



April 16, 2007

Celebrate National Environmental Education Week!

Today is Monday of National EE Week, and we continue to grow with more partners (over 1375) and more activities to get students engaged in environmental learning! This week we'll be enhancing our services to educators by providing easily-accessible "Grab & Go" lessons for use in the classroom. Please scroll to the bottom of this email to access this special lesson for Monday of EE Week.

Here are just a few of the outstanding activities taking place around the country in celebration of National Environmental Education Week:

- **Pineville Elementary School** students in North Carolina will use the power of their school broadcasts to spread the news about EE Week, encouraging fellow students to make the switch from traditional incandescent bulbs to compact fluorescent lights (CFLs). They'll also launch a school community battery recycling program.
- Students at the **South Cache 8-9 Center** in Utah will wrap up activities at Zion National Park, where they monitored water quality in Little Bear River, completed a pheasant pen for a raise-and-release project, and expanded a local milkweed habitat for Monarch butterflies. Throughout EE Week they'll continue their work with the Utah Native Plant Heritage Garden to transplant hundreds of perennial flowers to local community gardens.
- Music classes at **Wedgewood Elementary School** in Louisiana will take on a green theme for EE Week as students learn about Haiku poems and write their own environmental Haiku.
- The **Black River Action Team** in Springfield, Vermont will lead a group of Girl Scouts in activities to earn their EPA WaterDrop patch. On Monday the girls will work with the Army Corps of Engineers to explore the health of a local stream and document their findings in Nature Journals. On

Tuesday they'll take a trip to North Springfield Bog to observe carnivorous plants and other unique flora and fauna, and on Thursday they will visit the Springfield, Vermont Wastewater Treatment Facility.

- Children at **Naples Elementary School**, a Department of Defense school in Italy, will take EE Week overseas by climbing Mt. Vesuvius on Friday. They'll stop along the way to measure temperature, air pressure, and soil composition, and will also compare photos of Mt. Vesuvius today to photos from years ago.

Grab & Go Lesson for Monday, April 16

Are you an Energy Saver STAR?

Developed by the Bonneville Power Administration in Portland, Oregon, [Are You an Energy Saver Star?](#) asks students in grades 4-7 to collect data on energy usage and perform energy audits in a number of capacities. The results are then analyzed to see where the most conservation could be achieved. *Adheres to state standards in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington, as well as standards set forth by the North American Association for Environmental Education's Guidelines for Excellence.*

Help Spread the Word About EE Week 2007

Interested in spreading the word about EE Week in your own community? Check out our new [Promotions Page](#) to download our 2007 Logo, PDF versions of our Promotional Fliers, and recent press releases. Go to www.eeweek.org/promotion.htm for more information.

About the National Environmental Education Foundation

Chartered by Congress in 1990, the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF), formerly known as the National Environmental Education & Training Foundation, is a private non-profit organization dedicated to the strategic advancement of environmental literacy and education in its many forms. Since 2004, NEEF 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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