Update: Death Valley R.O.C.K.S.

The Death Valley R.O.C.K.S. (Recreation Outdoors Campaign for Kids through Study) Program has been a rewarding partnership for over a decade. This means the program has served middle school kids that are actually now adults! We’ve partnered with Death Valley National Park, educators, schools, other non-profits, corporations, and many individuals who have provided so much generous support over the years. Your donations have helped us bring THOUSANDS of students here for this one-of-a-kind experience.

We remember these first trips to Death Valley, the eager questions, and the smiling faces thrilled with being in the outdoors exploring nature first-hand. Death Valley National Park organizes Ranger visits to classrooms whenever possible to make sure the students are prepared for the trip. The anticipation builds until they are finally here!

These field trips not only impact students, but connect teachers and families. One teacher shared that she still hears from parents who chaperoned and rave that the trip to Death Valley was the best field trip they’ve ever taken!

This last season has now concluded. Students explored Golden Canyon and Badwater and learned about diverse desert habitats and animal adaptations at Salt Creek and the Mesquite Flat Sand Dunes. Forty-six separate trips to Death Valley from schools all over southern Nevada and California were provided with transportation grants this last year! We’d like to give a shout out to Brandi Stewart, Death Valley National Park’s Education Specialist, who has stewarded the program the last few years. We know that the program has evolved since it was first implemented and we are glad to be able to serve so many students with Brandi’s assistance.

We’d also like to thank the National Park Foundation and the Death Valley Conservancy for providing us with additional funding this last year. If you’d like to help us continue to bring more students next year, please visit our website at dvnha.org to donate online, mail in payment with the included form, or give a call at 1-800-478-8564 ext. 10. Future generations depend on you!

Students imagine being a piece of sand rolling down a sand dune!

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Furnace Creek Donor Wall Updated

Death Valley National Park has a Donor Wall located in the Furnace Creek Visitor Center. The design emulates Death Valley’s salt pan polygons and was installed as part of the Furnace Creek Visitor Center remodel to recognize Death Valley National Park supporters like you.

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Do you wish to be acknowledged in this way?
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2012 Furnace Creek 508 Cyclists
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Donor Wall Giving Levels
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Death Valley Natural History Association

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The Furnace Creek Visitor Center includes a donor wall and flipbook to recognize Death Valley National Park donors for those wishing to be acknowledged publicly. Names have been updated to reflect donations made during the period of September 1, 2011 - September 30, 2017.

In Memory of Tom Jaskulski

Tom Jaskulski passed away on March 24, 2018. Tom was an avid diver who volunteered at Devils Hole since 1992. He worked as the Lead Devils Hole Volunteer Safety Diver—recognizing the need for safety protocols, he helped implement the Devils Hole Dive Safety Program—requiring all divers monitoring the fish to possess cave certification. His experience included 50+ years of dive instruction.

Tom won the prestigious DAN Rolex diver of the year award in 2004.

“"All of my efforts to produce a safe search and rescue diver, a safe scientific diver, or a safe sport diver are but a small price to pay for all of my adventures. The cost to me has not been measured in dollars, but in time and effort. The greatness of a dive instructor is not measured in the amount of diving students that he has certified. It is measured in how many dive students that they have taught to ‘Be Safe.’”

A longtime supporter of species and resource protection in Death Valley National Park, Tom’s commitment and significant contribution to Death Valley National Park and the survival of the Devils Hole pupfish is unparalleled and he will be greatly missed.
The Federal Duck Stamp Art Competition is taking place September 14-15, 2018 at Springs Preserve in Las Vegas, Nevada!

A little history: officially known as the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, the Federal Duck Stamp, is issued by the U. S. federal government and must be purchased prior to hunting migratory waterfowl.

What’s the significance? President Herbert Hoover signed the Migratory Bird Conservation Act in 1929 authorizing the acquisition and preservation of wetlands as waterfowl habitat, but there wasn’t a permanent source of funding in which to purchase the wetlands. The Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act, popularly known as the Duck Stamp Act was signed into law in 1934. That very first stamp (pictured above) was designed by Jay N. Darling. The competition for the Duck Stamp design is a nationally-recognized annual event open to U.S. Citizens who are 18 and older.

