



National Environmental Education Week

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Greetings!

Brisk temperatures and heavy snow can pose challenges to local birds that winter in your area. Your students can help local birds survive the cold by hanging bird feeders outside classroom windows and monitoring the number and species of birds that visit. [Bird Watchers' Digest](#) has a great web resource for the types of feed to use. In addition, EE Week has added a new section on birds to its Curricula Library that you can use to supplement your classroom activities. [Access the new bird curricula.](#)

Nearly 300 partners from across the country have already signed on for National Environmental Education Week, April 13-19, 2008! Registration is free. [Click here to register today.](#)

Sincerely,

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Our Program

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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National Partner Spotlight

Take Pride in America

Take Pride in America's schools program encourages schools and students to become active stewards of America's public lands by engaging in at least two volunteer events each year. Becoming a Take Pride School is a great way to participate in EE Week in April, either by cleaning up your favorite park, maintaining nearby nature trails, sprucing up your school or playground by planting trees and picking up trash, or monitoring water quality in local rivers.



To sign up your school or find out more, visit Take Pride in America at www.TakePride.gov.

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Local Partner Spotlight

Auburn Village School, NH

NEEF is proud to announce Auburn Village School in New Hampshire as a first-year partner in National Environmental Education Week. Middle school students will celebrate EE Week by creating a vermicompost garden using school biotic and abiotic wastes collected during the year, as well as participating in a city-wide clean-up program.

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

EE Programs and Resources

Avian Index

Teachers, ornithologists, and bird enthusiasts will find useful resources from the recently updated online Avian Index from Environment for the Americas. Publications, activities, curricula, books, speakers' lists, and more are now available in this easy-to-search database. [Learn More](#)

EarthVision: Actions for a Healthy Planet - April 24-27, 2008

This first-of-its-kind national conservation summit offers students the unique opportunity to meet and influence today's environmental policy makers. Hosted by the [Student Conservation Association](#), Earth Vision will convene the best and the brightest of young conservation leaders along with land management professionals, elected officials, corporate executives, scientists, media personalities, and others to craft citizen-driven solutions to today's environmental challenges. The conference is geared towards young adults ages 15-25. [Learn More](#)

Garbage! The Revolution Starts at Home

Garbage! The Revolution Starts at Home is a documentary about the impact of the family household on the environment. Concerned for the future of his new baby boy Sebastian, writer-director Andrew Nisker takes an average urban family, the McDonalds, and asks them to keep every scrap of garbage that they create for three months. He then takes them on a journey to find out where it all goes and what it's doing to the world.

[Learn More](#)

NOAA Discovery Kits

Discovery Kits from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration present tutorials, lessons, and multimedia activities for learning about corals, estuaries, ocean currents, tides, and pollution from diffuse sources. [Learn More](#)

World Wetlands Day - "Wet Your Appetite Cuisine for Critters Recipe Contest"

World Wetlands Day is February 2, 2008! To celebrate, Environmental Concern, Inc. is introducing a creative writing competition with a twist. Students in grades 8-12 in the U.S. and its territories are challenged to write a wetland recipe. The recipe must be written for a specific wetland organism living in one of the twenty-two U.S. Ramsar Wetlands of International Importance. Twenty-two winners will be chosen, one for each wetland, and their recipes will be compiled into a Cuisine for Critters Cookbook. [Learn More](#)

Funding Resources

More Kids in the Woods: Call for Proposals - Deadline February 15, 2008

This agency-wide Forest Service call for proposals for "More Kids in the Woods" projects is part of a continuing effort to improve children's health by reconnecting them to nature. Projects need to engage non-federal partners with at least a 1:1 match of in-kind or cash contributions. Educators, parents, land managers, physicians, and others who work with children are encouraged to apply. [Learn More](#)

NOAA Environmental Literacy Projects - Pre-proposals due February 20, 2008

NOAA's Office of Education is requesting applications for environmental literacy projects in K-12 education. Funded projects will be 1-5 years in duration and will promote changes in K-12 education to expand the amount of Earth System Science taught in the classroom. [Learn More](#)

Action for Nature's International Young Eco-Hero Awards - Deadline February 28, 2008

Action for Nature, a non-profit organization that encourages young people around the world to carry out environmental action projects, presents the International Young Eco-Hero Awards to recognize the individual accomplishments of young people ages 8-16 whose personal actions

have significantly improved the environment. Cash prizes of up to \$500 each will be awarded. [Learn More](#)

Captain Planet Foundation - Deadline March 31, 2008

The Captain Planet Foundation accepts applications four times each year for funding projects that help students better grasp environmental issues. Grants range from \$250 to \$2,500. Projects must promote understanding of environmental issues, focus on hands-on activities, involve children and young adults ages 6 to 18, promote interaction and cooperation within a group, help young people develop planning and problem-solving skills, include adult supervision, and commit to follow-up communication with the Foundation. [Learn More](#)

National Gardening Association 2008 Mantis Awards - Deadline March 1, 2008

The National Gardening Association Mantis Awards provide in-kind grants to educational projects that actively engage kids in gardens and improve the quality of life for their communities. [Learn More](#)

Pay It Forward Mini-Grants - Three funding cycles in 2008!

Applications for the first round of Pay it Forward Mini-Grants are currently being accepted. The Pay It Forward Foundation provides these mini-grants to support one-time-only service-oriented projects identified by youth. In order to be considered, applicants must demonstrate that their projects contain a "pay it forward" focus, based on the concept of one person doing a favor for others, who in turn do favors for others, with the results growing exponentially. Mini-grants of up to \$500 will be awarded. Applications for the first round are due January 15. Subsequent deadlines are April 15 and October 15. [Learn More](#)

Professional Development

ARMADA Project

The University of Rhode Island's Office of Marine Programs is now accepting applications for the ARMADA Project-Research and Mentoring Experiences for Teachers. The ARMADA Project, funded by the National Science Foundation, provides K-12 teachers an opportunity to actively participate in ocean, polar, and environmental science research and peer mentoring. **Application deadline is February 4, 2008.** [Learn More](#)

Astronomy from the Ground Up Online Workshops

Apply now for Astronomy from the Ground Up's free online workshops for informal science, nature center, and museum educators! Thanks to support from the National Science Foundation, the workshops are completely free for participating educators. Training is through e-mail, videochat, and telephone. Two workshops are currently scheduled, January 10- February 7, and February 21-March 13, 2008. [Learn More](#)

International Sustainable Development Studies Institute: Thailand Program

The People, Ecology, and Development study abroad program in Thailand will focus on the links among culture, ecology, and sustainability through

the experiential study of specific communities and ecosystems. Includes the intensive study of Thai, as well as studies of organic farming and agroecology; islands, reefs, and mangrove ecosystems; and ethnic peoples and forests. Application deadline is March 14, 2008. [Learn More](#)

NAAEE International Commission International Experiences

The North American Association for Environmental Education's International Commission has arranged two opportunities for international professional development: the Virtual Australian Tour, which includes participation in the 2008 Australian Association for Environmental Education Conference, and the Cuban Environment & Sustainability Education Study Tour. [Learn More](#)

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

The Arbor Day Foundation invites conservation professionals, landscape architects, health care experts and 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 and six continents as they gather to share ideas on how to reconnect children around the world with nature. [Learn More](#)



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