



Derricks to Desks

A Petroleum Seminar for Teachers

Sponsored by the Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA) and
The American Petroleum Institute, San Joaquin Chapter (API)

Next Seminar Date: July 21-23, 2009

Four of the largest oilfields in the U.S. are located right here in Kern County where over 170 million barrels of oil were produced in 2006 alone. This wide-scale production not only pumps dollars back into the Kern County economy but brings with it a wide assortment of technical experts in oil technology, geology, engineering, physics, computer science, economics and a host of related fields.

That is why the Western States Petroleum Association and the American Petroleum Institute, San Joaquin Chapter are conducting "Derricks to Desks," a seminar designed to give teachers a first-hand look at the petroleum industry.

Participants experience an in-depth look at all facets of the petroleum industry, from its colorful history to the technology involved in drilling a well, the sale of gasoline at the pump, environmental protection, careers, and alternative energy. Teachers participate in seminars with industry experts, visit several local oil operations for a unique view of the industry. Part of the program focuses on lesson plans, projects, experiments and other ideas which may be integrated into classroom subjects at all grade levels. Field trips will include Kern County oil and gas field, Kern County Museum's "Black Gold Exhibit", the West Kern Oil Museum and an offshore tour off the Santa Barbara coast to view the 2nd largest natural oil and gas seeps in the world.

Seminar Fee: \$75

Optional 2.0 Qtr. Unit credit will be available from CSU Bakersfield

For more information or to register for the Derricks to Desks Teachers Seminar contact:
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