours, exclusive of 30-minute lunches

Credit options: 3 USU EDU-6560 credits (\$90)  
USOE CACTUS Credit  
Relicensure Points

Course Instructor of Record: Bruce Thompson, MST