

The Boone and Crockett Club's Lee and Penny Anderson Conservation Education Program

Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch (TRMR)

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“Conservation Through Life-long Learning”

- **Our first biannual BCCEP newsletter is hot off the press**, and we're excited to be moving to a new level with communication about our programs. Look for copies at our display.
- **We're also excited to announce our first annual Conservation Projects month, being conducted during April 2009.** Schools participating in our programs during April will be involved with a habitat enhancement vegetation planting project around the education center, as well as a number of biological monitoring projects. Students have the opportunity to learn through hands-on conservation education projects with educators, land managers and professionals.
- **This school year (2008-2009) we have launched a number of long-term monitoring projects on the TRMR.** BCCEP-participating schools have been engaged in establishing protocol, recording baseline site data, and initial monitoring. Projects include:
 - Great Blue Heron rookery - monthly monitoring at a nearby rookery on Dupuyer Ck.
 - Dupuyer Creek water quality – monthly monitoring, three-site comparison on the TRMR stream reach
 - Foothills/shortgrass prairie – monthly monitoring, north- and south-facing slope comparisons include soil moisture, vegetation type and cover, birds and signs of wildlife
 - Bluebird Trail – weekly, 12-box trail on the TRMR, monitoring has been conducted since 2006.
 - Small mammals, sharptail grouse leks, and mule deer doe-fawn ratios – annual monitoring counts
 - Old North Trail – multi-year documentation project of site on TRMR
- **We are preparing for a busy and fun series of summer programs:**
 - Conservation Across Boundaries® (CAB) courses are designed to train teachers to integrate biological and ecological sciences, natural resource conservation issues, and computer technology with regional historical and cultural knowledge unique to ecological regions. This summer we are offering a two week course comparing Montana and Texas ecosystems (CAB MT-TX), June 12-26, and a one week course focusing on the Rocky Mountain Front, complete with three days in the Bob Marshall Wilderness (CAB MT), July 21-28.
 - Outdoor Adventure Camps (OAC) offer opportunities for diverse age groups of youth to learn more about outdoor skills and recreation, conservation- and wildlife-related careers.
 - Little Critters Day Camp is offered to ages 5-8 (grades k-3) July 13, 14, & 15, 2009.
 - Outdoor Skills & Wildlife Conservation camp is offered for ages 15-17 (grades 9-12) August 2-5, 2009.
 - Basic Outdoor Skills camp is offered for ages 10-15 (grades 5-9th) August 9-12, 2009.
 - Montana High Adventure Base (MOHAB) Front country programs combine with stunning backcountry treks in the 1,009,356 acre Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. Based at the TRMR, **MOHAB** offers fishing, shooting, natural history, and backcountry opportunities for Montana Council Boy Scouts and Boy Scouts of America.