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Greetings!

The new year is in full swing, and we hope one of your resolutions is to engage students in more environmental learning activities in 2010. Be sure to check out our ever-growing resources, lesson plans and tools at EEWeek.org. Need some suggestions? How about involving students in a [School Water Audit](#), a field trip to a local [nature center](#) or a lesson plan on [climate change](#)?

Just three months remain until EE Week 2010! During the week of April 11-17, thousands of educators and millions of students across the country will participate in a week celebrating environmental learning - and you can join us! Register today at www.eeweek.org/register to take advantage of EE Week's resources and benefits just for participants, including discounts and special offers, certificates of participation, free educator webinars and more.

EE Week's 2010 theme is [Be Water and Energy Wise](#). While exploring the topics of water and energy conservation, we also encourage you and your students to reflect on the important connections between water and energy. Visit our resource page on [The Water-Energy Connection](#) to learn more.

Don't forget: you must submit a new registration **each year** you wish to participate in EE Week. [Register](#) today, and invite your friends and colleagues to do the same!

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

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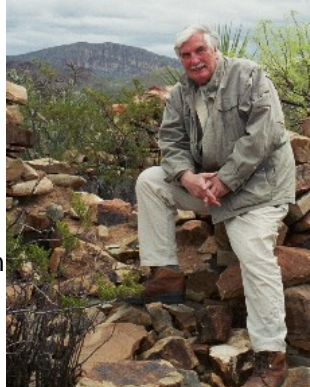
Did you know that letting your faucet run for five minutes uses about as much energy as letting a 60-watt light bulb run for fourteen hours? [Learn more](#)

Source: U.S. EPA Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds.

Nominations for the 2010 Bartlett Award are due Friday, January 15th

Last Chance for \$5,000 Award for High School Teachers

The National Environmental Education Foundation, EE Week's parent organization, is accepting nominations for the 2010 [Richard C. Bartlett Environmental Education Award](#). This annual award is given to an outstanding educator who has successfully integrated environmental content into the curriculum and whose inspirational story can be used as a model for other teachers and those interested in becoming involved in environmental education. For the 2010 award, we will recognize a high school teacher.



The award includes a \$5,000 cash prize and a trip to Washington, D.C. to meet with representatives of the nation's leading environmental education organizations.

Past winners of this prestigious award include a middle school teacher who has transformed the recycling and energy and water use policies of her school, a high school teacher who focuses on project-based learning and peer teaching about environmental issues and an environmental science teacher who has integrated policy, economic and environmental studies in her school's curriculum.

[Read more](#) about the previous Bartlett Award winners and [nominate an outstanding teacher](#) today.

Our Program

National Environmental Education (EE) Week is the largest organized environmental education event in the United States.

EE Week connects educators with environmental resources to promote K-12 students' understanding of the environment.

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Special Offers for Registered EE Week Participants

Register today to take advantage of these discounts

EE Week aims to connect educators with environmental resources to promote K-12 students' understanding of the environment. EE Week resources are free; however some lesson plans require materials at a cost. Registered participants of EE Week 2010 can take advantage of these special discounts on hands-on, standards-based educational materials from our generous partners.

- [Acorn Naturalists](#) is an online provider of science and nature resources for the trail and classroom. Registered EE Week participants receive **\$10 off** a purchase of \$50 or more.
- [Kilowatt Ours](#) is an award-winning film featuring a timely, solutions-oriented look at one of America's most pressing environmental challenges: energy. Registered EE Week participants may order the DVD at **half price**.
- [Nature-Watch](#) provides educational products and craft activity kits designed to teach children about nature. Registered EE Week participants receive a **10 percent discount** on purchases.



