



National Environmental Education Week

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Greetings!

Now that the school year is off to a great start, we would like to take this opportunity to announce the theme for National Environmental Education Week 2009: *Be Water Wise!* We will be unveiling new content on our website over the next few months to help you bring awareness of water quality and water conservation to your students. As you plan for the year, take advantage of the growing collection of resources available at our website, www.eeweek.org.

We have already begun to receive registrations for National EE Week, which will be held from **April 12-18, 2009**. Register your school or organization online today at www.eeweek.org/register. This year we will be providing certificates to recognize all of the registered partners and students. **Register now to receive your certificate!** If you have already registered, information on how to obtain your certificate will be sent to you by email.

You might have noticed a new name in the "from" field of this newsletter. The former National EE Week coordinator, Karen Schultz, has moved on to continue her graduate studies. I am excited to be taking on this role, and I look forward to working with all of you to implement another successful year of environmental education!

Sincerely,

Jessica Culverhouse

National Environmental Education Week Coordinator

EE Programs and Resources

World Water Monitoring Day - September 18

Give your local waterbody a check-up! *World Water Monitoring Day* (WWMD) is an international outreach program that builds public awareness and involvement in protecting water resources around the world. WWMD is observed on September 18, and the monitoring period extends to October 18. [Learn more](#)

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Our Program

National Environmental Education (EE) Week, made possible by [Canon USA, Inc.](#), is the largest organized environmental education event in the United States. EE Week promotes understanding and protection of the natural world by creating a full week of environmentally-themed lessons and activities in K-12 classrooms, nature centers, zoos, museums, and aquariums.

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Become an EnvironMentor - Application deadline September 24

EnvironMentors is a national program that prepares high school students from under-represented backgrounds for college degree programs in environmental and related science fields. They match minority high school students with professionals in one-to-one mentoring relationships. [Learn more](#)

National Estuaries Day - September 27

Celebrated on the last Saturday in September, National Estuaries Day is a great opportunity to learn more about these ecosystems and how to protect them. Visit your local estuary or virtually transport yourself to an estuary anywhere in the world via the Internet, and take some time to explore these amazing places. [Learn more](#)

MonarchLIVE: A Distance Learning Adventure - Kickoff October 10

Every year, millions of monarchs migrate thousands of miles from Canada and the United States to overwinter in the mountain peaks of Mexico. This journey is dependent on habitat conservation throughout North America. Take your class on FREE live, interactive field trips that follow the migration of monarchs. Upcoming trips are planned, and curricular materials are available online. [Learn more](#) or view the [promotional telecast](#).

Earth Science Week 2008 - October 12-18

The American Geological Institute is pleased to announce the theme of Earth Science Week 2008: *No Child Left Inside*. Encourage young people to learn about the geosciences by getting them away from the television, off the computer, and out of doors. In addition to providing resources for teachers, AGI is also sponsoring several contests for students. [Learn more](#)

Voices and Visions from the Next Generation of Conservationists Video Contest - Submission deadline October 31

NCSE is pleased to provide a forum for young people to share their actions, perspectives, and passion for biodiversity by hosting a video contest, *Voices and Visions from the Next Generation of Conservationists*. We invite students to submit a video focusing on how today's youth address the challenges that threaten biodiversity. [Learn more](#)

2nd Annual Forecast Earth Summit for High School Students - December 5-7



The Weather Channel's Forecast Earth invites high school students to be part of the Forecast Earth Summit, December 5-7 in Washington, D.C. To be eligible, students should submit an essay outlining what they are doing to combat climate change. **Entry forms can be submitted online through October 19.** [Learn more](#)

Resources for Environmental Literacy: Science-Environment Modules

Middle and high school science teachers may be interested in five new modules each focusing on core science concepts in the context of an environmental issue. Each module provides teachers with relevant background information and suggests activities and resources for further study. The modules were produced by the Environmental Literacy Council with the support of the National Science Foundation. [Learn more](#)

The Greens Activity Guide

PBS has produced a companion activity guide for their website *Meet the Greens*, encouraging students to explore sustainability and take action. The activity guide pairs hands-on activities that deepen understanding of topics like recycling and global warming with campaigns to reduce junk mail and get drivers to stop idling cars. [Learn more](#)

Funding Resources

Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grants - Fall submissions due by October 17

Searching for funding for your outdoor classroom, schoolyard garden, or school greening project? Lowe's will donate \$5 million to public schools and public school parent teacher groups at more than 1,000 different public schools per school year. [Learn more](#)

Toyota Tapestry Grants for Science Teachers - Proposals due by January 21, 2009

Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. and the National Science Teachers Association are pleased to announce the 19th Toyota TAPESTRY Grants for Science Teachers program. This year, 50 large grants of up to \$10,000 each and 20-32 mini-grants of up to \$2,500 will be awarded to K-12 teachers of science in the United States. The categories are Physical Science Application, Environmental Science Education, and Integrating Literacy and Science. [Learn more](#)

Volvo Adventure

- Submissions due by January 31, 2009

In partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme, the Volvo Adventure is an educational program that rewards environmental activities and the decision-makers of the future. Teams of students aged 13-16 perform environmental projects in their local communities. Projects are submitted online, and the best entries are asked to join an international conference to present their ideas in Sweden and compete for the final prizes. There is also a companion program for 10-12 year olds. [Learn more](#)

National Education Association Student Achievement Grants

The NEA Foundation provides grants to improve the academic achievement of students in U.S. public schools and public higher education institutions in any subject area(s). The proposed work should engage students in critical thinking and problem solving that deepen their knowledge of standards-based subject matter. The work should also improve students' habits of inquiry, self-directed learning, and critical reflection. Applications may be submitted at any time, and educators of students from PreK through college are invited to apply. [Learn more](#)

For more grants and awards, be sure to visit the [Funding Resources](#) page on our website!

Professional Development

NAAEE 2008 Conference: Destination Wichita - October 15-18

For over 36 years, the North American Association for Environmental Education's annual conference has provided ideas on how to teach others to help our planet be more sustainable. This year's NAAEE conference features many ways to share the message that every action matters in sustaining our planet. During the four days of events, participants will also be inspired by a host of artistic expressions in words, pictures, and songs. [Learn more](#)

Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program - Applications due October 15

Fulbright Teacher Exchange awards enable U.S. teachers and administrators from elementary through post-secondary levels to exchange positions with foreign educators for up to one academic year. Grants may include full or partial travel grants and cost of living supplements depending on the country. [Learn more](#)

The National Council for Science and the Environment Conference - December 8-10

NCSE invites you to participate in the 9th National Conference on Science, Policy, and the Environment: *Biodiversity in a Rapidly Changing World*, to address the challenge the changing world poses to biodiversity. The conference will provide an opportunity to look at what is happening to biodiversity in the context of radical climate disruption, human population rise, land use changes, globalization and other economic forces. [Learn more](#)

NSTA Web Seminars

NSTA Web Seminars are 90-minute, live professional development experiences that use online learning technologies to allow participants to interact with nationally acclaimed experts, NSTA Press authors, and scientists, engineers, and education specialists from NSTA partner organizations. Upcoming fall seminars include *Beyond Penguins and Polar Bears: Physical Science from the Poles* and *Energy and the Polar Environment*, both designed for K-5 educators. [Learn more](#)



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