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National Environmental Education (EE) Week, made possible by [Canon, USA](#), 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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Greetings!

National Environmental Education Week is just two weeks away, and we are proud to announce that over 1,300 schools, nature centers, zoos, museums, aquariums, and parks have committed to hosting EE Week lessons and activities. [Access promotional materials](#)

EE Week Nature Journaling Blog

If you are looking for outdoor activities for your students, consider utilizing EE Week's new online Nature Journaling Blog. Built with the expertise of the Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History, the blog offers weekly tips on ways to introduce nature journaling and observation to students. [Access the Nature Journal Blog](#)

EE Week Photo Blog Contest

Plans are once again in the works to host a Photo Contest for EE Week 2008, but this year educators will be invited to upload their photos in an online EE Week Photo Blog. These "EE Week Bloggers" will be invited to share their success stories and photos of their own environmental education efforts, and will be eligible for prizes such as digital cameras, camcorders, and photo printers. The EE Week Photo Blog will be launched during EE Week--stay tuned for details!

As you finalize your plans for National Environmental Education Week activities, we hope you will consider adding your EE Week events to the "No Child Left Inside Days" project. "No Child Left Inside Days" is designed to highlight the benefits of environmental education to school administrators, parents and community leaders. [Learn More](#)

There is still time to register for EE Week! Registration is free at www.EEWeek.org/register.htm

Sincerely,

Karen Schultz
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Local Partner Spotlight

Player Academy Homeschool, GA

In honor of EE Week, the Player family will create a wildlife habitat in their backyard and incorporate wildlife observation into their homeschooling lessons. They also plan to take a field trip to a local zoo or aquarium as part of their EE Week celebration.

Do you have EE Week plans that you'd like to spotlight in this newsletter?
[Email them to us!](#)

EE Programs and Resources

The Great Copy Machine Epidemic of 2008

Students and staff at the Robert Moses Middle School first noticed their school copy machine was exhibiting the signs of a strange disease that makes it chew up trees at a rapid rate, leading to climate change through the release of CO₂. But now there are confirmed cases of this bizarre, apparently contagious disease striking schools in FL, AR, GA, and NY as well. They are asking schools across America to join them in a national day of action to stop climate change on April 17th by putting school photocopiers under quarantine. Teams of student physicians can diagnose the disease affecting their school copy machine and submit a photo-diagnosis to copy crisis headquarters for further analysis by April 19th in a nationwide competition. [Learn more](#)

Keeping Habitats Healthy eFieldTrip

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will premier a new eFieldTrip in honor of National Environmental Education Week. The eFieldTrip, entitled "Keeping Habitats Healthy: We All Can Help!" will go live on March 31, 2008, with an "Ask-the-Expert" session scheduled for April 15-17. Students will be able to interact with BLM wildlife biologists via an "Ask the Experts" web form, and receive answers to their questions in 1-2 days. [Learn more](#)

National Public Health Week - April 7-13, 2008

The American Public Health Association's (APHA) annual National Public Health Week (NPHW) will be observed April 7-13, 2008 with the theme "*Climate Change: Our Health in the Balance.*" The NPHW toolkit and planning materials are now available for download. The toolkit includes fact sheets, media outreach materials, suggested community events, and activities for children and teachers to use throughout NPHW. [Learn more](#)

National Healthy Schools Day - April 28, 2008

National Healthy Schools Day promotes healthy school environments for students and school personnel. Healthy Schools Network, a non-profit environmental health organization, is coordinating nationwide events that educate the community, parents, teachers, and school decision makers about the importance of a healthy school environment. [Learn more](#)

Kids Tackle Climate Change by Learning How to ACT GREEN!

Scholastic has launched ACT GREEN! at www.scholastic.com/actgreen, a fun, educational website designed to motivate and empower kids to take action in school, at home and in their community to preserve the

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environment. This multi-media website provides kids, parents and teachers with customized green plans, expert tips, inspiring green short films provided by Live Earth, and a "Greenroom" to share ideas with other kids. [Learn more](#)

Local Forestry Resources for Educators

Urban forestry is not an oxymoron, but rather the idea that trees in cities provide unique benefits such as energy efficiency, stormwater management, and economic development. In fact, your city or town may have an urban forester! The Alliance for Community Trees (ACT) is a coalition of more than 150 urban forestry groups in 39 states... one likely near you. Many of these organizations specialize in K-12 educational programs. [Learn more](#)

Envision 2050 Poster Contest - Deadline May 15, 2008

EnVision 2050: Is the Future Nature? is looking for poster artwork, designs, and ideas created by students in grades 6-12. Students will be encouraged to think about the future of tomorrow's cities, from how they will look to how people will move within them, with an eye towards nature and natural processes. Posters should address the issues of climate change and carbon emissions. [Learn more](#)

Junior Pest Investigations Curricula

Did you know that a cockroach can travel five feet per second and live up to one week without its head? These interesting facts come straight from a lesson plan for grades K-3, created by Orkin for teachers. The curricula aim to help teachers and students better understand the biology and ecology of organisms that can become pests under the right (or wrong!) circumstances, and to appreciate the benefits of an Integrated Pest Management approach. Resources include grading rubrics, quizzes, and assessment tools. [Learn more](#)

