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Greetings!

Last month thousands of educators and millions of students across the United States participated in National Environmental Education Week (EE Week). Thank you to all of you who joined in our annual celebration of environmental learning and service!

Thank you, also, to the hundreds of you who responded to our invitation to join us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) this spring. These sites allow us to learn more about your schools and programs and share timely information with you, including links to interesting news articles and additional opportunities that aren't included in our monthly newsletters. If you haven't already, "follow us" or become a Facebook fan today!

Although EE Week is held each April, we will continue to communicate with you by sending monthly email newsletters with the latest environmental education tools, resources, professional development and grants. This way, you'll be able to make every week EE Week in your schools and communities!

Sincerely,

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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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EE Week's Annual Photo Blog Contest

Enter your photos and stories for a chance to win great prizes

Do you have an inspiring story about how you and your school or organization are bringing environmental education to students? We would love to hear about it! Simply upload your photos and stories to the [EE Week Photo Blog](#).



The [EE Week Photo Blog Contest](#) runs through May 31 and is open to individuals affiliated with a school or organization providing K-12 educational programs.

First, second and third place prizes include an Ultra Flip Video Camcorders, a magazine subscription to National Geographic *Explorer!* Magazine and a gift certificate to Acorn Naturalists. And, just for entering, we'll send you an environmental education poetry magnet. [Learn more](#)

East Branch Explorer, 2009 Photo Blog Submission

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

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Announcing the 2010 Bartlett Award Winner

Susy Ellison wins 4th annual environmental education award

Susy Ellison, science teacher at Yampa Mountain High School in Edwards, Colo., is the recipient of the 2010 Richard C. Bartlett Environmental Education Award. Her background in Wildlife Biology, experience as a backcountry ranger for the US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management and experience as an environmental educator help her bring a hands-on approach to environmental learning in her classroom.



Ellison and her students explore a geodesic dome greenhouse

Ellison's primary field of interest and expertise is environmental science, and, more specifically, environmental literacy. In her classes, Ellison strives to help her students understand their place on the planet and the impacts of their actions. She is a strong advocate of outdoor and experiential learning and loves to load up the bus and take her students on field trips near and far in search of authentic learning and knowledge.



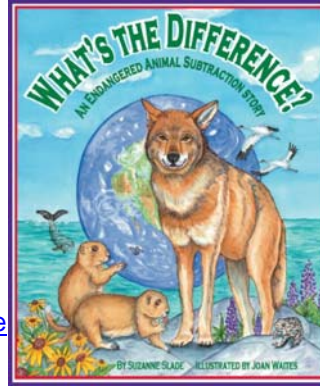
EE Resources

Endangered Species Day - May 21, 2010

Endangered Species Day is an opportunity to learn about the importance of protecting endangered species and everyday actions that can help protect our nation's wildlife and open spaces. An Endangered Species Day Toolkit, educational materials and more are available online. [Learn more](#)

Nature-themed Children's eBooks from Sylvan Dell

Sylvan Dell Publishing is offering EE Weeks friends and partners **free**, unlimited access to 50 children's eBooks in English and Spanish. The nature-themed eBooks, covering a variety of topics, from the changing seasons to the wildlife around us, are ideal for use on a projector screen or whiteboard in the classroom or for large school groups visiting a nature center. In addition to the eBooks, teaching activities, interactive quizzes and alignment with state learning standards are available online. All of the books are also available in [paperback and hardcover](#). [Access the eBooks](#)



May is American Wetlands Month

This month marks the 20th anniversary of American Wetlands Month, a time when the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and its partners recognize the importance of wetlands. This year, the focus will be on coastal wetlands. The website offers history and information about wetlands, as well as several educational resources that detail the importance of wetlands and how to become involved in conservation. [Learn more](#)

National Wildlife Federation Special Report: Oil Spill

In a Special Report on the April 20 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, the National Wildlife Federation provides information for students on the spill and the delicate coastal ecosystems at risk and links to an interactive map that allows students to track the oil spill as it spreads. The special report also includes experts' answers to kids' questions and additional information on wetlands. [Learn more](#)

PollinatorLIVE: A Distance Learning Adventure

While pollinators may come in small sizes, they play a critical role in the production of the food we eat, the future of our wildlife and the health of flowering plants. PollinatorLIVE: A Distance Learning Adventure will provide teachers and students with a fun, informative and interactive way to learn about pollinators. Teachers will be able to use pollinators as a resource to meet science standards, get students involved in citizen science and become knowledgeable, engaged and active conservationists. Join PollinatorLIVE for a series of live, interactive webcasts, webinars and satellite field trips focused on pollinators, gardening and conservation. [Learn more](#)



