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April 15-22, 2007

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and students in a week of
educational preparation
for Earth Day



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National Environmental Education Week 2007

Greetings!

With chilly temperatures abounding in January, it may seem odd to think about springtime, budding trees, and the arrival of Earth Day on April 22. But now couldn't be a better time to start planning for Earth Day and the third annual National Environmental Education Week, April 15-22, 2007!

National Environmental Education Week (www.eeweek.org) is a weeklong learning event that maximizes the educational impact of Earth Day and promotes environmental education and literacy in a host of venues around the country. Last year, over 100,000 educators and 3 million students at 50,000 schools, 330 universities and numerous zoos, aquariums, and nature centers took part in EE Week 2006.

In 2006, **Oasis School** in Richland, Washington adopted a neglected piece of land surrounded by senior housing facilities and subsidized apartments. Students planted trees and erected an

information kiosk for local residents in order to implement site-based environmental education. In California, volunteers from **Save the Bay** performed wetland restoration and clean up at the Palo Alto Restoration Project, while in Michigan members of the **4-H Youth Conservation Council** presented its research and recommendations on the need for recycling expansion throughout the state.

Whether you are a representative of a school, nature center, zoo, business, or non-profit organization, you too can take part in EE Week! Here are some ways to maximize its impact in your area:

- Host a hike in a wilderness area
- Initiate water conservation workshops in your home, school, or business to teach simple ways to conserve water
- Launch or expand a recycling program in your school or workplace
- Plant native trees or other plant species
- Coordinate a litter pickup

Please consider registering online today by clicking on the link below. If you have already registered, thank you! We will be in touch in the coming weeks with additional resources for planning your own EE Week events.

In partnership,

Karen Schultz, National Environmental Education Week 2007 Coordinator

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New and Exciting Events Coming Up for EE Week 2007

The **Richard C. Bartlett Award for Environmental Education** recognizes outstanding environmental education programs in both formal and non-formal settings with grants awarded to winning organizations. Details about the award, including eligibility requirements and application deadlines, will be available in February. Award winners will be announced in May.

An online **Nature Bee** will encourage student identification of wildlife habitats, flora, and fauna in their own communities. Grade appropriate questions will be developed by a coalition of educators and scientists and will be accessible online at www.eeweek.org in March.

Environmental Education Opportunities

International Paper Environmental Education Award

International Paper, in partnership with The Conservation Fund, annually honors the conservation accomplishments of an individual working in the field of environmental education. The 2007 International Paper Environmental Education Award, which includes a \$10,000 unrestricted grant, is offered to an outstanding educator who designs an innovative approach to environmental education. For more information or to apply online, please go to the [Conservation Fund's Environmental Education Award website](#).

NOAA Teacher at Sea Program

The National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is now accepting applications for its Teacher at Sea program. The mission of the program is to give teachers a clearer insight into our ocean planet and a greater understanding of maritime work and studies, as well as to foster an interdisciplinary educational experience that provides a unique environment for learning and teaching.

Since 1990, NOAA's Teacher at Sea Program has enabled more than 460 teachers to gain first-hand experience of science and life at sea. Teachers have enriched their classroom curricula with a depth of understanding made possible by living and working side-by-side, day and night, with those who contribute to the world's body of scientific knowledge.

NOAA's Teacher at Sea Program accepts applications from currently employed K-16 teachers, both American and International. All necessary travel costs are paid for by the NOAA Teacher at Sea Program. **Applications are due January 31, 2007!** For more information please visit the [Teacher at Sea website](#).

About the Natl. Environmental Education & Training Foundation

Chartered by Congress in 1990, the **National Environmental Education & Training Foundation (NEETF)** is a private non-profit organization dedicated to the strategic advancement of environmental literacy and education in its many forms. Since 2004, NEETF has coordinated the implementation of National Environmental Education Week, a weeklong event designed to increase the educational impact of Earth Day by creating a full week of educational preparation, learning, and activities in K-12 classrooms, nature centers, zoos, museums, and aquariums.

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