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Discovery Educator Abroad Project to Shadow Travel Channel's 5 Takes Pacific Rim Program

*Teacher to Share Interactive Digital Resources with Educators and Students Across the
Country to Help Students Learn From His Expedition*

Silver Spring, MD (April 3, 2006) – Discovery Education, the leader in digital video-based learning, is collaborating with the Travel Channel to send a teacher on an educational journey to destinations around the world, including Australia, New Zealand and parts of Asia.

Josh Wolff, a teacher who specializes in working with at-risk middle school students, will join five travel journalists who will tour the Pacific Rim during season two of the Travel Channel's *5 Takes* program, which premieres on Monday, April 3. Wolff's trip is sponsored by the Discovery Educator Network – a nationwide community of teacher-innovators who use digital media to make learning more meaningful and engaging, and who help other teachers learn how to take advantage of this powerful resource as well.

During his journey, Wolff will correspond with the Discovery Education community via blogs and videoblogs that will be available at www.discoveryeducatorabroad.com. In addition, Wolff will return from his trip with media resources and projects to share with teachers and students around the nation via *unitedstreaming*[™], the most widely used digital video-based learning service for schools in the United States.

"The inclusion of a teacher in the *5 Takes* process will provide the entire Discovery Educator Network with a unique opportunity to access exciting, real-world content that will support teachers as they work to increase student achievement," said Ron Reed, Executive Vice President, School Services, Discovery Education. "Classroom teachers will be able to access and integrate content that would otherwise be unavailable to them and their students, and children will have the opportunity to see the Pacific Rim, its people, lands, and cultures, in new and engaging ways."

Wolff will provide immediate responses to students' queries about his take on events and new experiences during his expedition through a videoblog, a written blog, and a weekly, live videoconference. He will also provide teachers and students with digital resources, including video clips, digital photos and sound clips that can be integrated into student productions. In addition, Wolff will help teachers and students practice and perfect their digital storytelling skills.

While traveling with the *5 Takes* travel journalists, Wolff will visit local schools that are using *unitedstreaming* and will help teachers throughout the region become part of the Discovery Educator Network.

Wolff's education experience includes teaching middle school students in Albany, N.Y., ESL students in rural Japan, and math and science students at a "high needs" school in New York, most recently with the Region 4 Suspension Centers in Queens.

Wolff was born in the Bronx and grew up in both Westchester and Putnam counties in New York. He has long held a passion for adventure, and says that as an 18-year-old he "drove cross-country with a friend, two skateboards, The Police's greatest hits, \$300 and a Tupperware container full of change." He credits his uncle, father and mother, who are all teachers, with inspiring him to travel and ultimately become a teacher.

A pioneering interactive television series, with the real-time immediacy of super-fast turnaround, *5 Takes* chronicles the journey of five young travelers sent on the adventure of a lifetime. With limited resources (\$50 a day each), the five travel journalists will visit 12 cities across Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Cambodia and Thailand over 13 weeks.

For more information about the *unitedstreaming* digital video-on-demand service or the Discovery Educator Network, please visit www.discoveryeducation.com or call 800-323-9084.

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