



National Environmental Education Week

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Greetings!

This month we are pleased to announce the theme of EE Week 2010: [Be Water and Energy Wise](#). Continue reading for information about the available resources and perks when you register for EE Week, April 11-17, 2010.

The National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) is now accepting nominations for the 2010 Richard C. Bartlett Environmental Education Award. More information on this prestigious award for teachers is provided below, along with information on many other upcoming awards and grants for educators and schools.

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Jessica Culverhouse

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Be Water and Energy Wise: The Water-Energy Connection

National Environmental Education Week, April 11-17, 2010

Our nation's water and energy resources are increasingly important topics of discussion not just in the news, but in classrooms and homes as well. Recognizing the importance of conserving both water and energy to protect the planet and reduce costs -- and acknowledging the connection between water and energy -- EE Week's 2010 theme is [Be Water and Energy Wise](#). [Register today](#) to participate in EE Week 2010.

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Our Program

National Environmental Education (EE) Week is the largest organized environmental education event in the United States.

EE Week connects educators with environmental resources to promote K-12 students' understanding of the environment.

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In addition to EE Week's library of resources and curricula on water and energy, we have developed a new resource page for educators on [The Water-Energy Connection](#). In the United States, generating power consumes 3 percent of our nation's water annually and 13 percent of the energy produced in this country each year is used to treat, transport and heat our water. Conserving water saves energy, and vice versa. The water-energy connection is complex, but it provides an excellent opportunity to get students thinking about the interrelatedness of ecological and environmental concerns.

When you [register](#) to participate in EE Week 2010, you will join a national network of educators dedicated to increasing the environmental literacy of K-12 students. You will also receive:

- Certificates of Participation;
- Access to an online library of environmental curricula and EE resources;
- Opportunities to network and communicate with other educators who have successfully integrated environmental education into the curriculum;
- An invitation to participate in EE Week's spring 2010 webinar on the water-energy connection and current research on the topic;
- Discounts and special offers for educational materials from our partners.

And don't forget that you should re-register each year you plan to participate in EE Week in order to take advantage of the new offers and incentives.

[Register today!](#)

Nominate an outstanding teacher for the 2010 Bartlett Award

Nomination materials due Jan. 15, 2010

The National Environmental Education Foundation, EE Week's parent organization, is now accepting nominations for the 2010 Richard C. Bartlett Environmental Education Award. This annual award is given to an outstanding educator who has successfully integrated environmental content into the curriculum and whose inspirational story can be used as a model for other teachers and those interested in becoming involved in environmental education. For the 2010 award, we would like to recognize a high school teacher.

The award includes a \$5,000 cash prize and a trip to Washington, D.C. to meet with representatives of the nation's leading environmental education organizations.

Past winners of this prestigious award include a middle school teacher who has transformed the recycling and energy and water use policies of her school, a high school teacher who focuses on project-based learning and

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peer teaching about environmental issues and an environmental science teacher who has integrated policy, economic and environmental studies in her school's curriculum.

[Read more](#) about the previous Bartlett Award winners, or [nominate an outstanding teacher](#) today!

Celebrate Geography Awareness Week

November 15-21, 2009

This Geography Awareness Week, get lost in mapping! Visit GeographyAwarenessWeek.org for games, activities and lessons about mapping that you can do at home or at school, brought to you by National Geographic and partner organizations. Explore maps big and small, high-tech and low-tech.



At GeographyAwarenessWeek.org, students can piece together a poster-size map for a bedroom wall or a giant map for the school gymnasium. They can take a virtual world tour with Google Earth and watch a video that explains how today's geospatial revolution is changing everything from shipping to warfare or test their skills with the Expedition 2 game and a Mystery Location quiz.

Join 100,000 "map activists" by participating in a blog-a-thon, hosting a Geography Awareness Week event or signing up for the new GeoMentor program. There's something for everyone at GeographyAwarenessWeek.org.

