



National Environmental Education Week

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Curecanti National Recreation Area: *Geocaching Habitat Hike*

Greetings!

The National Environmental Education Foundation is pleased to announce the winners of the 2008 EE Week Photo Blog Contest:

- **First place:** [Geocaching Habitat Hike](#), submitted by Curecanti National Recreation Area, CO
- **Second place:** [Wonder-ful Water](#), submitted by Washington Service Learning Center, WI
- **Third place:** [From the Red Cedar River](#), submitted by Central Elementary School, MI

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Classroom Earth



Grant application deadline June 20th!

The National Environmental Education Foundation, in partnership with **The Weather Channel**, has developed a new program called **Classroom Earth** that is designed to enhance and strengthen environmental education in high school classrooms. In April, Classroom Earth launched the first of many components: **The National High School Challenge**. The Challenge asks high school teachers across the country to submit a proposal on how they would infuse environmental content into their existing classrooms. If chosen, you'll have the chance to secure \$5,000 to \$10,000 to bring more innovative environmental themes into coursework! [Learn More](#)



(L) Washington Service Learning Center: *Wonder-ful Water*
 (R) Central Elementary School: *From the Red Cedar River*

Winners were awarded the following prizes: Canon PowerShot Digital Camera and SELPHY Photo Printer (First Place); Canon Digital Camcorder (Second Place); and Canon PIXMA Photo Printer (Third Place). Prizes were generously donated by Canon USA, Inc. Thank you to all who participated! [View a slideshow of the winners](#)

Looking for ways to celebrate EE Week all year round? Check out all of the submissions to the [EE Week Photo Blog](#) for some great ideas.

Sincerely,

Karen Schultz
 National Environmental Education Week Coordinator

EE Programs and Resources

Story of the Rainforest

Paradise Earth, a non-profit organization promoting rainforest conservation, has created several several online videos detailing the "story of the rainforest". Each of the brief videos discuss topics such as rainforest health, biodiversity, logging, and other topics. There is also a special interactive kids section for elementary school students. [Learn more](#)

2nd Annual Forecast Earth Summit for High School Students - December 5-7



The Weather Channel's Forecast Earth would like to invite high school students to be part of the Forecast Earth Summit, December 5-7 in Washington, D.C. Students - freshmen, sophomores, and juniors during the 2008-09 school year are eligible - must submit a 200-word essay outlining what they are personally doing to combat climate change. Entry forms can be submitted online until **October 19**. From the entries, 20 students will be selected to take part in TWC's Forecast Earth Summit. The three-day event will focus on promoting environmental literacy among the high school audience and will afford selected students the opportunity to talk with environmental leaders, scientists, and other students. [Learn more](#)

EarthPulse: A Visual Guide to Global Trends

Ever wonder how today's trends in population growth, economic development, technology, and communication affect the Earth and our way of life? Immerse yourself in these and other interconnected issues with *EarthPulse: A Visual Guide to Global Trends from National Geographic Maps*. This interactive website analyzes our connected world with informative maps, diagrams, and illuminating imagery. Learn how today's global trends may determine the future of life on Earth. [Learn more](#)



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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Alliance to Save Energy's Green Schools Program

The Alliance to Save Energy's *Green School Program* is a comprehensive program for K-12 schools that uses energy-based lessons correlated to state standards to enhance project-based, real-world learning, encourage energy-conserving habits, and save school districts money on energy costs. Through hands-on learning, students become active leaders and energy educators in their schools, homes, and communities. Over 200 schools in select school districts are currently participating in the Green Schools program. [Learn more](#)

Into the Great Outdoors

Let's Go Chipper is an educational tool that playfully teaches young children about life outdoors. From what to pack and wear to lessons like "you can play, but don't stray," the DVD Activity Book uses music, mishap, and adventure to positively reinforce the importance of enjoying and respecting nature. [Learn more](#)

Funding Resources

National Public Lands Day Grants - Pre-Application due June 23

The National Environmental Education Foundation is seeking grant applications for the 4th annual National Public Lands Day Tour sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc. Grantees will be awarded \$1000 to assist with planning and materials for their upcoming NPLD projects on September 27, 2008. Registered NPLD sites that are 501(c)(3) non-profits in the following states are eligible to receive funding: ME, NH, VT, MA, CT, RI, NY, NJ, PA, MD, DE, WV, OH, MI, IN, IL, WI, MN, IA, SD, ND, MT, WY, ID, and CO. **Pre-applications are due June 23!** [Learn more](#)

