

Bringing Science to Life

CREATING TOMORROW'S VIRTUAL
WORLD FOR TODAY'S CLASSROOM



Earth-science "islands" in the rapidly growing online world of Second Life. This platform is a 3-D online world with an exponentially growing population from 100 countries around the globe. Residents themselves create and build everything from homes, vehicles, stores, and landscapes to educational areas like the map. It requires installing free software on your computer available at www.secondlife.com.

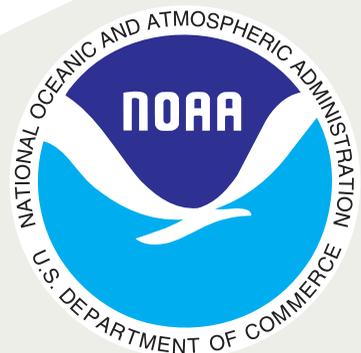
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- ☑ Fly through a hurricane vessel and map the ocean floor, assist in the clean up efforts of an oil spill, observe the effects of harmful algal blooms known as red tides, or explore a multitude of coral sanctuaries. These and other virtual adventures are attracting large numbers of "avatars," or virtual selves, to one of the first government-sponsored,
- ☑ Fly through a hurricane
- ☑ Ride a weather balloon
- ☑ Search underwater caves
- ☑ Surf a tsunami wave
- ☑ Relax on a thunder cloud
- ☑ Attend a virtual lecture
- ☑ Visit a marine sanctuary
- ☑ Clean an oil spill
- ☑ Chart the sea floor
- ☑ Traverse a glacier



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