

Dear Education Update subscribers and EdNet members:

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> Undoubtedly, Hurricane Katrina has created special challenges in your  
> classrooms and shined an extra light on the importance of geography  
> education.

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> To help you teach about hurricanes and geography, EdNet's Forces of  
> Nature Community is hosting several special online events during the  
> month of September.

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> The first is a Q&A with geographer Bimal Paul of Kansas State  
> University during the week of September 12-16. Dr. Paul is an expert  
> in population geography, natural hazards, and medical geography, and  
> he has followed Hurricane Katrina and its aftereffects closely.

> Post your questions anytime between now and Friday, September 16. Dr.

> Paul will begin responding on Monday, September 12.

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> Posting is easy: Just join the Forces of Nature Community  
> ([http://ng.ched.com/a/hBDIKGmASJ4TXAYypORAMt4\\$EEU/ngs15](http://ng.ched.com/a/hBDIKGmASJ4TXAYypORAMt4$EEU/ngs15)) and follow  
> the online instructions. As a member, you'll also be eligible to  
> subscribe to National Geographic magazine for the special educator's  
> rate of just \$1 a month.

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> Also in the Forces of Nature Community Resource Library:

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> --A hurricane Classroom Companion (a compilation of all National  
> Geographic resources)

> --A hurricane-related reading comprehension quiz for your students

> --"Gone With the Water," a prescient National Geographic magazine  
> article about Louisiana's vulnerability.

> --Other hurricane-related resources

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> Post your question now:

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> Expert Q&As this month:

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> --September 12-16, Dr. Bimal Paul, population geographer

> --September 19-23, Dr. David Legates, climatologist

> --September 27-30, Dr. Michal Levasseur, Executive Director of the  
> National Council for Geographic Education

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> Hope to see you online!

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> Note: Since you must be 18 or older to join EdNet, students cannot  
> upload questions, comments, or files themselves. As alternatives, have  
> your students give you their questions to post or have students'  
> parents join EdNet and post their questions. Students are welcome to  
> view the open areas of the site, including the discussion forums.