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Greetings!

You might be noticing a new look to the National Environmental Education Week e-newsletters. They are, along with our redesigned website at www.EEWeek.org, part of a collective effort to expand our reach to educators and make environmental education more enriching and more fun for all classroom subjects.

As you prepare for the new school year remember to check out EE Week's new website and [register for EE Week](#), April 13-19, 2008!

Over the coming school year EE Week will offer additional resources and activities to support your plans for National Environmental Education Week, including an online Carbon Challenge for 5th-12th grade students, a Discussion Board to post and request resources and information on EE curricula, and an online EE Week Lesson Library filled with standards-based, grade-appropriate environmental lessons. Check out the current library resources on [energy, climate change, and school gardens](#) and stay tuned for new resources on recycling, invasive species, amphibians and many others in the coming months.

Sincerely,

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Our Program

National Environmental Education (EE) Week is the single largest organized environmental education event in the United States. It increases the educational impact of Earth Day by creating a full week of environmentally-themed lessons and activities in K-12 classrooms, nature centers, zoos, museums, and aquariums.

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Funding Resources

Back-To-School Go Organic! Contest –

Deadline October 8, 2007

It's not too late to apply for Earth Day Network's Go Organic! contest, a back-to-school opportunity for teachers to win a day of organic food for their entire school! Teachers are invited to submit their best curriculum or units (at least three lesson plans) on organic food and farming no later than October 8, 2007. EDN has partnered with OTA and MusicMatters to create the [Go Organic!](#) campaign in order to bring Organic Valley, R.W. Knudsen Family, Santa Cruz Organic, Earthbound Farm, Clif Kid, and others to your school. [Apply now!](#)

Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grant Program -

Deadline November 15, 2007

Wild Ones funds programs that encourage students to understand the effects of natural landscaping. This grant is especially valuable for teachers wanting to step outside the classroom. Funds may be used to purchase native plants and seeds for a garden, trail, wetland, or research project. Cash awards range from \$100 to \$500. Go to www.for-wild.org/sfecvr.html.

Sea World/Busch Gardens/Fujifilm Environmental Awards –

Deadline November 30, 2007

Since 1993 the Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks have recognized the outstanding efforts of K-12th grade students and teachers who work at the grassroots level to protect and preserve the environment. The SeaWorld/Busch Gardens/Fujifilm Environmental Excellence Awards provides school and community groups with a monetary award, national recognition, and some well-deserved fun at one of the adventure parks. Eight winning groups are selected each year to win \$10,000. One environmental educator/leader each year receives \$5,000. For information about how you, your school, or a student group could win both money and recognition, visit www.buschgardens.org/conservation-matters/eea/about.htm or call (877) 792-4332.

Whale Tail Grants -

Deadline December 7, 2007

The California Coastal Commission's Whale Tail Grants Program is now accepting applications for coastal and marine education projects. This program funds projects that encourage people to value and take action to improve the health of California's coast, marine life, or watersheds that connect with the coast. Educational coastal habitat restoration and beach maintenance projects are also eligible. Emphasis is on reaching underserved students and members of the public. Schools, nonprofits, and governments may apply. Postmark deadline is December 7, 2007. For more details and the application and guidelines, see the link under "Highlights" at www.coastforyou.org or call (800) Coast-4U.

Toyota Tapestry Grants -

Deadline January 28, 2008

Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A. Inc., and the National Science Teachers Association are pleased to announce the 18th Annual Toyota TAPESTRY Grants for Science Teachers Program. The program is open to middle and high school science teachers who teach at least two science classes a day and to elementary classroom teachers who teach at least some science in the classroom. This year, Toyota will offer grants to 70 to 82 teams of teachers. A total of 50 large grants of up to \$10,000 each will be awarded, along with 20 to 32 mini grants of up to \$2,500 each. All proposals must be submitted online via the link at the Toyota TAPESTRY

website at <http://www.nsta.org/pd/tapestry/>.

Professional Development

Fall Online Courses from the American Museum of Natural History

Sign up today for a fall course through the American Museum of Natural History's Seminars on Science. Fall courses include: Earth: Inside and Out; The Ocean System; Space, Time and Motion; The Solar System; Evolution; The Link Between Dinosaurs and Birds; and Genetics, Genomics, Genethics. Designed for K-12 educators, each six-week course is led by an experienced classroom teacher and a scientist affiliated with AMNH. Graduate credit is available, and each participant receives a CD of course resources suitable for classroom use. Registration closes October 8 for Fall Session 2 (October 22-December 2)! For more information or to register, go to www.learn.amnh.org or call 1-800-649-6715.