EE Programs and Resources

Butterflies in Space

This month, Painted Lady butterflies will fly aboard Space Shuttle Atlantis to the International Space Station. The butterflies will spend several months in space as part of an exciting experiment to observe their life cycles and behaviors in microgravity. Classes are invited to participate by registering for updates about the mission. Teachers can download a free Teacher's Guide and engage students in concurrent activities with their own butterflies. Photos and videos will be transmitted back to Earth and made available online. [Learn more](#)

Earth Gauge Kids November Theme: Fall Food

NEEF's Earth Gauge Kids program helps students make the connection between weather and the environment. Replete with activities, fun facts, tips and tools, Earth Gauge Kids empowers youth to protect the

environment and keep their families safe from weather and environmental hazards. Each month Earth Gauge sports a different theme. This month feature a fun quiz and new activities that teach kids about the health and environment connections to their favorite Thanksgiving foods. [Learn more](#)

Eco-Schools USA

Eco-Schools is an internationally acclaimed program that provides a framework to help educators integrate sustainable principles throughout their schools and curricula. Schools that are certified in the program undergo a thorough application process and succeed in organizing and implementing a comprehensive sustainability assessment of the school. Once a school has registered and implemented the seven steps of the program, it is eligible for an Eco-Schools award. [Learn more](#)

Preserve America's Waterways

In partnership with several community-based youth organizations, Preserve America's Waterways seeks to generate one million community service hours to protect and preserve our nation's waterways. At the Web site, project providers can find ideas and guidelines or register their service projects. Those looking to participate in a service project can find local projects. [Learn more](#)

Environmental Health Perspectives Science Education Program

The Environmental Health Perspectives Science Education Program promotes environmental health science as an integrative context for learning to promote students' use and understanding of scientific literature. Teachers can browse over 100 science and interdisciplinary lessons based on selected articles published by Environmental Health Perspectives. Lessons align with National Science Education Standards and are designed for students in grades 9 through 12. [Learn more](#)

Where the Wild Things Are Activity Guide

National Wildlife Federation has teamed up with the film "Where The Wild Things Are" to launch a national campaign to get kids outside. The "Where the Wild Things Are" Activity Guide will help teachers explore the film's themes, with activities designed for grades 2-5 and extensions for younger and older students. These activities meet national standards for English/Language Arts, Science, Social Studies and Visual Arts. [Learn more](#)

Kilowatt Ours Youth Initiative

Kilowatt Ours Youth Initiative is an award-winning program fostering leadership skills, scientific inquiry, scholastic success and environmental stewardship among young people by engaging students in an interactive program that trains them to become energy conservation leaders in their homes, schools and communities. The program offers a standards-based curriculum, train-the-trainer workshops and a peer mentoring focus that empowers students through the process of assessing home energy use, making informed decisions and taking energy and money-saving steps in their lives. [Learn more](#)

Alliance for Climate Education

Alliance for Climate Education (ACE) delivers in-person, science-based, multimedia presentations on the science behind climate change to educate, inspire and empower students to take action. ACE presentations

are free for schools. After the presentation, ACE helps students take action by creating an Action Team at their school and by connecting students with grants, scholarships, toolkits, online communities and more. Free presentations are currently available for schools in the San Francisco Bay Area, Sacramento/Sierra Nevadas, Los Angeles, New England, Greater Boston, Houston and Chicago metropolitan areas. ACE presentations will be available in Denver, D.C., Atlanta and New York City starting in January 2010. [Learn more](#)



For more classroom resources, visit the [Curricula Library](#) and [General EE Resources](#) pages on our Web site.

Funding Resources

Funding from Disney Planet Challenge

Disney Planet Challenge will fund hands-on classroom projects that benefit the environment. To be eligible, teachers must first register to participate in the [Disney Planet Challenge](#), then submit a hands-on project request focusing on the environment at [DonorsChoose.org](#). Full-time fourth, fifth and sixth grade teachers at public schools are eligible.

