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Classroom Earth Corner



New grants available to teachers!

The National Environmental Education Foundation, in partnership with **The Weather Channel**, has developed a new program called **Classroom Earth**, that is designed to enhance and strengthen environmental education in high school classrooms. In April, Classroom Earth

Greetings!

In May we celebrate both [Endangered Species Day](#) (May 16th) and Clean Air Month. In celebration of both of these important observances EE Week has added two new sections of standards-based lessons to its Curricula Library.

[Air Quality Lessons](#)

[Endangered Species Lessons](#)

EE Week Photo Blog and Contest - Entries due May 23!

Don't forget that there are only 10 days left in the EE Week Photo Blog Contest*, which encourages educators to share their successes in environmental education in a Photo Blog at www.EEWeek.org.

Though blogs can be submitted year-round, prizes such as a digital camera, camcorder, and photo printer will be awarded to the top three blogs that are submitted by May 23.

- [Learn more](#)
- View the [current submissions](#)
- [Upload your blog](#)

Tell us more about your EE Week!

If you coordinated an EE Week event in 2008, please consider completing an online survey to tell us more about your activities and offer feedback on how we can improve and expand EE Week in 2009. [Access the survey](#)

Sincerely,

Karen Schultz
National Environmental Education Week Coordinator

**No purchase necessary. All contest participants must be at least 18 years old, residents of the U.S., and affiliated with an organization which provides K-12 educational programs, and meet all eligibility requirements. Void where prohibited. Click here for [complete rules](#).*

Partner Spotlight

Jewish National Fund GoNeutral

Every time you board a plane, drive a car, or even do your laundry it takes a toll on the environment. Jewish National Fund encourages individuals to take steps to minimize their carbon emissions and offset what they can't reduce through a new cutting-edge environmental campaign: [JNF GoNeutral](#). This program enables individuals to calculate their impact on the planet and become "neutral" by planting trees in Israel. JNF projects contribute to halting desertification, boosting water supplies through reservoirs and waste water reclamation, growing crops efficiently in the desert and creating green "lungs" around urban areas. [Learn more](#)



launched the first of many components: **The National High School Challenge**. The challenge asks high school teachers across the country to submit a proposal on how they would infuse environmental content into their existing classrooms. If chosen, you'll have the chance to secure \$5,000 to \$10,000 to bring more innovative environmental themes into coursework! [Learn More](#)



Bringing weather to life

Our Program

National Environmental Education (EE) Week, made possible by [Canon USA](#), is the single largest organized environmental education event in the United States. It increases the educational impact of Earth Day 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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EE Programs and Resources

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

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Environmental Health Perspectives - Student Edition

Do you want to teach science by connecting your students to the real world of science? Environmental Health Perspectives (EHP), the world's leading peer-reviewed environmental health research journal, offers a unique, free online Student Edition that pairs hot-off-the-press science research with high quality lessons in all science subjects-and beyond. *EHP will be expanding some of their lesson choices, and want to make this resource as useful as possible. Please take a moment to visit their website to complete a [brief online survey](#).*

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National Geographic has launched a new program entitled *Human Footprint* to show how everything we consume, use, and discard over a lifetime has an effect on our planet. Related [classroom resources](#) help students think about global population trends, consumption, and production and how these affect the environment. [Learn more](#)

Rachel Carson Sense of Wonder Contest - Entries due June 16

The U.S. EPA Aging Initiative, in partnership with Generations United and the Rachel Carson Council Inc., are inviting submissions for its Second Annual Rachel Carson Sense of Wonder Intergenerational Poetry, Essay and Photography Contest. The contest seeks to instill among all generations the sense of wonder that Carson once described so eloquently. [Learn more](#)

Once Upon a Tide - New Ocean Film for Students

The Center for Health and the Global Environment at Harvard Medical School is pleased to announce a new website to complement its recently produced educational film *Once Upon a Tide*. On the site, visitors can access the film, educational tools such as lesson plans and activities, and instructions on how to host a *Once Upon a Tide* dinner with downloadable placemats, sustainable seafood recipes, and a suggested music playlist of ocean-inspired songs. [Learn more](#)

Seacoast Science Center Video Conferences

The Seacoast Science Center in Rye, NH now offers video conferences

for distance-learning field trips. All of their programs can be adjusted to meet the learning styles and curriculum needs of classroom audiences. They offer four standard programs but are always willing to work with teachers to customize a program or a series of programs. [Learn more](#)

I Count for myEARTH

Kick off next school year with the *I Count for myEARTH* campaign dedicated to raising children's environmental awareness on drinking water...at no cost to schools! Then raise parents' awareness-and funds year-round with the www.myEARTH360.com Shop & Share program featuring products that count for the Earth. [Email I Count for myEARTH](#) for more details.

