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Skiatook teachers receive more than \$600 of free supplies

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Oklahoma City - Two Skiatook teachers recently attended teacher-training workshops in Muskogee and Owasso, hosted by the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board, and walked away with hundreds of dollars in free classroom supplies.

Now, they are encouraging other Oklahoma teachers to sign up for the free program.

OERB workshops instruct teachers how to use one of the OERB's eight energy and science curricula in their classrooms. The curricula provide teachers from kindergarten through 12th grade hands-on science lessons to educate their students about the oil and natural gas industry. The high school curricula also incorporate language arts and social studies.

The teachers who attended from Skiatook are

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Amanda Sherrell and Angie Shoemate.

"We wanted to provide teachers with a program that engages their students, while also meeting the new Oklahoma Academic Standards," said OERB Education Director Carla Schaeperkoetter. "We used oil and natural gas industry professionals and teamed them up with Oklahoma teachers to write the lessons. This way we know the lessons are not only welldesigned, but meet state requirements and engage the students in a meaningful way.'

OERB workshops are free of charge, and train teachers in how to appropriately use the curricula in their classrooms. Upon completion of the workshop, teachers go home with a free box of supplies, worth up to \$1,100, and a teacher's guide, and are mailed a \$50 stipend for attending. Teachers who

complete a curriculum also receive a free field trip for their classroom.

"The field trip is a really exciting benefit for the teachers," said Schaeper-koetter. "Many times they tell us that this is the only field trip their kids get all year. Otherwise they wouldn't have the resources to take them."

The OERB is in its 17th year offering these free workshops. The hands-on curricula reach students at all ages and grade levels. The OERB provides the Little Bits program for early childhood education, Fossils to Fuel and Fossils to Fuel 2 program for elementary students, a Petro Active program for middle school students and CORE Energy for high school students. Each curriculum uses lab experiments, reading assignments, games and more.

Shoemate teaches 8th grade science at Newman Middle School. She attended to become trained in using Petro Active in her classroom. Last spring she attended a workshop to learn CORE Energy Science.

"I would and have encouraged all teachers in my building to attend," she said. "I just wish they had the foresight to see what an excellent curriculum OERB provides."

For more information on OERB's education programs, or to sign up for a workshop, visit www.oerb. com and click on the "For Educators" tab.

The OERB was created in 1993 by the Oklahoma Legislature and is funded through a voluntary one tenth of 1 percent assessment on oil and natural gas producers and royalty owners. The agency's purpose is to conduct environmental restoration of abandoned well sites and to educate Oklahomans about the importance of the petroleum industry.



Teachers receive OERB workshop training.

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By Michelle Beckes Skiatook Library Manager

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