




**SNDLC: Southeast Nebraska
Distance Learning Contract**


**DISTANCE LEARNING
TECHNOLOGY IN YOUR
CLASSROOM**

Distance Learning Technology in the Schools


Making DL Enrichment a Part of Your Classroom: First Steps


Making distance learning enrichment part of your curriculum can seem a bit overwhelming at first, but it really IS a manageable task!

 If you haven't already, take a look at www.sndlc.org/FAQ/_index.htm for "Frequently-Asked Questions" about distance learning activities.

 Review the list of official partner sites below and on the back of this sheet. Each site has an educational specialist on staff (known in National Park circles as an "interpreter"),


and offers activities that meet national educational standards.

 Jot down curriculum topics that could be enhanced by a distance learning activity. Leave enough room to add notes & ideas as you move through the process.


 Will you work with an "official" partner, or do you have a colleague with whom you can plan a classroom-to-classroom activity?

Allow yourself at least two weeks of "lead" time for planning and preparation for

either kind of activity.

 If you are thinking about a classroom-to-classroom activity, you can find a list of other SNDLC schools at www.sndlc.org/pdf/connection_options.pdf

Other ideas and tips for planning a classroom-to-classroom session can be found at www.sndlc.org/pdf/c2c_getting_started.pdf

 Remember that you can ask Duveen to sit in on your distance learning activity—she's glad to be part of your class and help your session go smoothly!

PLANNING FOR DL ENRICHMENT

First Steps

The Partners:
Updated Info &
Ideas to Get You
Started

Contact Info, Emails
& Phone Numbers



www.sndlc.org

Getting Started:

- Interested in scheduling a distance learning enrichment session for YOUR students? Contact Duveen at dpenner@esu5.org
- Questions? Visit www.sndlc.org/FAQ/_index.htm
- Need to know more about your cart or classroom? Duveen can help out on-site or over the system (see email above).

The Official "Educational Partners"

Info about SNDLC partners is found at www.sndlc.org/enrich_partners.htm, but this is the most current info:

BADLANDS

Check out the Badlands for sessions on fossils, extinct animals and rock formations.

CABRILLO

Currently unavailable due to technical considerations.

HENRY DOORLY ZOO

DL connections are available in the Rain Forest, in the Desert Dome, the Aquarium and with the penguins. Topics you might consider:

- Ecosystems, Biomes & Animal Habitats
- Learn about levels of a rain forest
- Becoming a zoo-keeper

- Are there scientists at the Zoo? What do they do?
- How do they feed all those animals and fish?
- Do any books you read in class take place in a jungle or a desert? Set the stage with an virtual visit!

Schedule the Zoo 4-6 weeks in advance

HOMESTEAD

Along with the Zoo, the Homestead is one of our original and most flexible partners. If you study Nebraska history or the pioneers, this is a great fit. Ideas to get you started:

- Westward expansion
- What was daily life like for a homesteader?
- Pioneer Holiday Traditions
- What was it like to go to school in a one-room country school house?
- How did the Homestead Act effect our country and how it grew?
- How did homesteading impact the Native Americans?
- What kind of animals live in the prairie?
- How to use every part of a buffalo!

LITTLE ROCK CENTRAL HIGH

If you remember Ranger Amy Garrett from the Homestead National Monument in Beatrice, she is now the Head Interpreter at Little Rock Central High, and anxious to get DL enrichment activities booming & growing there. Little Rock just recently opened a new Education Center, and hopes to be online by January 2008.

A visit to Little Rock Central High would be a great activity for Black History month. Other curriculum tie-ins might include:

- Who were the "Little Rock Nine?"
- Civil Rights
- Segregation & Integration
- "The Story of Ruby Bridges"
- Race Relations in the U.S.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

Educational programs focus on Carver's determination to overcome racial obstacles and pursue a life of service.

Topics from this park site tie into the study of the Civil War, slavery, outlaw gangs & bushwhackers during that time.

George Washington Carver National Monument has a new Visitor's Center:

- A History Classroom that looks like an old school room
- A Science classroom which is modeled after Carver's laboratory

Soil activities, 19th-century activities and Science activities are available upon request.

A 4th-grade art-themed unit is also available: "Carver the Artist." Your class can download and complete selected activities, and then connect to the park for a ranger talk.

Because of his race, Carver did not pursue art as a career, but wanted to encourage black people what can be attained despite of race. This could tie into a social studies topic such as "Opportunity & Racism."

MINUTEMAN MISSILE

Designed primarily for older students, Ranger Chris Wilkinson talks your students through the day in the life of a missileer.

Take a look inside one of the most top secret areas of the Cold War. Students will learn how Air Force Missileers lived and worked underground at Launch Control Center Delta-01.

Did you know that today there are still 500 Minuteman Missiles operational, including in Nebraska?

NICODEMUS

Note: *Fridays are the best day to schedule an enrichment session, but Mondays and Tuesdays are possible.*

Nicodemus offers a general overview session, but are also willing to tailor a session to what is being discussed in a teacher's classroom. For example: one teacher wanted to discuss the "push and pull" out of the South, and how that affected how Nicodemus was set up in contrast to other pioneer towns.

Consider Nicodemus when studying

Westward Expansion, the Pioneers, Homesteading or Black History Month!

MOUNT RUSHMORE

Staffing for distance learning sessions is limited at Mount Rushmore, but your best bet is to request a session between February and May.

Aside from the obvious historical & presidential topics, you may want to explore a session titled "It's All Part of the Story" - a graphic organizer tying the history of Mount Rushmore to Literature. This particular session runs approximately 45 minutes in length.

HOWENWEEP

Located in the desert of Utah, this park offers two curriculums, both covering K-12: Dryland Farming Practices & Ancient Masonry of the Ancestral Puebloans. This park is also short-staffed, so Wednesdays work best for Distance Learning activities.

NATURAL BRIDGES

This park currently has no staff available to conduct DL activities.

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