



Mid-March 2007

Change a Light for National Environmental Education Week!

EE Week to Serve as Pledge Driver for Change a Light, Change the World campaign

In less than three weeks, thousands of educators and millions of students from across the country will join hands to celebrate [National Environmental Education Week](#). Whether in urban classrooms, homeschools, rural schoolyard gardens, or local nature centers, National EE Week will promote stewardship of our natural resources by actively engaging young people in environmental education. Remember to check back to www.eeweek.org to access curricula and resources that can aid you in planning for EE Week in your area.

This year EE Week focuses on energy education by encouraging students and teachers to learn more about where energy comes from, how it is used, and how small lifestyle changes can save energy and protect the environment.

This year EE Week is proud to serve as a Pledge Driver for Energy Star's *Change a Light, Change the World* campaign. According to Energy Star, replacing just five standard light bulbs with compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) can reduce electricity bills by more than \$150 over the life of those bulbs. More importantly, the switch saves energy and prevents the emission of thousands of pounds of carbon dioxide.

In support of *Change a Light, Change the World*, EE Week has set a goal of persuading students in 100 classrooms around the country to change at least one light in their home or school to a CFL during National EE Week. If we reach this goal we will eliminate over 44,600 pounds of greenhouse gas emissions and save 28,200 kWh of energy.

Help us reach our goal by encouraging your students to [take the ENERGY STAR Change a Light Pledge!](#) Energy Star has created several K-12 lessons for students studying energy efficiency that can supplement your Change a Light pledge activities. See their [Energy Star Education webpage](#) to access these resources and

learn more about where to purchase CFLs in your area.

Partner Spotlight

Association of Zoos & Aquariums and Party for the Planet

National EE Week is proud to spotlight our AZA partners, who will each host their own **Party for the Planet** in celebration of EE Week. Held at AZA zoos and aquariums around the country, Parties for the Planet help visitors discover ways to connect to the local environment and make a collective difference in conservation on a national and global level. For more information on visiting a Party for the Planet near you, click on one of the EE Week AZA Partners below or go to the [AZA's Party for the Planet website](#).

[Bermuda Zoo](#)

[Bramble Park Zoo \(SD\)](#)

[Brevard Zoo \(FL\)](#)

[Central Florida Zoo](#)

[Chattanooga Zoo at Warner Park](#)

[Cosley Zoo \(IL\)](#)

[Dallas Zoo](#)

[Denver Zoo](#)

[Fresno Chaffee Zoo](#)

[Henry Vilas Zoo \(WI\)](#)

[Honolulu Zoo](#)

[Indianapolis Zoo](#)

[Knoxville Zoo](#)

[Lincoln Children's Zoo \(NE\)](#)

[Lincoln Park Zoo \(IL\)](#)

[Mesker Park Zoo and Botanic Garden \(IN\)](#)

[Minnesota Zoo](#)

[Northeastern Wisconsin Zoo](#)

[Oregon Zoo](#)

[Philadelphia Zoo](#)

[Phoenix Zoo](#)

[Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium \(WA\)](#)

[Sacramento Zoo](#)

Additional Opportunities in Environmental Education

2007 Brower Youth Awards. A program of the [Earth Island Institute](#), the Brower Youth Award recognizes young people (ages 13-22) for their activism and

achievements in the fields of environmental and social justice advocacy. Each winner is awarded \$3000 and is brought to San Francisco for the award week and a backcountry camping trip. Applications are due May 15, 2007—for further details go to the [Brower Youth Awards website](#).

New Online Courses! The Environmental Education & Training Partnership (EETAP) and the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point are gearing up for the summer and fall semesters and will offer two online environmental education courses: Fundamentals of Environmental Education and Applied Environmental Education Program Evaluation. For additional details on how to register for these courses, go to <http://www.uwsp.edu/natres/rwilke/eetap/>.

Professional Development Study Tours. The North American Association for Environmental Education is offering professional development study tours to Costa Rica (July 2007) and India's Himalayan Foothills (December 2007) for educators interested in expanding their knowledge of environmental issues in these areas. For more information, visit the [NAAEE Study Tours website](#).

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 & 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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