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Place Based Education Gets Down and Dirty

-Brittany Anderson

"The best place to study nature is to get out in nature." Comments Dr. Brad Daniel, Science Professor. August of 2003 students were able to divulge in the 2 annual Environmental Field Studies programs.

The field studies program provides opportunities to study natural areas intensively through on-site class periods. "These programs are designed to provide both depth and breadth of knowledge to students. We wanted a program that would be able to go both wide and deep," Daniel remarks.

Three new courses were added to the program, The Natural History of the Great Smokey Mountains National Park, The Environmental Perspectives and Cultural History of the Cherokee and Malawi Watersheds. Dr. Brad Daniel, Dr. Brian Joyce, and Professor Mike Sonnenburg taught these courses.

Students who were able to be

involved in the field immersion experience were either plunged into one particular ecosystem or traveled the countryside studying grasslands, glaciers, to the rocky mountain peaks of the Great Smokey Mountains. "I think it's a great opportunity for me and other students as well. I love the idea of the courses." Freshman Keri Trahan remarked.

Senior Noah Swaty, who was involved in the Smokey Mountains, and Cherokee courses, remarks, "I am a huge fan of field studies classes. The Smokies course really helped me in furthering my OE major. I was also given a better grasp of what the Southern Appalachian Mountains are like."

Students who are taking the course have numerous intensive requirements to meet before and after their experience. Depending on the course and professor, there is a short but concentrated list of goals and expectations that need to be met, ranging

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Cyndy Fike and Leah Kelley both took time to smell the flowers on the Cultural History of the Cherokee Nation course taught this summer.

- B. Daniel

Study Abroad.com Sweepstakes will send a student to Russia

-Collegiate Presswire

CHESTER, Pa.-Sep 22, 2003-One lucky student will spend two weeks in Russia next summer as the grand prizewinner in the eighth annual StudyAbroad.com Fall Sweepstakes.

The sweepstakes is sponsored by Truman State University, GRINT Centre for Education, and STA Travel. StudyAbroad.com, a Web site of Educational Directories Unlimited Inc. of Chester, Pennsylvania is the number-one online resource for study abroad education. Each year, the site hosts a study abroad sweepstakes, allowing one winner to experience life in another country.

The grand prize includes a three-week summer study abroad trip to Russia. The winner will also receive

full room and board for the three weeks; roundtrip airfare, courtesy of STA Travel; and Russian language courses. The program, room, and board are courtesy of Truman State University and GRINT Centre for Education.

One second prize winner will receive a \$500 (U.S.) discount toward the cost of participation in a spring or summer Truman State University study abroad program. A third and fourth prize winner will each receive a \$300 discount to be applied toward the cost of participation in a spring or summer Truman State University Russia study abroad program.

"Students often say that cost is the major limiting factor to studying abroad," says Mark



Shay, CEO of Educational Directories Unlimited. "This sweepstakes is our way of not only promoting international education, but also to make a student's dream come true, despite their financial situation."

A previous StudyAbroad.com Sweepstakes winner, Tina Kasperk of Buffalo, NY, calls winning the contest "a dream come true." She won a semester at the University of North London in London, England.

She recalls, "I was searching on the Web for study abroad programs and came across the StudyAbroad.com site. I couldn't believe how comprehensive it was, and I decided to enter the contest. I'm glad I did!"

The grand prize winner will be randomly selected on December 10, 2003. Students can enter to win online no later than 11:59 PM on December 1, 2003, and mail entries must be postmarked no later than November 30, 2003. For full details about the sweepstakes, students can go to <http://www.studyabroad.com/sweepstrussia/>.

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Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Galatians 5:25-26