Ice Stories: Dispatches from the Polar Scientists

This website from the Exploratorium and National Science Foundation features photos, blogs, and webcasts of penguin biologists, glaciologists, cosmologists, geologists, and marine scientists working in Antarctica and the Arctic. They are documenting their adventures in real time, so that students can follow their research, ask questions, and share in discoveries as they occur. Learn about the penguins, whales, South Pole telescope, transantarctic mountains, what's under the glaciers, ballooning, building a neutrino detector under ice, and more. [Learn more](#)

National Endangered Species Day - May 16, 2008

National Endangered Species Day provides an opportunity for parks, wildlife refuges, zoos, aquariums, botanical gardens, schools, museums, libraries, agencies, businesses, community groups and conservation organizations to educate the public about the importance of protecting endangered species. This special day is also an opportunity to highlight the everyday actions that individuals and groups can take to help protect our nation's wildlife, fish and plants. [Learn more](#)

Walden: The Ballad of Thoreau

"Walden: The Ballad of Thoreau" is an educational play that tells the story of the final two days Henry David Thoreau spent in his cabin before leaving Walden Pond. The complete script (in English, French, and

Spanish), lesson plans, director and actor instructions and more are available for free to schools on the Walden website. [Learn more](#)

Funding Resources

Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes - Deadline April 30, 2008

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes honors outstanding young leaders who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Each year, the Barron Prize selects ten winners nationwide. Nominations for the Prize should be made by adults who have solid knowledge of the nominee and his/her work, but who are not related to the nominee. [Learn more](#)

Greenworks Grants - Deadline April 30, 2008

Grants of up to \$5,000 are available to help fund neighborhood environmental improvement projects that partner Project Learning Tree educators and their students with local businesses or community organizations. [Learn more](#)

Butler-Cooley Excellence in Teaching Awards - Deadline May 1, 2008

The Turnaround Management Association (TMA) 2008 Butler-Cooley Excellence in Teaching Award recognizes teachers who have changed the lives of students and the communities in which they live. The program, funded by the John Wm. Butler Foundation, provides \$5,000 cash stipends to three to five public or private school teachers and travel and lodging expenses to TMA's 2008 Annual Convention and 20th anniversary celebration in New Orleans, Louisiana, October 27-29. [Learn more](#)

Brower Youth Awards - Deadline May 15, 2008

The Brower Youth Awards is an annual national award recognizing six young people for their outstanding activism and achievements in the fields of environmental and environmental justice advocacy. The winners of the award receive a \$3,000 cash prize, a trip to California for the award ceremony and wilderness camping trip, and ongoing access to resources and opportunities to further their work at Earth Island Institute. Young leaders ages 13-22 living in North America are eligible to apply. [Learn more](#)

High School Essay Contest - Deadline May 16, 2008

To help encourage young people to consider careers in science, engineering, and other environmental fields, the Air and Waste Management Association (A&WMA) invites high school students in grades 9-12 to submit essays for their annual award. The author of the winning paper will receive \$400, a first place certificate, and an invitation to attend the awards ceremony at A&WMA's Annual Conference in Portland, OR on June 24, 2008. [Learn more](#)

NAAEE Scholarships - Deadline June 15, 2008

The North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) announces several scholarships to assist with NAAEE conference costs and college-level training in environmental education. They include: Environmental Education Scholarship for Academic Study, Affordability Scholarship, Diversity Scholarship, and the William B. Strapp

College Student Scholarship. [Learn more](#)

Professional Development

Online Course: Applied EE Program Evaluation - Begins June 2, 2008

This 13-week on-line course is designed to assist environmental educators and natural resource professionals in evaluating their education programs. Participants have the opportunity to develop and apply skills in designing evaluation tools such as surveys, observation forms, and interview and focus group guides. This course was developed as a cooperative effort between the Environmental Education and Training Partnership (EETAP) at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) National Conservation Training Center. [Learn more](#)

Summer Science Workshops for Educators - Deadline May 31, 2008

Probing for innovative ways to teach science in your classroom? Investigating how to stay informed about the latest science research? Interested in increasing your science content knowledge? Penn State offers summer science workshops for teachers at the University Park campus. [Learn more](#)

Approaching Walden Seminar - July 13-18, 2008

The Walden Woods Project is currently accepting applications for *Approaching Walden*, a professional development summer seminar for high school educators and graduate students. This six-day workshop provides teachers with the skills needed to lead their students in a study of their home community. This place-based, interdisciplinary workshop uses Henry David Thoreau's ethic and his experience at Walden Woods as a model. [Learn more](#)

Working Forum on Nature Education - July 21-23, 2008

The Arbor Day Foundation and North American Association for Environmental Education are inviting conservation professionals, landscape architects, health care experts, and early childhood educators to the second Working Forum on Nature Education: New Tools for Connecting the World's Children with Nature. Join other delegates from a wide range of professions from six continents as they gather in Nebraska to share ideas on how to reconnect children around the world with nature. [Learn more](#)



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