Geography Awareness Week Daily Activities

Ideas from the Florida Geographic Alliance and the Geography Educators’ Network of Indiana

Mapping MONDAY - “He who knows nothing, doubts nothing” - Proverb from Brazil

- **Activity:**
  - divide into groups of four – share one America’s poster *(available from your state’s alliance)*
  - observe your place on the hemisphere
  - look N, S, E, W
  - write & illustrate 5 interesting observations
  - share with class

- **Word of the Day: hemisphere** - half of the earth's surface. There are four hemispheres, Northern and Southern (divided by the Equator or 0° latitude) and the Eastern and Western (divided by the Prime Meridian, 0° longitude, and 180° longitude)

- **Website:** [http://fga.freac.fsu.edu/gaw](http://fga.freac.fsu.edu/gaw) or [http://www.iupui.edu/~geni](http://www.iupui.edu/~geni)—lesson plans & mapping ideas

Travel TUESDAY - “I have never been lost, but I will admit to being confused for several weeks” Daniel Boone

- **Activity:**
  - Identify the Cardinal directions N, S, E, W in the classroom with signs
  - Play Simon says “move 2 steps N, 1 step W”
  - Work up to NE, SW, etc

- **Word of the Day: orienteering** - the sport of navigation with map and compass

- **Website:** [http://www.us.orienteering.org](http://www.us.orienteering.org)

Wandering WEDNESDAY - “Believe you can and you’re halfway there.” Theodore Roosevelt

- **Activity:**
  - Invite a city or county planner, or meteorologist to come and discuss the use of Geographic Information Systems in your area

- **Word of the Day:** GIS or Geographic Information Systems - computerized systems to store, record, analyze, and produce maps and geographic products based on spatial data

- **Website:** [http://www.gisday.com/support/index.html](http://www.gisday.com/support/index.html)—games & activities to implement GIS Day

Tourist THURSDAY - “A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.” Francis Bacon

- **Activity:**
  - review the Mapping Extreme Americas poster
  - have students design a postcard showing an extreme activity in their area or one seen on a past vacation
  - using yarn, place postcards around the map showing where the activity takes place

- **Word of the Day: ecotourism** - the practice of touring natural habitats in a manner meant to minimize ecological impact

- **Website:** [http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geography-action/americas.html](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geography-action/americas.html)—maps, activities, lesson plans, resources on mapping the Americas

Finale FRIDAY - “Man has responsibility, not power.” Tuscarora Indians

- **Activity:**
  - Word Search
  - Locate some of the countries in the Americas on a blank map

- **Word of the Day: globalization** – the international exchange of goods, services, cultures and ideas; the process by which the people of the world are unified into a single society and function together.

- **Website:** [http://www.iupui.edu/~geni](http://www.iupui.edu/~geni) download word searches on the GENI website