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Greetings!

Happy New Year! The National Environmental Education Foundation is kicking off 2011 with several new opportunities for schools, students and teachers. Read below for more information on the [Green Prize in Public Education](#), which recognizes public schools that have found innovative ways to "go green," Classroom Earth's [professional development grants on the topic of wildlife conservation](#) and Planet Connect's [video contest and student grants](#).

EE Week - **April 10-16, 2011** - is less than three months away! [Register now](#) to join the network of schools and organizations nationwide that will be participating in EE Week this year. When you register, you'll receive certificates of participation, access to our series of webinars, EE Week planning toolkits and access to discounts and special offers from our partners. And be sure to check out [EEWeek.org](#) in the coming weeks for new [Ocean Connections](#) materials.

Sincerely,

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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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Opportunities from NEEF

Classroom Earth Professional Development Grants

- Application deadline February 1

Classroom Earth's 2011 Professional Development Grants enable middle and high school teachers to take one six-week online course offered by the Wildlife Conservation Society. The course will equip teachers to bring wildlife conservation into the classroom, facilitate scientific learning and to connect students with their natural surroundings. Graduate credits are available. [Learn more](#)



Planet Connect Student Grants - Application deadline February 1

Planet Connect offers \$1,000 grants to support students to implement a project in their school or community and to participate in a local internship focused on wildlife conservation or natural resources. Students 14-19 years of age and currently enrolled in a U.S. high school program are eligible to apply. [Learn more](#)



Green Prize in Public Education - Application deadline February 15

The Green Prize in Public Education will award \$10,000 to a K-12 public school that has most successfully implemented an innovative, sustainable and replicable school-wide greening effort that has involved and benefitted its students. Two merit awards of \$5,000 each will also be given to schools that demonstrate this kind of success. [Learn more](#)



Planet Connect Get Green Video Contest - Entry deadline February 23

Planet Connect's 2011 Get Green Video Contest is asking U.S. high school students to "Show Us Your Ocean Connection" by making a 30-120 second video that shows how their everyday actions impact the ocean. Prizes includes cash and cool prizes from Samsung, including the Galaxy Tab and an HD camcorder. [Learn more](#)



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Call for Stories!

Don't forget to submit your stories of successful environmental education projects and programs to help inspire your peers and share ideas! Contact EEWeek@neefusa.org to get started.

EE Resources

One Species at a Time Podcast Series

In Encyclopedia of Life's new season of podcasts, listeners will learn about life as small as yeast and as big as a bowhead whale. Host Ari Daniel Shapiro and guest experts explore the diversity of life five minutes and one species at a time. Listen online or download the podcasts. [Learn more](#)



Environmental Health Perspectives Science Education Website

The *Environmental Health Perspectives* Science Education Program has developed more than 100 science and interdisciplinary lessons on the topic of environmental health. The newly expanded Science Education Program is updating existing lessons, publishing new lessons on current and emerging topics and translating selected lessons into Spanish. All updated and new lessons can be downloaded online free of charge. [Learn more](#)

Loop Scoops Sustainability Videos and Lessons

Loop Scoops are fun, two-minute segments that aim to help six to nine year old children think about product life cycles in ways they can understand. Annie Leonard, creator of the Story of Stuff, has teamed up with WGBH Boston of the Public Broadcasting Company to create this series of child-friendly videos that will help kids think about where their stuff comes from, what's in it and what happens to it when it's thrown out. [Learn more](#)

COSEE NOW Ocean Gazing Podcasts

COSEE NOW Ocean Gazing podcasts feature stories about ocean observing science and technology every other week. The podcasts feature oceanography professors and other experts in the field who talk about a range of subjects from fish to oil spills. [Learn more](#)

Only One Ocean Marine Science Curriculum

This Great Explorations in Math and Science (GEMS) guide is designed to help students in grades 5-8 understand the environmental importance of the ocean. The guide adapts activities developed by the Marine Activities, Resources & Education (MARE) program of the Lawrence Hall of Science. It connects with the marine-oriented GEMS guides *Ocean Currents* and *On Sandy Shores*. [Learn more](#)

For more resources and classroom materials, visit us [online](#).

