



April 20, 2010

Media Advisory

**Truckee River Environmental Education Day, (TREE Day) Thursday, April 22, 2010-
Reno Nevada**

The Nature Conservancy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Nevada Department of Wildlife will hold an outdoor environmental education event for approximately 350 local fourth-grade students on April 22, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at McCarran Ranch. The focus of the activities is to enhance understanding of the Truckee River and the wildlife that depend on it. This community environmental education program promises to be a great opportunity to photograph children in nature, doing hands on learning activities.

WHO: The Nature Conservancy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Nevada Department of Wildlife

WHAT: School children (primarily fourth graders) will be rotating through six hands-on activities to learn about wetlands habitats and wildlife, river meanders and restoration efforts, migratory birds reliance on wetlands, and native plant revegetation. Kids will have hands-on activities with a wetland pool and looking at macroinvertebrates through microscopes.

At 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. students will be able to assist the Lahontan National Fish

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Hatchery with stocking of threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout.

WHERE: McCarran Ranch, Reno, Nevada

McCarran Ranch is located about 15 miles east of Reno along the Truckee River.

Driving Directions: Take I-80 East from Reno to the Patrick Exit. Off the exit, do not cross the river, but immediately double back (going west) on the frontage road for roughly 1/3 mile to a stop sign. Continue straight/west another 1/2 mile on the private road and cross the railroad tracks (ungated crossing – proceed with caution). You will see a small white house/green roof with The Nature Conservancy sign outside and parking area. There is plenty of room in the parking area to turn around.

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