

# Program Components

The descriptions below highlight the various components of *Ocean Challenge Live!* and how these components can be used to enhance students' experiences as they follow the voyage of *Great American II*.

## Internet Connection

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Updates of the 2004 voyage are available in *Ocean Challenge Live!* on the sitesALIVE! website at <http://www.sitesalive.com>. These updates include:

- Captain's Logs & Audio, Ship Positions, Weather Reports (updated daily)
- Questions & Answers (updated three times/week)
- Essays, Journals, Photos, Video (updated weekly)

By visiting the website and combining the live content with the lessons in this Teacher's Guide, teachers can make this adventure a true educational experience for their students. Other materials available on the website include biographies of the boat and shore crew, a ship tour, an active message board, a glossary, and information about sitesALIVE! and its education and business partners.

## Lesson Plans

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Ten weekly lesson plans have been designed to develop students' academic and life skills. The lessons are designed so that students use the same important skills required of Rich Wilson aboard *Great American II* crew. The complete course of study can be organized around the activities built into each lesson plan, or teachers can use activities as they see fit.

## Team Projects

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In addition to weekly lessons, this Teacher's Guide includes 11 Team Projects for students to complete. A detailed project guide is provided for each Team Project to help students complete the required tasks and assignments. Student should work in teams to conduct these projects throughout the voyage of the *Great American II*. Each student team has the opportunity to present their findings to the class once during the voyage. Each team should also present a brief project summary on a weekly basis to the class.

## Home Connection

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Home Connection activities are designed to involve families and friends in the *Ocean Challenge Live!* experience. Through these activities, parents can be encouraged to work with their children on the weekly activities. Many of these activities are discussion topics or short-term projects.

## Newspaper Connection

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Newspaper Connection activities are designed to develop students' reading and research skills. The weekly activities are coordinated with the lessons so that students can make a connection between the newspaper medium and their own classwork. Students participating in *Ocean Challenge Live!* thus come away with enhanced reading and research skills, as well as a new appreciation of the value of newspapers as an information source.