

SBSC Weekly Highlights August 17-24, 2006

Youth Volunteers Collect Data in Grand Canyon National Park: A cooperative USGS/Grand Canyon Youth-led science trip returned from their second Colorado River trip of the season last week. Forty-six high-school youth participated as USGS volunteers for half of two Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center science trips. Volunteers assisted scientists by collecting data for USGS and NPS monitoring and research projects. These projects include survey control point verification, rain gauge deployment, fish assessment, big horn sheep monitoring and campsite mapping. The USGS/GCY partnership program is open to high school age youth from across the country, and preparation for the 2007 season begins this fall. For more information visit Grand Canyon Youth website (<http://www.gcyouth.org/>). (Carol Fritzing, cfritz@usgs.gov, 928-556-7207, or Kristin Brown, Flagstaff, AZ, 928 556-7084)

Media Contact: Jeffrey Lovich of GCMRC was quoted in the August 24 edition of USA Today for an article pertaining to snake collection & poaching. Lovich was quoted as saying "Poachers squeeze the fun out of snake collecting." (Jeff Lovich, Flagstaff, AZ, Jeffrey_lovich@usgs.gov)