



Welcome to Full Circle Newsletter

■ **Sign Up Now for 2017 TLEF Field Trips and Trainings**

Spaces are filling up fast for the fifteen trainings and five special field trips we have on offer at this year's Tribal Lands and Environment Forum. In fact, our field trip to the Euchee Butterfly Farm has already filled. But we still have spots available for the following field trips:

- A visit to three different recycling facilities, run by the Modoc Tribe, Wyandotte Nation, and Eastern Shawnee Tribe;
- A multi-stop tour of the Tar Creek Superfund site that will include a visit to the Mayer Ranch Passive Treatment System;
- An opportunity to learn more about in-stream monitoring and a citizen science project run by the Osage Nation and Blue Thumb Oklahoma;
- A shop-floor tour of a UST production factory in Tulsa;
- A trip through the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's lands to see several of their sustainable developments and projects.

A small sample of the trainings we have on the agenda include Communicating Through Story, Water/Wastewater Utility Operations, Munitions Response, Emergency Response Planning, and Above Ground Storage Tank Spill Prevention, to name just a few.

To see the full list of the trainings and field trips, along with detailed explanations of what subjects they will cover, please visit http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr_tlef and click on the 'field trips/trainings' tabs.

You must sign up in advance for all trainings and field trips, and they are first come, first served. So if you want to sign up for any of these offerings please email your choices to Julie at julie.jurkowski@nau.edu.

■ **Spaces are Filling Up for Our Integrated Solid Waste Plan Training Course in Kansas**

This September we are conducting a special training on creating a Tribal Solid Waste Management Plan, that is specific to your community. We are working with our colleague at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation on this course. In addition to lectures, discussion, and small group work, we'll tour the Prairie Band's solid waste facilities and operations.

This course will be taking place September 12-14, 2017 in Lawrence, Kansas. You can access the application for this course at http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_waste.

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■ **Full Circle Network**
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■ **Do You Have a Story, Project, or Research to Share at the TLEF?**

Last year we did the Multi Media Meetup for the first time at the TLEF – and had over 50 different tribes, agencies, companies, and non-profits sign up for a table.

If you are attending this year's TLEF and have a story to share – or a new project your tribe is doing, an innovative technology, or a new partnership – then you will want to sign up for this terrific networking and information-sharing opportunity. This year the Multi Media Meetup will take place from 3:30 to 5:00 pm on Wednesday, August 16. And we're working on a special cultural event for you that will take place right after the Multi Media Meetup, so keep your eyes on your inbox for more details.

To sign up for a free table during this event visit our website at http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr_tlef and click on the 'Multi Media Meetup' tab. We look forward to hearing your story!

■ **Save the Date: 2017 Southwestern Tribal Climate Change Summit**

ITEP's Climate Change Program is working in cooperation with the La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians to coordinate the 2017 Southwestern Tribal Climate Change Summit, September 19-21, 2017 at the University of San Diego. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn about the latest science and policy updates, as well as network with your tribal colleagues on one of the most critical issues we face. As this is a regional summit, tribal applicants from tribes in the Southwest will receive first consideration, with space being made available to others if possible.

Attached to this email you will find the 'save the date' flyer. For more information please email Nikki Cooley, Co-Manager of ITEP's Climate Change Program, at Nikki.Cooley@nau.edu.

■ **Resources and News of Interest**

Job Opportunity! EPA is Hiring for an EPA/SEE Tribal Solid Waste Liaison

Do you want a position traveling throughout Washington, Oregon, and Idaho to support tribes on solid and hazardous waste management? Are you 55 years or older? The National Asian Pacific Center on Aging is recruiting a Tribal Solid Waste Liaison to support the Environmental Protection Agency in their work with tribal nations to improve waste management across the region. If you have waste management experience and are interested in working with tribes, please apply! The position is open until filled. The application requires a cover letter and resume sent to Lois Kohashi-Sinclair at Lois@napca.org. Any questions, please contact Lois Kohashi-Sinclair. I've also provided Lois' contact information below. For more information on the position including application instructions, please visit: <http://napca.org/employment-opportunities/see/seeepa-jobs/>

News Story on the Blackfeet Tribe's Traditional Foods Assessment

The Blackfeet Tribe has been doing some really exciting work on conducting an assessment of their traditional foods. You can read a news story about their work at http://www.cutbankpioneerpress.com/glacier_reporter/news/article_011f0ea0-4571-11e7-98d1-fb413a73d7aa.html

New Trainings Offered by the National Enforcement and Training Institute (NETI)

NETI has several new online courses that are open to Tribal staff, and are an excellent way to learn more about a variety of environmental media. If you haven't stopped by their website lately be sure to check out <https://www.epa.gov/compliance/national-enforcement-training-institute-neti-elearning-center> which lists their current offerings.

August 2 Webinar on “Introducing EPA's RCRA Training Website: Training Resources for EPA, States and Tribes”

This webinar is the second in a new series of RCRA Expert Brownbag Webinars, offered by the USEPA. Please visit <https://clu-in.org/conf/tio/RCRAExpert/> for more information on these webinars and to sign up.



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➔ **[Tribal Waste and Response Assistance Program \(TWRAP\)](#)**

TWRAP is a program focused on assisting tribes with all waste management, brownfields, USTs, contaminated sites, and response programs. This program is funded by the USEPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

➔ **[Tribal Solid Waste Education and Assistance Program \(TSWEAP\)](#)**

TSWEAP's focus is providing training and assistance to tribes working on solid and hazardous waste management.