

CHAPTER 14

CONSERVATION OUTREACH/EDUCATION

14.1 Conservation Outreach/Education

Camp Lejeune's Comprehensive Environmental Training & Education Program (CETEP) provides an integrated, comprehensive environmental awareness program that targets not only active-duty Marines, but also civilian employees, base school systems, and Marine families. Outreach includes: public affairs, public relations, public involvement or public participation. Public outreach is an organized effort to communicate with members of the public or specific groups. Outreach is the means by which Camp Lejeune will inform the public or specific groups about its natural resource management program and the INRMP. Involving local communities, and interested stakeholders increases public understanding, reduces misinformation and speculation, and generates support for Camp Lejeune natural resources management programs.

Numerous environmental training opportunities occur on Camp Lejeune. General environmental awareness training for both the military community and civilian employees. EMD conducts training courses on hazardous materials storage and disposal. ECON produces maps depicting threatened and endangered species sites that are valuable to the Marines who have access to them. Training and Operations trains active duty marines to become Range Safety Officers (RSO) which are certified to schedule training areas. The material taught in the RSO class is based on the Range SOP Manual and includes general land conservation measures and protective use restrictions for endangered species sites. Training and Operations also produces the Trainers Environmental Handbook that summarizes environmental considerations when scheduling and conducting training exercises. Additionally, as part of a mandatory annual training program, civilian employees are required to take a computer based Environmental Awareness Training course which provides a general overview of environmental programs and DoD natural resources stewardship responsibilities.

Conservation education efforts include scientific seminars and workshops; an EMD website that provides environmental education opportunities for a broader audience; and field trips by DOD schools, county schools, universities, and other interest-based organizations.

OBJECTIVE EDU1: Inform Marines as to the legal and ecological basis for Federal and State environmental laws, DOD Instructions, Marine Corps Orders (MCOs), Base Orders (BOs), and other regulations and instructions.

- **Action 14-01:** *Design and implement an environmental syllabus for different stages of a Marine's career at Camp Lejeune.*
- **Action 14-02:** *Develop protocol to educate visiting foreign units prior to their use of Camp Lejeune.*

OBJECTIVE EDU2: Provide environmental and conservation education and opportunities to civilian employees, contractors, and the families of marines.

- **Action 14-03:** *Sponsor a Conservation Volunteer Program.*

- **Action 14-04:** *Integrate environmental education into new employee orientation.*
- **Action 14-05:** *Insert environmental considerations clause into contractual documents.*
- **Action 14-06:** *Conduct television interviews and radio shows for the base TV channel.*
- **Action 14-07:** *Develop a program of field trips and presentations to offer to Camp Lejeune DOD and Onslow County schools.*