



National Environmental Education Week

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Greetings!

National Environmental Education Week 2010 is just around the corner -- April 11-17 -- and we're pleased to announce a few new offerings this month, including new registration incentives and some major updates to our Web site, EEWeek.org.

Did you know EE Week is on [facebook](#) and [twitter](#)? Hundreds of educators follow the tips, articles, resources and interesting Web sites we share through these social media every day. It's also a great way for us to learn more about your programs and interests. "Follow us" or become a facebook fan today!

EE Week's 2010 theme is [Be Water and Energy Wise](#). We encourage you to explore our online resources relating to water and energy, and especially those on [The Water-Energy Connection](#). Thousands of educators around the country have begun planning EE Week activities on the water and energy theme. Some are planning school water and energy audits in math and science classes. Geography and social studies teachers are organizing research projects about the sources of fresh water around the globe and the energy required to transport it. Others have developed projects in which students express the water and energy connection through art and poetry. Join us by [registering today](#) and let us know your plans for EE Week 2010.

Sincerely,

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The Water-Energy Connection

Did you know that letting your faucet run for five minutes uses about as much energy as letting a 60-watt light bulb run for fourteen hours? [Learn more](#)

Source: U.S. EPA Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds.

EE Week Partners Offer Discounts to Registered

Participants

Register today to take advantage of these special offers

EE Week seeks to connect educators with environmental resources to promote K-12 students' understanding of the environment. EE Week resources are free. Registered participants of EE Week 2010 can also take advantage of special discounts on hands-on, standards-based educational materials from our generous partners.

- **New: [First Hand Learning](#)** is a nonprofit company dedicated to promoting learning through direct experience. When you register for EE Week, you will receive **20 percent off** the purchase of a class set of their Field Journal or Young Observer's Notebook.
- **[Acorn Naturalists](#)** is an online provider of science and nature resources for the trail and classroom. Registered EE Week participants receive **\$10 off** a purchase of \$50 or more.
- **[Kilowatt Ours](#)** is an award-winning film featuring a timely, solutions-oriented look at one of America's most pressing environmental challenges: energy. Registered EE Week participants may order the DVD at **half price**.
- **[Nature-Watch](#)** provides educational products and craft activity kits designed to teach children about nature. Registered EE Week participants receive a **10 percent discount** on purchases.



Remember: You must register to participate in EE Week 2010 to take advantage of these discounts. [Register today](#)

EEWeek.org Improvements

Visit us online to access hundreds of resources and materials for educators

Over the past few years, the number of interdisciplinary, standards-based environmental education resources available at [EEWeek.org](#) has grown exponentially. Many of you have contacted us to compliment the wealth of lesson plans, online resources for educators, research and information presented on our Web site.

Last spring, we asked you to respond to a survey to give us feedback on [EEWeek.org](#) and how we could make it more useful for the hundreds of educators that visit the site every day. We've recently made some changes -- including a wider layout, new navigation bar and reorganized menu options -- to incorporate some of your suggestions.

Please take a look at the new and improved [EEWeek.org](#). Then email us at eeweek@neefusa.org to let us know what you think of the changes we've already made and offer additional suggestions for future improvements. We'd love to hear from you.

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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Planet Connect Student Grant Winners Announced

High school students make a difference in their schools and communities

Congratulations to the 2010 Planet Connect Grant Winners! Visit [Planet Connect](#) to read about how students across the country are making a difference by fixing an environmental problem in their own community.

Stay tuned for the announcement of Planet Connect's brand new video competition for high school students.

EE Resources

Siemens STEM Academy

The Siemens STEM Academy is a premier online community designed to foster achievement in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) through collaboration and sharing of best practices. Educators can share their favorite lesson plans, tips, tricks, ideas, presentations, websites, videos and other STEM related resources that may prove useful for those looking to expand their classroom materials. Educators looking for ideas can browse the Teacher Resources by subject or grade level. The Academy also hosts a series of webinars on STEM related topics.

[Learn more](#)

Outdoor Science: A Practical Guide

In this National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) press book, author Steve Rich shows teachers how to create outdoor learning spaces that can be used from year to year with little extra effort or resources. The activities are appropriate for elementary and middle school students and satisfy national standards and curriculum objectives in the areas of life, earth and environmental sciences. Math, social studies and language arts activities that can be easily integrated into the curriculum are also included. Purchase the guide online at the NSTA Web site. [Learn more](#)

Biodiversity: Connecting with the Tapestry of Life

This booklet, offered by the Center for Conservation Education and Sustainability, explains what biodiversity is and why it is so important to sustain life on earth. Trends in biodiversity are explained and suggested actions to preserve biodiversity are presented. The booklet is 30 pages, in full color and is available for free through Smithsonian National Zoological Park. [Learn more](#)

It's All Connected: A Comprehensive Guide to Global Issues and Sustainable Solutions

This high school text book from Facing the Future is a resource for teaching about global issues and sustainability in our ever changing and complex world. The book can be used as a stand-alone text for a global issues course, or as a supplemental text for other courses, including social studies, science, mathematics and language arts. Each unit offers Essential Questions, Stories from the World, Youth in Action features and Curriculum Connections that offer topical explorations in math, literature, science and technology. Purchase the book online from Facing the Future. [Learn more](#)

