



April 20, 2007

Celebrate National Environmental Education Week!

Today is Friday 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 Friday of EE Week.

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

- **YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh** will encourage students in their After-School program at **Hartwood Elementary School** to test the energy efficiency of their homes by using "draftometers" near their doors and windows. The draftometers, made from a pencil and piece of felting, move according to slight changes in air currents.
- Students at the **Lutherville Laboratory for Science, Mathematics, and Communications**, an elementary magnet school in Maryland, will prepare the school grounds for their Monarch Butterfly program. Today they'll be planting milkweed seeds in cartons that they'll transplant outside in May. Each student will also receive a larva that they can watch grow and develop before it is moved into the new garden.
- Florida's **Camp Bayou Outdoor Learning Center** will be busy hosting their Spring Open House tomorrow, April 21st. The Nature Center will be open to children and their families for Birding and Butterfly Walks, a Native Plant Information Session, and a Wetland Walk and Wade to explore the beauty of the bayou.
- Working hand-in-hand with the **City of Rocklin**, students at **Rock Creek Elementary School** in California will assist with an oak tree restoration project near the historic Hugg Springs and Indian Grinding

Rocks. Children and their parents will clear the area and plant oak trees along the wetland that adjoins the space.

- **Mingo Creek Park Observatory** in Pennsylvania will host two public Star Parties for the community. Children and their families will be able to take a peek through one of two permanently mounted telescopes and attend a planetarium show highlighting some of the problems associated with light pollution.

Grab & Go Lesson for Friday, April 20th

Where in the World Does Your Food Come From?

Developed by educators from the Life Cycles Project Society, a Canadian non-profit organization dedicated to cultivating awareness and initiating action around food, health, and urban sustainability, [Where in the World](#) is designed to help students understand where food comes from and how North American food sources differ from countries around the globe. Designed for Canadian students in grades 2-7, but many lessons can be adapted for students living in the U.S. *Adheres to standards set forth by the North American Association for Environmental Education's Guidelines for Excellence.*

Partner Spotlight

New York High School for Environmental Studies

The [High School for Environmental Studies](#) in New York City was the site of the launch of EE Week on Tuesday, with over fifty students taking part in a school energy audit led by Bright Power, Inc. Alexandra Cousteau, EE Week's National Spokesperson, also attended the launch and spoke to marine science, wildlife, and science research classes about the value of environmental education and the connection between energy usage and ocean health. For a clip of HSES's activities during EE Week, [click here](#).

Get Outside and Celebrate!

National Wildlife Week

National Environmental Education Week 2007 may be coming to a close, but there are still many ways to keep your students engaged in environmental education. Check out National Wildlife Week from April 21-29, 2007. A project of the National Wildlife Federation®, National Wildlife Week encourages people of all ages to connect with nature, get involved in environmental service projects and

watch for local wildlife. Visit the [National Wildlife Week website](#) to learn more about native wildlife in your state, get ideas for community service projects and more.

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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