Michigan Alliance for Environmental and Outdoor Education Fall Conference

MAEOE is proud to announce their 2007 Fall Conference, *Partnering for our Future*, which will be held October 12-14 in Roscommon, Michigan. Community-Based Education, Place-Based Education, and Environmental Literacy Research and Development are among the topics that will be explored throughout this fall's conference. For more information on conference registration go to www.michiganenvironmentaled.org/.

North American Association for Environmental Education Annual Conference

NAAEE will host its 39th Annual Conference from November 14-17th with the theme "Explore New Horizons for Environmental Education." In addition to the knowledge you'll gain from over 540 presenters, your senses will be stimulated through the infusion of the arts into this year's conference. An overview of all the presentations and special events can be found at www.naaee.org/conference/program. Go to www.naaee.org/conference/registration to take advantage of these exciting opportunities.

New Curricula

Action Bioscience

The American Institute of Biological Sciences hosts Action Bioscience, a website that promotes bioscience education and literacy. Features include teacher-written lesson plans and peer-reviewed articles that focus on important current issues in areas such as biodiversity, the environment, genomics, biotechnology, and evolution. Select articles are translated into Spanish and are suitable for ESL students. See why Scientific American named Actionbioscience.org one of the top five biology websites. Go to www.actionbioscience.org.

Blue World Educational Films

Jonathan Bird's Blue World is an educational underwater adventure series being co-produced by [Jonathan Bird Productions](#) and [Oceanic Research Group](#). It is hosted by dynamic naturalist and underwater photographer Jonathan Bird. The format is magazine style, with short 7-10 minute segments each containing a complete adventure story with an educational component. Segments encompass a variety of subjects, including stories about animals, marine research and researchers, underwater exploration and recent discoveries. To access the films and their corresponding Study Guides for Educators go to www.blueworldtv.com.

Energy Hog

Energy is an important issue that will affect today's children as adults; however, studies show that most children don't understand where energy comes from, how we use energy, and why it's important to save energy. The Alliance to Save Energy's Energy Hog makes learning about energy fun! Free lesson plans, activities, and games are available to educators at energyhog.org - educator's page. The Energy Hog inspires children to take the lead at home by encouraging their families to save energy. This campaign strives to create a generation of energy-conscious adults by teaching children good energy habits at an early age. At Energy Hog children learn about energy in a fun way, and adults learn ways to lower energy bills by making home energy efficiency improvements. Visit www.energyhog.org or [contact Erin O'Sullivan](mailto:erin@energyhog.org) for fun and unique, lesson plans, print-outs, activities, games or maybe even a visit from a "real, live Energy Hog!"

Green Energy TV

Green Energy TV airs videos of green energy projects from around the world. The videos are designed to show viewers about energy alternatives that are already available and encourage making an educated switch to clean energy. Go to www.greenenergytv.com.

IGES Art Contest: The Ocean from Top to Bottom! - Entries Due October Oct. 26, 2007

The Institute for Global Environmental Strategies is proud to announce their 12th Annual Art Contest for Grades 2-4, which challenges students to explore the ocean from top to bottom and then draw a picture showing what they learned. The contest supports national science education standards for grades K-4. The winning artist will receive a \$250 savings bond, and his or her artwork will be printed as the 2007 IGES greeting card. Second- and third-place winners receive a \$100 and \$50 savings bond, respectively. For more information, including contest rules and entry form, interesting ocean facts, and lesson plans and activities, visit www.strategies.org/ArtContest.

New Resources at the Federal Resources for Educational Excellence (FREE)

Biodiversity, ecosystems, DNA, and the Arctic are among the diverse topics of educational resources available at FREE, the website that makes it easier to find teaching resources from federal agencies. For the FREE archives go to www.free.ed.gov/.

Testing the Waters

The National Geographic Society and National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration have released a series of lesson plans and educational videos about mankind's relationship with water. www.Oceanslive.org features 12 lesson plans covering everything ocean-related, including land formations, volcanoes, marine life, underwater habitats, maritime cultures, and even shipwrecks. Each lesson plan comes with a short online video that explores one of NOAA's national marine sanctuaries. Best suited for science, geography, and history K-8 teachers, the multimedia lesson plans meet national standards for science education, geography, and ocean literacy.