Four Season's of Hope Essay Contest - Entry deadline December 1

Enter Samsung's Four Seasons of Hope Essay Contest and help your school go "green" with technology. Write about how technology could help you use less paper, map your watershed, blog about your school garden or connect with other environmental educators. Winning schools will receive technology and software from Microsoft and Samsung. [Learn more](#)

Spirit of Innovation Awards - Entry deadlines November 20 and December 15

The Spirit of Innovation Awards Program challenges teams of high school students to solve real world problems by creating products using science, technology and entrepreneurship. The 2009-2010 competition focuses on the areas of green schools, aerospace exploration, renewable energy and space nutrition. In April, top teams will be honored with a \$5,000 dollar grant to further develop their product. [Learn more](#)

Environmental Education Grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Application deadline December 15

The Grants Program sponsored by EPA's Environmental Education Division, Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education, supports environmental education projects that enhance the public's awareness, knowledge and skills to help people make informed decisions that affect environmental quality. Most grants will be in the \$15,000 to \$25,000 range. [Learn more](#)

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The Richard C. Bartlett Environmental Education Award is awarded annually by the National Environmental Education Foundation to an outstanding educator who has successfully integrated environmental education into his or her daily education programs. The award is given to an educator who can serve as an inspiration and model for others. A \$5,000 cash award is provided for the recipient to continue his or her work in environmental education. Additionally, the winner travels to Washington, D.C., to meet with representatives from the environmental community to further his or her network. [Learn more](#)

Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge - Entry deadline varies by grade level

The Siemens "We Can Change the World" challenge offers students the opportunity to make a sustainable change matched to science, math and reading/language arts concepts and skills. Teams of students find an adult mentor who will play an active role in guiding student development of the project and submission of materials. The entry period for submissions has already begun and ends January 31 for elementary school groups and March 15 for middle school groups. [Learn more](#)

For more grants and awards, visit the [Funding Resources](#) page on our Web site.

Professional Development

Toyota International Teacher Program - Application deadline January 6

The Toyota International Teacher Program aims to provide international, professional-development opportunities to U.S. secondary school teachers that advance environmental stewardship and global connectedness in U.S. schools and communities. The two week program during summer 2010 will send U.S. educators and teacher-librarians to Costa Rica and allow them to explore social and environmental themes and apply what they learn to the creation of interdisciplinary, hands-on and solution-focused educational approaches. [Learn more](#)

The Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship - Application deadline January 13

The Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program offers current public or private elementary and secondary mathematics, technology and science classroom teachers with demonstrated excellence in teaching an opportunity to serve in the national public policy arena. Full-time public or private elementary or secondary school teachers with at least five years of full-time classroom teaching experience are eligible to apply. During the Fellowship, each Einstein Fellow receives a monthly stipend of \$6,000 plus a \$1,000 monthly cost of living allowance. In addition, there is a moving/relocation allowance as well as a professional travel allowance. [Learn more](#)

Society for Science & the Public Fellows Program - Application deadline January 15

The Society for Science & the Public (SSP) Fellows Program provides funds and training to selected U.S. science and math teachers who serve under-resourced students to enable interested and motivated students to perform high-quality independent scientific research. Competitively selected from a large entrant pool of high school science and math teachers from 36 states and American Samoa, each Fellow will receive funding directly for their classroom and community, full support to attend the Fellows Institute in Washington, D.C. and ongoing training and resources from SSP. Successful participants can retain their Fellowship for up to four years to ensure that promising students can pursue independent research through their high school years. [Learn more](#)

For more opportunities, visit the [Professional Development](#) page on our Web site.



The National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) provides knowledge to trusted professionals who, with their credibility, amplify messages to national audiences to solve everyday environmental problems. Together, we generate lasting positive change.

NEEF partners with professionals in health, education, media, business and public land management to promote daily actions for helping people protect and enjoy the environment. Through our primary programs - Classroom Earth, National Public Lands Day, National Environmental Education Week, Business and Environment, Earth Gauge(r) and Health & Environment - we offer Americans knowledge to live by. To learn more, call (202) 833-2933 or visit <http://www.neefusa.org>.

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