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National Environmental Education (EE) Week, made possible by [Canon USA](#), 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!

Summer is a great time of year to begin planning for *International Walk to School Day*, an event where communities from over 40 countries join together to walk and bicycle to school. Walking to school is a great way for students to reduce their carbon footprint and promote good health, so please consider registering your school!

This year's Walk to School Day is October 8, 2008. To register a Walk to School event, please visit www.walktoschool.org/register. By registering, Walk to School organizers have access to a variety of downloadable materials, including certificates, templates for printing stickers, and a frequent walker punch card. Registrants can also subscribe to receive a weekly Walk to School e-newsletter with tips and resources on hosting a Walk to School event.

And remember to check out several new EE programs and resources, funding sources, and professional development opportunities below.

Sincerely,

Karen Schultz
National Environmental Education Week Coordinator

EE Programs and Resources

A Day in the Life of a Drop

A Day in the Life of a Drop teaches students about the connections between the sources of the water they use and how that use affects human health and the environment. These fun learning materials include a teachers' guide, two student worksheets, a spreadsheet to track water use at home, and a pledge for students and their families to "filter out bad water habits." [Learn more](#)

Beyond Penguins and Polar Bears

Beyond Penguins and Polar Bears is a new online magazine to help elementary school teachers develop their knowledge of the Arctic and

Antarctica and organize science and literacy instruction around polar themes. The first two issues, "A Sense of Place" and "Learning from the Polar Past," provide lessons and readings on data collection and representation, map skills, comparing the Arctic and Antarctic, and more.

[Learn more](#)

Canon Envirothon

Teachers are invited to join Canon Envirothon, one of North America's largest high school environmental education competitions, held this year from July 28 - August 3. [Learn more](#)

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](#)

Encyclopedia of Earth Climate Change Collection

The EoE Collection is anchored by an electronic version of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Nobel Prize-winning reports. It also includes articles by climate experts, biographies of individuals who have made important contributions to climate science and policy, a timeline of key events in the history of climate science and policy, a climate glossary, and much more. [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](#)

Nature Clubs for Families

This summer, the Children & Nature Network (C&NN) is launching a new initiative to help families engage in the growing children and nature movement. We encourage parents, grandparents, and caregivers to get directly involved by creating family nature clubs. These Do-It-Yourself clubs offer free, low-cost, family-oriented activities--the ones that help kids (and adults) become happier, healthier, and even smarter while having fun. [Learn more](#)

Schoolyard Geology

Wish you could take more field trips? You can! Your own schoolyard is filled with great geologic features! The U.S. Geological Survey's *Schoolyard Geology* website is filled with activities and examples of what to look for to turn your schoolyard into a rich geologic experience. [Learn more](#)

Funding Resources

Connect Grants for Culturally Diverse Communities - Applications due August 15

The Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics is an educational, non-profit organization dedicated to the responsible enjoyment and active stewardship of the outdoors by all people worldwide. Connect Grants provide direct support and training grants for organizations and people that serve culturally diverse communities. Grant awards range between \$500 and \$2,500 and can be used for Leave No Trace educational materials and/or to cover the tuition of a Master Educator Course. [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](#)

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

ESRI Education User Conference - August 2-5

Explore the power of spatial thinking at the ESRI Education User Conference, August 2-5 in San Diego California. Meet with GIS education community members, and learn how to apply the software in the classroom. [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](#)

EE-Link

Looking to advance your career? See what professional opportunities are available? Move to a different state? Seeking a qualified candidate to fill a job opening in your organization? Check out the NAAEE EE-Link job service! An average of 40 new jobs are added weekly to the site and a Jobs-Report is sent to a growing list of subscribers every Monday morning. [Learn more](#)

EETAP Online EE Courses

The Environmental Education & Training Partnership (EETAP) is pleased to announce several online EE courses for the fall semester. They are: Applied Environmental Education Program Evaluation; Fundamentals of Environmental Education; Leadership Development in Natural Resources; and Making EE Relevant for Culturally Diverse Audiences. \$200 scholarships are available for most courses. [Learn more](#)

Fulbright-Hays 2009 Seminars Abroad

The Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad program is open to educators and administrators with responsibilities for curriculum development in fields related to humanities, languages, and area studies. All seminars are in non-western European countries and are designed to provide a broad and introductory cultural orientation to particular countries. Seminars take place from late June to mid-August for a duration of four to six weeks. [Email to learn more](#)



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