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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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Greetings!

As you prepare for the start of the school year, we hope you will take advantage of several new grants to fund your environmental education efforts. Read below for more information on these EE grants, as well as new teaching resources and professional development opportunities.

Also, don't forget that **National Environmental Education Week will be held this year from April 12-18, 2009**. You can get a head start on your planning by registering online at www.eeweek.org/register.htm.

Sincerely,

Karen Schultz
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 by engaging citizens in basic water quality monitoring. WWMD is officially observed on September 18, but the monitoring period extends to October 18. [Learn more](#)

International Coastal Cleanup - September 20

Ocean Conservancy's *International Coastal Cleanup* is the world's largest volunteer event of its kind. Last year, 378,000 volunteers from 76 countries and 45 states cleared six million pounds of trash from oceans and waterways and recorded every piece of trash collected. [Learn more](#)

Take a Child Outside Week - September 24-30

Organizations and the public are invited to participate in *Take a Child Outside Week*, an international internet-facilitated program that

encourages all citizens (particularly children) to participate in outdoor activities. The site encourages organizations to promote programming and activities that get children out into nature. [Learn more](#)



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Earth Science Week 2008 - October 12-18

The American Geological Institute (AGI) is pleased to announce the theme of Earth Science Week 2008: *No Child Left Inside*. Earth Science Week will 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 to participate in Earth Science Week, AGI is also sponsoring several contests for students. [Learn more](#)

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



The Weather Channel's Forecast Earth would like to invite high school students to be part of the Forecast Earth Summit, December 5-7 in Washington, D.C. Students - freshmen, sophomores, and juniors during the 2008-09 school year are eligible - must submit a 200-word essay outlining what they are personally doing to combat climate change. From the entries, 20 students will be selected to take part in TWC's Forecast Earth Summit, a three-day event that will focus on promoting environmental literacy among the high school audience. **Entry forms can be submitted online through October 19.** [Learn more](#)

Project Learning Tree Secondary School Module

Project Learning Tree, in partnership with the World Forestry Center, has completed a new set of secondary activities titled *Global Connections: Forests of the World*. Nine activities provide students with the opportunity to do research and apply critical thinking skills as they consider the social, economic, and environmental implications that underlie decisions about forest management. Educators can use the module in biology, geography, agriculture and other science and social studies courses at the high school or early-college level. [Learn more](#)

Fish Kids

EPA's National Fish Advisory Program has released a new *Fish Kids* website, using interactive stories and games to teach students ages 8-12 about contaminants in fish and fish advisories. Whether they catch their own fish or buy it at a store, kids and their families can use this site to learn how to choose fish wisely! [Learn more](#)

Journey North

Teachers and students in K-12 classrooms are invited to participate this fall in Journey North's 16th global study of wildlife migration and seasonal change. One of the nation's premier Internet-based "citizen science" projects, Journey North enables students in 11,000 schools to track the seasons on a real-time basis. Students follow the migration patterns of monarch butterflies, bald eagles, whooping cranes, hummingbirds, and other animals; the budding of plants; changing sunlight, and other natural events. Participation is free. [Learn more](#)

NASA Cloud Observers

NASA's Student Cloud Observations On-Line (S'Cool) project welcomes observations from any interested observers, especially from places where official weather observations are rare. Visit their website for more information on how to make or report observations, and explore the database of reported observations. [Learn more](#)

Funding Resources

NASA Global Climate Change Education Project - Notice of intent due August 29, proposals due October 24

NASA's Office of Education, in cooperation with NASA's Science Mission Directorate, is soliciting proposals for the NASA Global Climate Change Education (GCCE) project. The project is designed to improve the quality of global climate change and Earth system science education at the elementary, secondary, and undergraduate levels. Each funded project is expected to take advantage of NASA's unique contributions in climate science to enhance students' academic experiences and/or to improve educators' abilities to engage and stimulate their students. [Learn more](#)

