



Desert Tortoise Information and Youth Education Work Group
Meeting Notes
April 4, 2013

Action Items

- Please contact [Peter Siminski](#) at The Living Desert (TLD) if you would like to participate in the Mojave Maxine Contest classroom visit for your area.
- Requests for Mojave Maxine costume use should be directed to [Dora McKeever](#) at Mojave National Preserve in Barstow or Peter Siminski at TLD in Palm Desert.
- Chris Mullen will see if southern Nevada may have some copies of the pet owners' brochure that we can have.
- Chris and Peter will pursue a small grant from the Turtle and Tortoise Club to reprint the pet owners' brochure.
- Russell will send out a Doodle Poll in the late summer to schedule the DTIYE meeting.

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- The Mojave Maxine contest was a success with 940 entries. This, however, is significantly less than last year's 1600 entries. Contest winners have been identified in all nine counties and The Living Desert (TLD) is coordinating the classroom visits for late April and May. Agency staff is encouraged to join TLD staff for the classroom visit in their area. Winners were located in:
 - El Centro, Imperial County
 - Shoshone, Inyo County
 - Edwards, Kern County
 - Los Angeles, Los Angeles County
 - Orange, Orange County
 - Menifee, Riverside County
 - Needles, San Bernardino County
 - Cardiff, San Diego County
 - Fillmore, Ventura County
- Please contact [Peter Siminski](#) at TLD if you would like to participate in a classroom visit.*** TLD has staff and funding to cover the classroom visits this year.
- James Danoff-Burg with San Diego Zoo (SDZ) has created a DMG YouTube site and is posting all public service announcements and videos. The link is <http://www.youtube.com/user/DesertManagersGroup>.

- Fort Irwin and the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Barstow have upcoming Earth Day events and will be using the Mojave Maxine costume. ***Requests for costume use should be directed to [Dora McKeever](#) at Mojave National Preserve in Barstow or [Peter Siminski](#) at TLD in Palm Desert.*** TLD needs to have their costume cleaned prior to next use.
- It appears that the \$10k that BLM has to match the Captain Planet grant will be available. As long as the funding is received by late April, TLD will not need an extension from Captain Planet.
- The Turtle and Tortoise Club has requested additional pet owners' brochures. The pet owners' brochure does not address care and feeding of captive desert tortoises but rather discusses how to prevent captives from harming wild populations. Chris Mullen is updating the brochure and the current brochure is posted to the [webpage](#). The cost to reprint the brochure is probably around \$2000 and ***Chris will see if southern Nevada may have some that we can have. Chris and Peter will also pursue a small grant from the Turtle and Tortoise Club to reprint.***
- The next DTIYE meeting will be next fall. ***Russell will send out a Doodle Poll in the late summer to schedule the meeting.***