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American Association for the Advancement of Science Recognizes the Mono Lake Website

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Kids writing school reports on Mono Lake often contact the Mono Lake Committee for information, sometimes just hours before their paper is due. The Committee can't write their paper for them, which is often what it seems like they want, but directing them to the Mono Lake Website (<http://www.monolake.org>) usually answers all of their questions.

The Mono Lake Website, which receives about 900 visitors each day, has long been an excellent source of information for students, but now it is official. The Board of Reviewing Editors of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) recently approved the Mono Lake Website for use in classrooms. It is also featured among the recommended online resources and in the online lesson titled "Brine Shrimp Survival" on their Science NetLinks homepage (<http://www.sciencenetlinks.com>).

AAAS's review of the Mono Lake Website says it is "very user friendly," "there is humor in this site," and concludes it should be one of the first sites to

visit for a student doing a paper or project on saline lakes. Students can find natural history, political history, current news, water conservation tips, and fun stuff like two live WebCams, weather information, and a photo gallery. Tourist information (including the Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce Website, <http://www.leevining.com>) helps families plan a trip to Mono Lake. There is an extensive list of links to relevant Websites such as the Mono Basin Scenic Area, Living Lakes International Partnership, other water-related sites, and other regional nonprofit groups. Also linked is the Mono Basin Clearinghouse Website (<http://www.monobasinresearch.org>), also hosted by the Committee, where they have posted numerous scientific reports and studies and a list of current research.

“Directing people to our Websites for information not only saves us a lot of time, paper, and postage, but helps them get information immediately,” said Greg Reis, Webmaster. “And we are proud of the quality of the sites—they are a team effort, with all of our staff contributing in some way.”

In 1999, the Mono Lake Website won “Best Site of the Year” from the California Tourism Commission. This new recognition from the AAAS now confirms that the Mono Lake Website is not only an excellent tourism resource, but an excellent educational resource as well.

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