

**SOUTH CAROLINA EARTH SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION  
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**EARTH SCIENCE SESSIONS AT (SC)<sup>2</sup>**

(see program for details on rooms and times)

- Environmental Activities Sharathon - Allen
- SC MAPS Information Session-Cain & Wagner
- Beach Sand Casting - Cornwell
- Advanced Model Rocketry - Donovan
- Treasures from the Past - Gardner
- Asteroids in our Lives - Gilbert
- Space Camps + \$ + Fun + Learning - Hamby
- Digging Dinosaurs - Horner
- Beach Exploration - Lucas
- New K-12 Environ. Ed. Program - Speziale
- and many, many more -

**NOMINATE SOMEBODY**

Each year the National Association of Geology Teachers sponsors a search for Outstanding Earth Science Teachers in each state. Winners receive a variety of prizes and awards including plaques, certificates, rock bookends, and money! State winners are eligible for sectional awards which can carry up to \$1,000 in additional prize money. Nomination forms for the 1995 award are available at the SCESTA Registration Table, in the Hospitality Suite, and at the SCESTA business meeting. Forms are also available directly from the SCESTA Newsletter Editor. Take a few minutes to nominate and recognize a worthy colleague.

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**JACK HORNER - MR. DINOSAUR**

You will have three separate opportunities to see and hear Jack Horner. The geologic advisor to "Jurassic Park" is an excellent speaker and one you won't want to miss.

Lecture: Thur. 10:00 AM - Hilton Grand Ballroom  
 Elem/Middle School: Th. 1:00 PM - Radisson Windsor C  
 Middle/High School: Fri. 2:00 PM - Hilton Mulligan Rm

**VIBES FROM THE VEEP**

Greetings at this the beginning of a new school year. I hope everyone had a relaxing and invigorating summer being able to do those things you wanted to do. By now you are probably in the swing of your school year and have great plans for all those stimulating hands-on activities for your students. I hope you were able to experience some new activities as you participated in courses, workshops, conventions, etc. this past year. Only as we continue to stimulate ourselves and experience new refreshing activities and approaches to our classroom teaching techniques will our students feel that enthusiasm for learning.

I had the opportunity to work with a fantastic group of teachers from all over the state in the SC MAPS course this past July. We traveled together to study sites, did activities, discussed classroom techniques, and experienced South Carolina in a first-hand "been there, done that" way. That phrase became our motto for the course. Many of those teachers will be joining us at (SC)<sup>2</sup> this fall and will be part of our SCESTA family.

The phrase, "been there, done that" could be the motto of all earth science teachers. What better way to make earth science more real in the classroom than to get out and take advantage of every possible opportunity to expand our own experiences. As teachers I would encourage each of you to seek out as many workshops, field trips, and courses as you can. Opportunities are there all over our state. The new "HUBS" should be a clearinghouse you may want to check into.

"DO YOU KNOW YOUR ESTRAS" is a phrase that has appeared in each SCESTA newsletter for the past several years. ESTRAs are your Earth Science Teacher Resource Agents. There are over 20 of us trained to assist earth science teachers with ideas, materials, and special needs for the classroom. I will be attempting to reactivate this group through SCESTA to better meet your needs this year.

Each of you needs to be a contributing, sharing participant as we advance earth science teaching in the state. Keep up the good work and encourage your fellow teachers to join with us this fall.

Karen Stratton