Suggested Learning Activities

Off the Beaten Path

Objective
Investigate unusual careers.

Procedure
• If possible, invite several people who have unusual careers to visit the class.
• Suggest the resources below; have students find others; and include people students know.
• Have students identify job description, nature of work, working conditions, employment, training, other qualifications, and advancement, job outlook, earnings, related occupations, and sources for additional information.
• Ask students to list two to three unusual careers they might like to pursue.

Suggested Evaluation
• Oral presentation of one unusual career of personal interest, to include elements listed in bullet 3 above
• Written report of one unusual career of personal interest to include elements listed in bullet 3 above

Occupational Outlook Handbook
http://www.bls.gov/OCO/

Occupational Outlook Quarterly online
“You’re a What?”
http://www.bls.gov/opub/ooq/yawhat.htm