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LIFE Audiences are One of a Kind!

I am going to talk about LIFE audiences. Yes, that's right, I am talking about you! As a frequent presenter of LIFE programs, I have an insiders' view of LIFE audiences. LIFE audiences are special, with the phrase "lifelong learner" easily coming to mind. You are smart, knowledgeable, curious, and open minded. In the classroom, you are attentive, fully engaged, and ask pertinent questions. This keeps me, as a presenter, on my toes, and makes teaching fun. For a presenter, an engaged audience is golden, but we don't see them everywhere we teach. My colleagues, who are still actively engaged as educators, uniformly comment on how much more fun it is to teach a LIFE audience, compared to their normal students. There is nothing wrong with their students, they just do not come with the same thirst for knowledge, nor do they bring the lifetime of experience you bring with you. My colleagues who teach modern history enjoy not having to tell the entire back story to make a point, because you have lived the back story and know the history.

As a classroom Host, I get another view of the LIFE audiences. You are courteous and follow instructions as we go about our administrative duties, and you are unflappable if a classroom problem arises. You are a diligent in evaluating classes and providing ideas for future programs and instructors. Your input is critical to maintaining the high level of classroom instruction LIFE enjoys. It is the feedback from you that we provide to our instructors, which enables them to improve their presentations. We are proud that your average audience satisfaction scores have increased each year for the last 4 years. Also, the breadth and depth of our LIFE programming is also partially due to the input from you, our audience. The suggestions and recommendations you provide on your survey forms is very valuable indeed! I look forward to seeing you in class, either as a fellow audience member, host, or as your instructor.



Steve Troutman
LIFE Board Member

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Teacher Feature....

Combine dressing up as a World War II soldier in the Aleutian Islands, working with Native culture-keepers at a seal harvest, leading nature hikes, sneaking up on shorebirds, presenting over 20 nature-related slide programs and you will have a small bit of Melonie's, the Traveling Naturalist's, professional background and experience. Add to this personal experiences with wild nature from the grey whales of Baja, Mexico to dog sledding vacations to sea kayaking expeditions in remote locations. Melonie has been a handler for the Iditarod, a wolf pup care assistant, and a polar bear study participant.



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