Funding Resources

Richard C. Bartlett Environmental Education Award - Nominations due June 30

Do you know a teacher who stands out among the rest? Someone who takes their passion for the environment and brings it into the classroom, inspiring students to learn and engage in environmental issues? Consider nominating the outstanding teacher that you know for the 2008 Richard C. Bartlett Environmental Education Award.

The Bartlett Award was established in 2007 by the National Environmental Education Foundation to distinguish the teachers who best represent Richard C. Bartlett's passion for and leadership in environmental education. For more than 40 years, Richard C. Bartlett has been inspiring environmental educators nationwide.



This year, the award will be given to an educator who can serve as an inspiration and model for others. A \$5,000 cash award will be provided for the recipient to continue their work in environmental education. [Learn more](#)

NEA Learning and Leadership Grants - Deadline June 1

The National Education Association (NEA) grants fund professional development experiences for individuals and groups for their collegial study. All professional development must improve practice, curriculum, and student achievement. The grant amount is \$2,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for groups. [Learn more](#)

Live Green Teacher Grants - Deadline June 15

The Live Green Teacher Grant program, a Discovery Education initiative presented by General Motors, challenges middle school teachers to develop innovative ideas for furthering environmental and energy sustainability. Teachers will identify an issue or problem, create a plan to address it, and integrate the topic into classroom teaching. Forty grants of \$1,000 each will be awarded. [Learn more](#)

Plum Grants - Awarded Weekly!

Did you recently create a sustainable community improvement project, program, or organization? Do you need \$500 to further the growth and success of your program? If you answered, "YES!", you are eligible to apply for a Plum Youth Grant. Plum grants are given out weekly by Do Something. [Learn more](#)

Professional Development

Summer Science Workshops for Educators - Apply by May 31

Probing for innovative ways to teach science in your classroom? Investigating how to stay informed about the latest science research? Interested in increasing your science content knowledge? Penn State offers excellent summer science workshops for teachers at the University Park campus. [Learn more](#)

Earthwatch Life from the Field Fellowships - Apply by June 1

Live From the Field fellows join a fully funded one-to-two week long Earthwatch research expedition during the school year, and are provided with the technology and support to teach their students LIVE from that research site. This opportunity is available to all K-12 educators working in the U.S., regardless of the subject or grade level taught. [Learn more](#)

Renewable Energy for Educators - June 23-26

Educators attending this summer seminar by Solar Energy International will learn about the impacts our energy use has on the planet and how to best teach youth about solutions: energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy technologies. Each day will include a hands-on element that can be employed in the classroom. [Learn more](#)

Approaching Walden Seminar - July 13-18

The Walden Woods Project is currently accepting applications for *Approaching Walden*, a professional development summer seminar for high school educators and graduate students. This six-day workshop is professionally as well as personally enriching, and provides teachers with the skills needed to lead their students in a study of their home community. This place-based, interdisciplinary workshop uses Henry David Thoreau's ethic and his experience at Walden Woods as a model. [Learn more](#)

CELF Summer Institute for Sustainability Education - July 14-18

Join the Children's Environmental Literacy Foundation (CELF) for their fifth Summer Institute for Sustainability Education. Gain a deeper knowledge of global issues affecting our planet and what students need to know to ensure an environmentally healthy, economically sound and socially just world. [Learn more](#)

Working Forum on Nature Education - July 21-23

The Arbor Day Foundation and NAAEE are inviting conservation professionals, landscape architects, health care experts, and early childhood educators to the second Working Forum on Nature Education: New Tools for Connecting the World's Children with Nature. Join other delegates from a wide range of professions from six continents as they gather in Nebraska to share ideas on how to reconnect children around

the world with nature. [Learn more](#)

Education in a Changing Climate - July 27-August 2

Learn how to bring climate change education to your audience! Unity College in Maine is gathering together a diverse faculty to offer innovative ways to better communicate important environmental issues regarding climate change. With a friendly nod to traditional lesson plans and strategies, Unity will offer educators the opportunity to learn new and innovative approaches within a learning community of leading scholars, authors, activists, and education professors. [Learn more](#)

Columbia University Teacher Training Institute - Summer 2008

The Center for Environmental Research and Conservation (CERC) at Columbia University offers a Teacher Training Institute each summer. Now in its 4th year, the Institute is designed so that educators and CERC faculty work together on inquiry based education and experiential learning at field sites in the Dominican Republic while earning credits in conservation biology and human ecology. [Learn more](#)



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