Climate Kids: NASA's Eyes on the Earth

Climate Kids, a NASA Web site designed for use by students in grades 4-6, is a multimedia-rich companion to NASA's acclaimed [Global Climate Change](#) site. This kid-friendly guide de-mystifies one of the most important science issues of our time using an interactive Climate Time Machine, a section on Green Careers, educational games and more. [Learn more](#)

The Growing Classroom: Garden-Based Science

The Growing Classroom is a teacher's manual with step-by-step instruction and strategies for setting up a garden-based science program and outdoor classroom activities. Topics include planning a garden laboratory, facilitating investigative lessons on ecology and nutrition and involving the community. Developed by the Life Lab Science Program, this award-winning second edition has been revised to meet current science standards and is appropriate for grades 2-6. [Learn more](#)

For more classroom resources, visit us [online](#).

Student Contests and Awards

America's Greenest School - Entry deadline March 8

America's Greenest School challenges students to show teachers, parents and fellow classmates what they would do if they were in charge of making their school a greener, more eco-friendly place. Entries can be submitted in the form of a video, photo collection, essay, phontos of a diorama, collage or piece of artowrk. Students of all ages are eligible to enter, as well as groups of classes. The winning students of classroom will win a \$3,000 scholarship as well as a hybrid bus, green makeover and free concert by The Maine for their school. Teachers will win \$500 in class supplies. [Learn more](#)

Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge - Entry deadline March 15

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. Classes across the country will be challenged to create sustainable, reproducible environmental improvements in their classroom or school. Top prizes will include a chance to appear on TV, a grant for the school and a trip for the teacher to New York City. [Learn more](#)

NASA "No Boundaries" Project - Entry deadline April 15

The "No Boundaries" Project, developed by NASA and USA Today Education, helps students explore careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), while learning about NASA - the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Teachers will assign student groups to research a NASA career in each of the four STEM fields. Groups will then develop and present a project that markets their career to teens. Winners will be recognized on the No Boundaries Web site and will be eligible for a VIP experience at a NASA center and may be asked to present their work to NASA. [Learn more](#)

Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes - Nomination deadline April 30

Each year, the Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes honors 25 outstanding young leaders nationwide who have made a significant positive difference to people and out planet. Nominees, who may range in

age from 8 to 18, must have been the prime mover of a service activity and demonstrated positive spirit and high moral purpose in accomplishing their goals. Nominees must be nominated by adults who have solid knowledge of the young person's heroic activities and who are not related to the nominee. Winners receive \$2,500 toward higher education or their service project, a recognition plaque, a certificate of recognition and other materials including books and curricula, as well as numerous media opportunities. [Learn more](#)

Brower Youth Awards - Application deadline May 15

The Brower Youth Awards recognize people ages 12 to 22 living in North America who have shown outstanding leadership on a projects or campaign with positive environmental and social impact. Each of the six Brower Youth Award recipients for 2010 will receive a \$3,000 cash prize and an all-expenses paid trip to the San Francisco Bay Area to attend the Awards ceremony on October 19, 2010. The recipients will also participate in a week of speaking engagements, trainings and environmental conferences leading up to the ceremony. [Learn more](#)

For more grants and awards, visit us [online](#).

Funding

Classroom Earth National High School Challenge - Application deadline extended to March 1

Apply now for the 2010 National High School Challenge, a program encouraging teachers to incorporate environmental education into all subject areas through innovative teaching strategies. Teachers from around the nation can receive up to \$4,000 to make their ideas become reality. Teachers from all subject areas should apply. [Learn more](#)

Syngenta IPM in School Gardens Grant - Application deadline March 1

The Syngenta Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in School Gardens Grant is designed to support educators using school gardens as a tool for teaching students about integrated pest management strategies in the garden and on farms. In 2010, four schools - one from each geographic region of the country - will receive grant packages valued at \$1,250. Middle and high schools serving low- to middle-income students are encouraged to apply. [Learn more](#)

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Professional Development

Great Lakes Bioenergy Research Center Summer Programs for Teachers - Summer 2010

The Education and Outreach area of the Great Lakes Bioenergy Research Center (GLBRC) supports and collaborates on a diverse array of programs that mainly address the needs of K-12 and undergraduate learning communities, and topically address bioenergy-related issues ranging from biotechnology to sustainability. Programs are scheduled for summer 2010. [Learn more](#)

2010 AITC Agriculture in the Classroom National Conference - June 24-26, 2010

Educators of all grade levels are invited to participate in the 2010 National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference, being held June 24-26 in Baltimore, Maryland. A variety of hands-on workshops will be held, as well as a tour and a "Share Your Best" resource fair, all designed to help educators teach about agriculture and give students a greater awareness of the role of agriculture in the economy and society. [Learn more](#)

Approaching Walden 2010 Seminar - July 11-16, 2010

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

Green Schools National Conference - Oct. 24-26, 2010

The 1st Annual Green Schools National Conference will be held October 24-26 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The focus will be Growing Green Schools Across America with breakout sessions built around the topics of sustainability education, green practices at school, green school facilities, community involvement, green economics and green careers. [Learn more](#)

For more opportunities, visit us [online](#).



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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