Remember: You must register to participate in EE Week 2010 to take advantage of these discounts. [Register today](#)

Igniting Creative Energy National Student Challenge - Entry deadline February 19

K-12 educators are invited to participate in the 7th annual Igniting Creative Energy Challenge. This educational competition is designed to encourage students to learn more about energy conservation and the environment. Student entries must reflect the theme "Igniting Creative Energy" and demonstrate an understanding of what an individual, family or group can do to make a difference in their home or community. Students may express their ideas in the form of documented science projects, essays, stories, artwork, photographs, music or video or web site projects. Three students and one teacher will be selected for the grand prize: a trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in the National Energy Efficiency Forum in June 2010. [Learn more](#)

Fuel Our Future Now DASH+ Contest - Submission deadline March 1

The DASH+ national high school contest challenges student teams to use their science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills to design a vehicle dashboard of the future that incorporates feedback mechanisms and supports behavior change to help drivers maximize fuel efficiency and reduce environmental impact. The contest components include a dashboard design, a technical plan and a video pitch. Teams may be made up of two to five students, ages 14 or older and enrolled in 9th through 12th grade with one adult teacher or mentor. The grand prize winning team will have the opportunity to travel to Detroit for a VIP experience and to pitch automakers on their dashboard design. [Learn more](#)

Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge - Entry deadline varies by grade level

The Siemens "We Can Change the World" challenge offers students the opportunity to make a sustainable change matched to science, math and reading/language arts concepts and skills. Teams of students find an adult mentor who will play an active role in guiding student development of the project and submission of materials. The entry period for submissions has already begun and ends January 31 for elementary school groups and March 15 for middle school groups. [Learn more](#)

National Lab Day

National Lab Day (NLD) is a platform to increase hands-on learning across the country. Each NLD encompasses a year-long series of training and activities which culminate in a day of sharing and recognition. Volunteers -- university students, scientists, engineers, other STEM professionals and members of the community -- will work together with educators and students to improve labs and discovery-based science experiences for students in grades 6-12. National Lab Day will be held during the first week in May, 2010. [Learn more](#)

Semester of Service

Youth Service America's Semester of Service links prominent national service events - such as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service (Jan. 18, 2010) and Global Youth Service Day (April 23-25, 2010) - through an extended service-learning framework of at least 70 hours. Young people ages 5-25 spend the semester addressing a meaningful community need connected to intentional learning goals and/or academic standards. [Learn more](#)

For more classroom resources, visit the [Curricula Library](#) and

Educator Awards and Grants

Toyota TAPESTRY Grants - Application deadline January 18

The Toyota TAPESTRY Grants for Science Teachers program offers grants to K-12 science teachers for innovative projects that enhance science education in the school and/or school district. Fifty large grants and a minimum of 20 mini-grants, totaling \$550,000 in all, will be awarded this year. [Learn more](#)

Edward C. Roy, Jr. Award for Excellence in K-8 Earth Science Teaching - Application deadline February 1

The Edward C. Roy, Jr. Award is designed to recognize one teacher of grades K-8 each year for his or her leadership and innovation in Earth Science education. The award consists of a \$2,500 prize for the winning teacher and a grant of up to \$1,000 to enable the recipient to attend the National Science Teachers Association Annual Conference in March 2010 to accept the award. The teacher and his or her school each will receive a plaque of recognition. To be eligible, applicants must be full-time U.S. classroom teachers who currently provide instruction in Earth Science at the K-8 level. [Learn more](#)

Amgen Award for Science Teaching Excellence - Application deadline February 5

The Amgen Award for Science Teaching Excellence is an annual awards program that recognizes extraordinary contributions by K-12 educators who are elevating the level of science literacy through creativity in the classroom and motivation of students. Thirty-four K-12 science teachers will be chosen for the award. Winners will receive an unrestricted cash award of \$5,000 and the recipient's school will receive a restricted grant of \$5,000 to be used for the expansion or enhancement of a school science program, for science resources or for professional development. [Learn more](#)

Welch's Harvest Teacher Grants - Submission deadline February 6

This year, in partnership with Scholastic, Welch's will support school garden programs through Welch's Harvest Grants. Teachers are invited to submit an application for the opportunity to win a valuable garden for their school. Entries will be judged by experts at the National Gardening Association, and two schools in every state will be selected to receive a Welch's Harvest Grant. Winning schools will receive a customized indoor or outdoor garden package filled with a variety of tools, seeds and educational materials. [Learn more](#)

