



April 18, 2007

Celebrate National Environmental Education Week!

Today is Wednesday of National EE Week, and we continue to grow with more partners (over 1445) 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 Wednesday of EE Week.

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

- The **Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy** in Pennsylvania will partner with **Skippack Elementary School** to introduce the topic of sunlight energy flow. The 4th graders will learn about the source of energy in the sun, and how that energy is converted for human use on Earth.
- The **Wildcat Gardeners**, an extracurricular club at **Midway Primary School** in Georgia, will focus their EE Week activities on recycling. Second grade students will collect the beverage cans used by students, photograph them, and then estimate how many are used by the school each week, month, and year. The activity will give students a clear sense of the positive impact of recycling on local landfills and communities. They'll also encourage fellow students to contribute the remainders of their lunches to the compost bin in the school garden and host a poster contest in celebration of EE Week.
- Students at **Hart County High School** in Kentucky will participate in a unit on Kentucky invasive species, followed by a planting of natives on school grounds.
- Students at the **Harriet Beecher Stowe Elementary School** in Minnesota will be visited by representatives from the MinnAqua Association. MinnAqua will offer puppet shows to all of the K-5 classes that

emphasize the protection of lake ecosystems and encourage proper fishing etiquette.

- Homeschoolers from **Perkins Home & School** in Texas will celebrate EE Week by sewing and distributing reusable cloth bags to members of the community and encouraging them to use those bags instead of plastic ones.

Grab & Go Lesson for Wednesday, April 18

Every Drop Counts!

From [Facing the Future](#), a non-profit organization dedicated to educating youth about creating sustainable communities, this series of water-related lessons begin with a water trivia game and a short demonstration of how much of the Earth's water is available for human and other species' needs. [Every Drop Counts!](#) includes a "water walk" and a personal water-use audit. Suited for grades 5-12. *Adheres to National Science and National Social Studies standards.*

Roger Tory Peterson Institute

Discover the Joys of Nature Journaling

The mission of the Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History is to continue the legacy of Roger Tory Peterson by promoting the teaching and study of nature, and to thereby create appreciation and responsibility for the natural world. Their online Nature Journal course offers educators the opportunity to learn more about nature journaling and how to bring it into the classroom. [Click here](#) to learn more about how to register for one of their classes or access their eNaturalist Educators Page, or read a few of their [Nature Journal Tips](#) right now.

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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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