



April 19, 2007

Celebrate National Environmental Education Week!

Today is Thursday of National EE Week, and we continue to grow with *more* partners 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 down to access the special lesson for Thursday of EE Week.

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

- Students at **Shadow Lake Elementary School** in Washington will celebrate EE Week by focusing on the importance of healthy habitats for all living things: In first grade classes, students will participate in a Habitat Safari to find examples of the four elements of habitats (cover, food, water, and space) in their teaching gardens. Second graders will learn about the impact of habitat changes on dinosaurs in their new "Early Earth" garden, third and fourth graders will study riparian and forest habitats on their school nature trail, and fifth graders will look at the impact of global warming on habitats around the globe.
- The **Environmental Club at Tradewinds Elementary School** in Florida will work with several other school clubs to sponsor a "Go Native! Reading Stations" project. Ceremonies on Friday will educate both students and parents on the benefits of planting native trees by hosting a "Go Native!" tree planting event.
- **Montegut Middle School** in Louisiana will plant native marsh grass on a newly developed levee. The grass will help protect the levee by preventing erosion of its banks.
- At **Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School** in New York, teens will learn about current environmental issues by designing and building a 3-D model

of what their "Perfect Planet" would look like. Students will be encouraged to address these issues with their families and extended communities.

- **Highland Public Schools** in Wisconsin will arrange for students to read eco-facts and tips during the school announcements, not only during EE Week but during the entire month of April!

Grab & Go Lesson for Thursday, April 19

What IS an Ecological Footprint?

This [Ecological Footprint](#) lesson, designed by the Earth Day Network and Redefining Progress, asks 5th-12th grade students to consider the effects that their own lifestyle choices have on the natural environment. The lesson includes use of an online "Ecological Footprint" calculator, by which students will calculate how many earths would be needed if everyone modeled their lifestyle. *Adheres to standards set forth by the North American Association for Environmental Education's Guidelines for Excellence.*

Don't Forget the EE Week 2007 Photo Contest!

With EE Week already halfway complete, the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF), Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History (RTPI) and Canon U.S.A. Inc. would like to remind you of the 2007 National EE Week Photo Contest.

The EE Week photo contest will be judged by representatives from RTPI and will be open to students in grades K-12 in both formal classroom settings and non-formal outlets such as zoos, aquariums, nature centers, and parks. This year's photo contest will offer two categories for entry:

- The *Wildlife Explorations* category will be for photos of wildlife observed over the course of National EE Week. Photos in this category must not contain persons or non-natural objects.
- The *Hands on the Outdoors* category will be for photos of children engaged in outdoor environmental learning over the course of National EE Week.

An Elementary School (K-4th grade), Middle School (5- 8th grade) and High School (9-12th grade) winner will be chosen for each of the two categories. The six winning photographers will each receive a copy of a Peterson Field Guide to Natural History, and the six schools/organizations that are associated with the winners will each receive a digital camera donated by Canon U.S.A., Inc. For complete contest rules, including submission requirements and contest deadlines,

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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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