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Filtering Kit for E-rate Schools

SurfControl, an Internet filtering company, now offers schools that qualify for federal e-rate funds a kit to help them comply with a provision of the Children's Internet Protection Act that requires public hearings. The kit is designed for technology coordinators, educators and other school officials who have applied for federal funds to pay for the wiring of schools. The Children's Internet Protection Act, which recently took effect, requires schools linking to the Internet to implement Internet filtering technology to protect students from inappropriate and obscene material. The kit includes an Internet safety policy implementation guide, presentation and companion script, templates for town meeting invitations and press releases, relevant articles and case studies, and handouts for parents. The kit also contains 100 pass-along Cyber Patrol demonstration password cards that give access to a trial of Cyber Patrol 5.0 filtering software for the home.

URL: <http://www.surfcontrol.com>

Explore Carlsbad Caverns National Park

"Carlsbad Caverns National Park" is the website of this park in the Guadalupe Mountains (New Mexico) that contains 86 known caves, including Carlsbad Cavern, home of one of the world's largest underground chambers. The website offers a cultural history of the area and a teacher's guide.

URL: <http://www.nps.gov/cave/home.htm>

Web Resources on Mesa Verde National Park

"Education Materials, Information, and Activities at Mesa Verde National Park" helps students learn about plants, animals, cliff dwellings, & archeological sites of this National Park in the high plateau country of southwestern Colorado. An enrichment package includes activities on map reading skills, investigative skills, and the development of Ancestral Pueblo society (about 1 to 1300 AD).

URL: <http://www.nps.gov/meve/mvnp/teacher/edlist.htm>

Breaking Racial Barriers: A Look at Jackie Robinson

"Jackie Steals Home" involves high school students in analyzing primary documents related to Jackie Robinson's breaking the color line (when he stepped onto Ebbets field on April 15, 1947) to help them understand racial barriers not only in baseball & other sports but in society.

URL: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpedu/lessons/98/robinson/intro.html>

HowStuffWorks.com Online Encyclopedia

Recent partners with Lycos as a reference channel, HowStuffWorks.com is an online encyclopedia that details how various phenomena and technologies work. Users can read about anything, from how cell phones work to what causes a hurricane. The site also includes an extraordinary people link, a homework wizard and a mysteries and misconceptions section.

URL: <http://express.howstuffworks.com>

AT&T Awards for Educators

Educators and administrators are encouraged to compete for 48 technology grants. Winning teams will receive a cash grant and a digital video camera to demonstrate their innovative use of cable television and the Internet in the classroom. Deadline for entry is May 31, 2001.

Related URL: <http://www.att.com/learningnetwork/technologyawards/index.html>

Free Education Leadership Toolkit

Sponsored by a grant from the National Science Foundation, this free online technology toolkit is a project of the National School Boards Foundation implemented by NSBA's Institute for the Transfer of Technology to Education. The tool kit is designed to assist school board members in making sound decisions about technology in schools.

Related URL: <http://www.nsba.org/sbot/toolkit/>

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