Richard C. Bartlett Environmental Education Award - Nominations due June 30

Do you know a teacher who stands out among the rest? Someone who takes their passion for the environment and brings it into the classroom, inspiring students to learn and engage in environmental issues? Consider nominating the outstanding teacher that you know for the 2008 Richard C. Bartlett Environmental Education Award. A \$5,000 award will be given to the recipient to support their school-based EE programs. **Nominations are due June 30!** [Learn more](#)

The Bartlett Award was established in 2007 by the National Environmental Education Foundation to distinguish the teachers who best represent Richard C. Bartlett's passion for and leadership in environmental



education. For more than 40 years, Richard C. Bartlett has been inspiring environmental educators nationwide.

Connect Grants for Culturally Diverse Communities - Applications due August 15

The Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics is an educational, non-profit organization dedicated to the responsible enjoyment and active stewardship of the outdoors by all people worldwide. Connect Grants provide direct support and training grants for organizations and people that serve culturally diverse communities. Grant awards range between \$500 and \$2,500 and can be used for Leave No Trace educational materials and/or to cover the tuition of a Master Educator Course. [Learn](#)

[more](#)

National Gardening Association & Home Depot 2009 Youth Garden Grants Program - Applications due November 1

The National Gardening Association (NGA) has announced that Home Depot will return as the Youth Garden Grants sponsor for 2009. NGA awards Youth Garden Grants to schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs. 125 grants are available for the 2009 grant cycle, which include gift cards for supply purchases at Home Depot. [Learn more](#)

TogetherGreen Grants & Leadership Program Launched

TogetherGreen is a new National Audubon Society program with support from Toyota, to build conservation leadership, engage people in conservation action, and achieve lasting conservation results. The TogetherGreen Innovation Grants will fund projects that engage diverse communities and contribute to measurable conservation outcomes. [Learn more](#)

Professional Development

ESRI Education User Conference - August 2-5

Explore the power of spatial thinking at the ESRI Education User Conference, August 2-5 in San Diego California. Meet with GIS education community members, and learn how to apply the software in your classroom. [Learn more](#)

NAAEE 2008 Conference: Destination Wichita - October 15-18

For over 36 years, the North American Association for Environmental Education's annual conference has provided ideas on how to teach others to help our planet be more sustainable. This year's NAAEE conference, October 15-18 in Wichita, Kansas, features many ways to share the message that every action matters in sustaining our planet. During the four days of events, participants will also be inspired by a host of artistic expressions in words, pictures, and songs. **Early Bird deadline is August 15.** [Learn more](#)

Online Climate Discovery Courses - June 20 - August 15

Are you seeking a K-12 professional development opportunity that will enhance your qualifications, competency, and self-confidence in integrating Earth system science, climate, and global change into your science classroom? This summer the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) is offering a series of seven-week online courses for middle and high school teachers that combine geoscience content, information about current climate research, easy to implement hands-on activities, and group discussion. [Learn more](#)

My Environmental Education Evaluation Resource Assistant (MEERA)

MEERA is a free, online tool for educators to help evaluate the quality of their programs. MEERA is designed to help educators with little, intermediate, or advanced evaluation experience. Funded by and created in partnership with the US EPA and US Forest Service, MEERA helps educators choose an appropriate evaluation and provides a step-by-step guide through the process, including sample evaluations from other programs. [Learn more](#)

EETAP Online EE Courses

The Environmental Education & Training Partnership (EETAP) is pleased to announce several online EE courses for the fall semester. They are:

Applied Environmental Education Program Evaluation; Fundamentals of Environmental Education; Leadership Development in Natural Resources; and Making EE Relevant for Culturally Diverse Audiences. \$200 scholarships are available for most courses. [Learn more](#)



At the National Environmental Education Foundation, we provide objective environmental information to help Americans live better every day. At a time of conflicting and challenging messages about the state of our environment, we provide trusted knowledge, resources and opportunities to improve our lives and the health of the planet.

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