Planet Connect TV

[Planet Connect](#), a component of [Classroom Earth](#), is an online social network where high school students can learn about current environmental issues, funding opportunities, green colleges and environmental careers. Students can also share and exchange ideas about how they are playing a critical role in solving today's environmental issues. Planet Connect TV features popular and entertaining eco videos for and by teens. [Learn more](#)

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

Student Contests and Awards

Samsung High School Student Scholarship Program - Entry deadline May 28

Samsung Techwin America invites students to submit a 300-word essay on the topic of technology as an investment in education, specifically what high school students think about spending on education technology and their ideas for alternative ways to invest in a school district's limited budget. Applicants must be high school students in the United States. Seven \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. [Learn more](#)

Rachel Carson Sense of Wonder Contest - Entry deadline June 16

The Rachel Carson Sense of Wonder Contest is looking for poetry, essay, photo and dance submissions that express a "sense of wonder" about the natural world. Entries must be from a cross-generational team of two or more. Winners will be posted on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's website. [Learn more](#)

Kavli Science Video Contest - Entry deadline July 15

The USA Science & Engineering Festival Kalvi Science Video Contest is looking for creative and surprising videos submitted by K-12 students that explain why science is cool. Videos might explore a scientific concept, showcase the wonders of nature or provide a glimpse into the future. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded, including cash and an electronics gift certificate. The first prize winner will also receive a travel stipend to visit Washington, D.C. for the USA Science & Engineering Expo on the National Mall. [Learn more](#)

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

Funding

Yes to Carrots Garden Challenge - Application deadline May 20

The Yes to Carrots Garden Challenge is asking schools to explain why they want to build or revamp their school garden. One school will win a Yes to Carrots Seed Fund Grant in the amount of \$5,000, celebrity garden mentorship from Emmanuelle Chriqui and a year's worth of supplies from Kellogg Garden Products. The contest is open to public schools in the United States that teach kindergarten through 8th grade students. Video and essay submissions will be accepted. [Learn more](#)

Leave No Trace Connect Grants for Culturally Diverse Communities - Application deadline June 1

Connect Grants from Leave No Trace 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 or to cover the tuition of a Master Educator course. [Learn more](#)

Garden Crusader Awards - Application deadline June 1

The annual Garden Crusader Awards program was developed to honor individuals, young and old, who are improving the world through gardening.

Nominate an outstanding individual who has used gardening for educational, restorative or renewal purposes. Prizes include cash and gift certificates to Gardner's Supply. [Learn more](#)

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

Professional Development

Toyota International Teacher Program - Application deadline May 26

The Toyota International Teacher Program is offering U.S. secondary school educators the opportunity to travel to the Galapagos Islands. The program aims to advance environmental stewardship and global connectedness in schools and communities through creative, interdisciplinary and solutions-based teaching methods. Full time teachers of grades 6-12 and teacher librarians are encouraged to apply. [Learn more](#)

American Museum of Natural History Seminars on Science - Summer 2010

The American Museum of Natural History (AMNH) is offering eleven online Seminars on Science courses over two sessions this summer. Seminars on Science enables teachers from around the globe to connect with educators, researchers and AMNH collections without ever leaving home. Courses include: *The Solar System, Water, Environmental Science, Evolution, Earth: Inside and Out, The Ocean System, Genetics* and many more. Graduate credit is available. [Learn more](#)

Educating in a Changing Climate - Aug. 1-4, Unity, Maine

Unity College in Maine will be hosting a four-day workshop for educators on the topic of climate change. The workshop will include a primer on basic climate change science as well as the likely effects on ecosystems and people and a sampling of potential solutions. The workshop will also offer information on where to find the best current information and teaching resources. The cost of the workshop is \$1,000 and includes field trips, instructional materials, lodging and food. Continuing education credits are available upon request. [Learn more](#)

Will Steger Foundation's Fifth Annual Institute for Climate Change Education - August 12

Will Steger Foundation's Institute for Climate Change Education will be held on August 12 at the University of Minnesota Continuing Education Center and available as an online webinar. The Foundation plans to look back the the past five years of climate change education outreach and curriculum development and take time to "Go Back to the Basics." The Institute will include a presentation from explorer Will Steger and an overview of the Foundation's newly updated Lesson Plans and Educator Resources for grades 3-12. Registration is open for 100 onsite participants at \$75/teacher or \$100/pair and an unlimited number for online participants at \$25/teacher. [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>.