Earth Day Network grants - Applications due September

Do you have a great idea to engage your students in civic action to protect the environment? Are you planning a climate change campaign at your school? If you answered yes to either of these questions then Earth Day Network wants to support you through their ground-breaking National Civic Education Project or Climate Change Educator grant program. [Learn more](#)

Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation - Applications due September 27

The mission of the Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation is to support educators in developing environmental curricula that integrate field activities and classroom teaching and that incorporates basic ecological principles and problem solving. Grants of up to \$1,500 are offered to educators to further this mission. [Learn more](#)

Kids in Need Teacher Grants - Applications due September 30

The School, Home, & Office Products Association Kids In Need Foundation offers Teacher Grants for K-12 educators to provide innovative learning opportunities for their students. Grants range from \$100-\$500 each, and are used to fund creative classroom projects. Typically 200-300 grants are awarded each year. [Learn more](#)

National Gardening Association & Home Depot 2009 Youth Garden Grants Program - Applications due November 1

The National Gardening Association (NGA) has announced that Home Depot will return as the Youth Garden Grants sponsor for 2009. NGA awards Youth Garden Grants to schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs. 125 grants are available for the 2009 grant cycle, which include gift cards for supply purchases at Home Depot. [Learn more](#)

Seeds for Education Grant Program - Applications due November 15

Wild Ones is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the use of natural landscaping with native plant species as an ecologically better alternative

to traditional landscaping practices. Wild Ones *Seeds for Education* program offers small grants to schools, nature centers, and other educational not-for-profits to landscape with native plants. [Learn more](#)

SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Environmental Excellence Awards - Applications due November 28

Since 1993, the Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks have recognized the outstanding efforts of K-12 students and teachers across the country who are working on the grassroots level to protect and preserve the environment. The *SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Environmental Excellence Awards* provide school and community groups with a monetary award, national recognition, and some well-deserved fun at one of our parks. Eight winning groups are selected each year to win \$10,000. One environmental educator/leader each year receives \$5,000. [Learn more](#)

Increase Your Green School Competition - Applications due December 15

DoSomething.org is calling on students to green their schools. Students who make the biggest effort to reduce their school's carbon footprint this fall could win up to \$1,500 to further their efforts. Schools are eligible for a first-place prize of a \$1,500 grant, banner, plaque, and eco-friendly gift bags (up to thirty), and a chance to be visited by the biotour bus! Three \$500 second place prizes will also be awarded. [Learn more](#)

Professional Development

American Museum of Natural History Seminars on Science - Registration deadline August 18

Registration is now open for two sessions of *Seminars on Science* from the American Museum of Natural History. The courses are ONLINE and can be taken for up to 4 graduate credits each. Courses run September - October OR October - November and include topics such as *Evolution; Earth: Inside and Out; The Ocean System; Genetics, Genomics, Genethics*; and *The Link Between Dinosaurs and Birds*, as well as their newest course, *The Solar System*. All courses are led by an experienced classroom teacher and a PhD scientist in the field. **Registration for Session One closes August 18th.** [Learn more](#)

NCAR Climate Discovery Online Course for Educators - Early bird registration closes September 1

Are you seeking a K-12 professional development opportunity that will enhance your qualifications, competency, and self-confidence in integrating Earth system science, climate, and global change into your science classroom? This fall, the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) is offering a series of seven-week online courses for middle and high school teachers that combine geosciences content, information about current climate research, easy to implement hands-on activities, and group discussions. [Learn more](#)

Facing the Future: Educating & Inspiring a Global Generation

Facing the Future: Educating & Inspiring a Global Generation is an online, independent continuing education course available through the Heritage Institute. Appropriate for teachers of grades 5-12, the course encourages

educators to build upon their teaching expertise and to think creatively about how to integrate global issues, sustainability, and local solutions into their curricula. [Learn more](#)

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, October 15-18 in Wichita, Kansas, 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. **Early Bird deadline is August 15.** [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](#)



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