When a Duck Stamp is purchased, 98% of the proceeds benefit the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund, directly supporting wetland habitats. The decline in hunting in recent years, has actually decreased revenue for our country’s wetlands. Fortunately, in the 80+ years of the Stamp’s existence it’s become a collector’s item purchased by conservationists to ensure the survival of our nation’s wetlands. Duck Stamp sales have raised $1 billion for conservation and protected 6.5 million acres!

It’s an honor to have this year’s contest so close to home. DVNHA is a proud sponsor of this event. Join us at Springs Preserve located at 333 S. Valley View Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89107. See the amazing contest artwork and support your public lands at this free, family friendly event!

For more information about these Las Vegas wetlands please visit: springspreserve.org. For more information about this amazing contest please visit the U. S. Fish and Wildlife website: www.fws.gov/birds/get-involved/duck-stamp.php.

From the Director

By David Blacker  Executive Director, DVNHA

As you can see, this is another jam-packed newsletter so I wasn’t left with much room. So, here we go...Dantes View has reopened! Next time you come to the Park be sure to make a stop at Dantes. The new viewing area is amazing and the new bronze relief map gives you an understanding of how you fit into this amazing view. A huge thanks goes out to the Fund for People in Parks for grants in excess of $280,000, making this the biggest project DVNHA has been involved in.

I want to say THANK YOU to all who have stepped up to the $5 Dare for the Death Valley R.O.C.K.S. Fund. So far, we’ve raised almost $450! To all of you Death Valley lovers who have not donated—I still double-dog-dare you!

Until our next issue, stay cool.

David
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☑ I/We would like to support Death Valley National Park with a gift of $__________ in total.

Please indicate a Park fund you would like to support:
☐ Death Valley R.O.C.K.S. Education Fund
☐ Death Valley Science Fund
☐ Scotty’s Castle Historic Preservation Fund
☐ Death Valley Wilderness Restoration Fund
☐ Devils Hole Fund
☐ Unrestricted for Death Valley National Park

☑ I/We would like to include DVNHA or Death Valley National Park in our will.
Please contact me to discuss planned giving.

Donor Name(s)

Street Address

City, State Zip Code

Phone Number

Email

Name you want listed in recognition (Reminder: Gift must be $1000 or more to be recognized on the donor wall)

☑ I/We wish to make the entire contribution now.
☑ Enclosed is my check for $________ payable to DVNHA.

☑ I/We wish to complete this contribution through a pledge over: ☐ One year ☐ Two years

Please bill me: ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Semi-Annually ☐ Annually

☑ Please charge my credit card. ☐ Please use this credit card for all pledge payments.

Credit Card Number

Expiration Date

Signature

Billing Zip Code

Security Code

This gift is anonymous.
I do not wish to have my name included in donor listings or on the donor wall.

Please mail this form to:
Death Valley Natural History Association
PO Box 188
Death Valley, CA 92328

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The Death Valley R.O.C.K.S. Education Fund (Recreation Outdoors Campaign for Kids through Study) program has brought thousands of students to Death Valley National Park for education adventure. These students get a rigorous environmental education curriculum led by Park Rangers and you help with transportation costs to get them here!

The Scotty’s Castle Historic Preservation Fund was initiated to help preserve Scotty’s Castle, a 1930s landmark on the National Register of Historic Places. Since the October 2015 rain event and flash flooding that occurred, the site needs your help more than ever before. Located in a remote region of Death Valley National Park, it is truly an extraordinary challenge to care for this historic district. Scotty’s Castle has many unfunded preservation projects such as restoration of the theatre organ and other artifacts.

The Death Valley Science Fund helps with projects such as scientific research and monitoring. Death Valley National Park is 3.3 million acres of questions. From how many bighorn sheep there are, to how geologic faults affect the amount of water in our springs, there’s so much left to learn. You’re helping discover Death Valley’s untold secrets.

The Death Valley Wilderness Preservation Fund assists with the 91% of Death Valley National Park land that is designated wilderness. Unfunded park projects involve the removal of non-historic debris from the backcountry wilderness areas, as well as making cultural assessments to determine how best to return the spaces to wilderness character.

The Devils Hole Fund supports the preservation of the Devils Hole pupfish. Devils Hole is a small, water-filled, limestone cavern, located near Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. It has been under the care of the National Park Service since 1952. Isolated for 1000s of years, this is the only place in the world where the endangered pupfish species, Cyprinodon diabolis, can be found.