Celebrate Urban Birds Mini-Grants - Application deadline February 15

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology is offering mini-grants of \$250 to \$500 to support the organization of community Celebrate Urban Birds events. Event participants spend 10 minutes watching birds in their neighborhood and report their observations online. This information helps scientists better understand how birds survive in cities and make use of green spaces. Connecting the arts, music, dance and gardening with birds and science is an important part of a successful Celebrate Urban Birds event. Organizers working in underserved communities are strongly encouraged

to apply. [Learn more](#)

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching - Nomination deadline April 1

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is the highest recognition that a K-12 mathematics or science teacher can receive for outstanding teaching in the United States. Awards are given to mathematics and science teachers from each of the 50 states and four U.S. territories. Recipients of the award receive a citation signed by the President, a paid trip for two to Washington, D.C. to attend a series of recognition events, professional development opportunities and a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation. [Learn more](#)

For more grants and awards, visit the [Funding Resources](#) page on our Web site.

Professional Development

Eyes in the Sky II - Application deadline January 15

Eyes in the Sky II is a long-term professional development program that prepares high school science teachers to use NASA data and visualizations along with other geospatial information technologies. Throughout the program, teachers and students investigate both global and local environmental issues. The program includes a 12-week online Web course, a 7-day summer workshop at a NASA research center, one year of classroom implementation and an ambassador program. The benefits include a \$1,000 stipend for completing the online course and workshop, and another \$1,000 for becoming an Eyes in the Sky Ambassador. Optional graduate credit can be obtained through Northern Arizona University. [Learn more](#)

Japan-U.S. Teacher Exchange Program for Education for Sustainable Development - Application deadline January 27

The Japan-U.S. Teacher Exchange Program for Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) will provide up to 48 U.S. teachers and administrators with the opportunity to travel to Japan on this fully-funded program to learn about ESD efforts and strengthen ESD curricula in both countries. Up to 48 teachers from Japan will travel to the United States in late April, and up to 48 teachers from the United States will travel to Japan in June. At the end of the program in each country, all 96 teachers will gather for a few days of joint collaboration. Eligible applicants must be employed full-time as teachers or administrators at primary or secondary levels, U.S. citizens and residing in one of the 50 U.S. states, territory or protectorate. [Learn more](#)

Call for Presenters for the 2010 NAAEE Conference - Submission deadline February 1

The North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) 39th Annual Conference will be held Sept. 29 - Oct. 2, 2010 at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center in Buffalo-Niagara, New York. NAAEE welcomes presentation proposals linked to the 2010 conference strands and threads related to the overall theme -- Environmental Education: Building Connections - Bridging Gaps. [Learn more](#)

From Seed to Seed

From Seed to Seed is a professional development course presented by the National Gardening Association for K-8 teachers who already incorporate botany and gardening (indoors or out) into their science curriculum and for teachers who would like to start doing so. In addition to the core botanical information, activities and experiments that address K-8 national standards in various disciplines are provided. The course content is divided into two parts: *From Seed to Seed* and *Exploring Plant Topics*. The first part follows the life cycle of a plant from seed to seed and lays the foundation for more complex and fascinating topics in plant biology in the second part. Cost is \$60. [Learn more](#)

For more opportunities, visit the [Professional Development](#) page on our Web site.



The National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) provides knowledge to trusted professionals who, with their credibility, amplify messages to national audiences to solve everyday environmental problems. Together, we generate lasting positive change.

NEEF partners with professionals in health, education, media, business and public land management to promote daily actions for helping people protect and enjoy the environment. Through our primary programs - Classroom Earth, National Public Lands Day, National Environmental Education Week, Business and Environment, Earth Gauge(r) and Health & Environment - we offer Americans knowledge to live by. To learn more, call (202) 833-2933 or visit <http://www.neefusa.org>.

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