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Greetings!

Over 100 educational institutions have already registered to participate in [National Environmental Education Week](#), April 13- 19, 2008. In conjunction with the start of the school year in September, EE Week will launch a redesigned website featuring standards-based K-12th grade activities and lesson plans, professional development opportunities, and a Promotional Toolkit with printable flyers, sample announcements, and template press releases. The 2008 theme will also be announced, so stay tuned for further details!

If you work with children in a school, nature center, zoo, museum, aquarium, or other educational institution, you can join EE Week's efforts and gain national exposure for your work. To register for EE Week (it only takes 5 minutes and is free) go to www.EEWeek.org/register.htm. All inquiries about EE Week can be directed to EEWeek@neefusa.org or 202-261-6484.

We need your success stories!

National Environmental Education Week is in search of success stories from EE Week 2007. If you have stories, images, or quotes to offer from your EE Week festivities in April, please email them to EEWeek@neefusa.org. Your words and photos will be highlighted on the EE Week website this fall.

Case Foundation "Make it Your Own Awards"

APPLICATIONS DUE AUGUST 8th



Do you have big dreams for your community? The Case Foundation is launching a pilot grants program that could turn these dreams into reality. The Make It Your Own Awards (tm) , a new initiative from the Case Foundation, is about giving grants, tools, and recognition to people who are coming together to discuss what matters, form solutions, and take action. Twenty semi-finalists will each receive \$10,000 grants to start bringing their ideas to life. Four final grant recipients will then be chosen by the public using an online voting system. These finalists will each be awarded an additional \$25,000 grant. All US applicants are welcome to apply, ages 14 and up. Application deadline: August 8th. To learn more and apply today, go to the [Make it Your Own Awards website](#).

Project Learning Tree "Greenworks!" Grants

APPLICATIONS DUE OCTOBER 31st



Grants of up to \$5,000 are available to help fund neighborhood environmental improvement projects that partner PLT educators and their students with local businesses or community organizations. Applications are due October 31, 2007. [Go to grant details](#).

FACES Magazine Seeks Earth Day Submissions

The logo for FACES magazine, featuring the word "FACES" in a large, bold, serif font. The letter "F" is significantly larger and more stylized than the other letters.

FACES, an educational magazine for children, is looking for kids ages 9-16 who would like to share what they are doing to protect the Earth and its resources. Their stories will be published in a special Earth Day issue of FACES. All contributors who are published will receive a complimentary copy of the April 2008 issue. Submissions must accompany a photo of the student in either print or high resolution digital format measuring at least 3 x 5 inches. Photos and comments should be sent by mail to: Peg Lopata, FACES, Cobblestone Publishing, 30 Grove St., Peterborough, NH 03458 or by email to: plopatafacesmag@yahoo.com. All photos and comments become the property of Cobblestone Publishing.

NASA Explorer Schools Request Applications

APPLICATIONS DUE JANUARY 31st, 2008



Applications are now available for educators interested in joining NASA Explorer Schools (NES) during the 2008-2009 school year. NES teams composed of full-time teachers and a school administrator develop and implement a three-year action plan to address local challenges in science, technology, and mathematics education for grades 4- 9. During the three-year partnership, the chosen schools are eligible to receive funding to purchase technology tools. The project also provides educators and students with content-specific activities that can be used within the curricula to excite students about science, technology, engineering, and math. Applications are due Jan. 31, 2008. [Click here 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-12th grade classrooms, nature centers, zoos, museums, and aquariums.

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