Student Opportunities

The Volvo Adventure Competition - Submission deadline January 31

The Volvo Adventure is an educational program for students between the ages 13 and 16 working in teams to design and manage an environmental project in their local community. Projects can be submitted online. The best projects are selected for an all expenses-paid trip to Sweden, and the winning teams will receive \$10,000 for first place, \$6,000 for second place and \$4,000 for third place. [Learn more](#)

Igniting Creative Energy Challenge - Early bird entry deadline February 18, Final entry deadline March 4

Johnson Controls invites K-12 students and teachers to enter the Igniting Creative Energy (ICE) Challenge by submitting their energy efficiency ideas. Now in its 10th year, this year's competition includes *ICE Water*, a new water conservation category. Five grand prize winners will receive a trip to the United States Energy Efficiency Forum in Washington, D.C., June 15-16, 2011. Other prizes include energy efficiency-related items and the opportunity to receive a charitable donation. Entries postmarked by February 18 will qualify for additional early bird prizes. ICE is a partnership program developed by Johnson Controls and the National Energy Foundation. Additional services provided by Kohler Co.



[Learn more](#)

AMNH Young Naturalist Awards - Entry deadline March 1

The Young Naturalist Awards from the American Museum of Natural History is an inquiry-based science competition for students in grades 7-12 to promote participation and communication in science. Students plan a research project and submit a final report, including an essay and artwork or photographs. Awards include cash prizes and certificates of recognition. Winning essays will be posted on the museum's website. [Learn more](#)

Endangered Species Day Art Contest - Submission deadline March 15

The national Endangered Species Day Youth Art contest provides young people with an opportunity to learn about endangered species and express their knowledge and support through artwork. Winners will be chosen in four grade level categories: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. From these, one grand prize winner will be selected and honored with his or her name engraved on a special trophy and will receive a round-trip flight to Washington, D.C. to attend a reception in May. The four category winners will receive a special plaque and gift certificate for art supplies. [Learn more](#)

For more student contests and awards, visit us [online](#).

Grants and Awards

NSTA's Shell Science Lab Challenge - Application deadline February 2

Shell and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) have partnered to recognize outstanding middle and high school programs for their exemplary approaches to science lab instruction utilizing limited school and laboratory resources. Teachers of science in grades 6-12, in the United States and Canada are eligible to apply. Teachers may submit an entry as an individual applicant or as a team. Prizes include cash grants for winning schools. [Learn more](#).

Toyota TAPESTRY Grants for Science Teachers - Application deadline February 23

Toyota TAPESTRY recognizes outstanding K-12 science teachers who are making a difference by demonstrating excellence and creativity in science teaching. Fifty large grants of \$10,000 each will be awarded this year to K-12 science teachers in the United States. To apply for funding, qualified teachers must write a Toyota TAPESTRY proposal according to the proposal requirements. [Learn more](#)

AAAS Leadership in Science Education Prize for High School Teachers - Application deadline May 27

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Leadership in Science Education Prize for High School Teachers recognizes high school science teachers for the development and implementation of innovative methods for teaching and encouraging the next generation of scientists. Teachers must be currently employed as a science instructor in a public or private school for grades 9-12 in the United States or its territories. Teachers must be nominated by an administrator within their school, district or state. The winner will receive a \$1,000 cash prize to support the development and continuation of the strategy, activity or program. Additionally, an announcement will be published in the AAAS website and in *Science* magazine and the winner will receive a one-year institutional subscription to *Science* magazine. [Learn more](#)

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Professional Development

Online Professional Development: How Do We Explore? - January 24-February 11

This three-week online professional development offering will introduce participants to the new Education Materials Collection for the NOAA Ship *Okeanos Explorer*, the first Federal ship dedicated to ocean exploration. This course will include inquiry-based lessons for all grade-levels, and facilitated online reflective conversations about how we approach the study of our largely unexplored ocean. [Learn more](#)

**NAAEE Conference Call for Presentations - Submission deadline
February 1**

The North American Association for Environmental Education is calling for presentations for its 40th annual conference in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina from October 12-15, 2011. Submissions must include top strand and thread choices, presentation format and a summary and description of the proposed presentaion. [Learn more](#)

Designing Your Schoolyard Habitat Project Webinar - Feburary 3

The National Wildlife Federation's Schoolyard Habitats Program is offering a free webinar entitled "Designing Your Schoolyard Habitat Project." The webinar will cover the special design and project planning considerations for installing a habitat on school grounds and utilizing a habitat for teaching. [Learn more](#)

Gulf of Mexico Foundation Teacher Training Expeditions - March 13-18, June 19-24, July 9-13

The Gulf of Mexico Foundation offers two teacher training expeditions sponsored by ConocoPhillips for K-12 and college-entry educators nationwide every year, "Intracoastal Waterway Wetlands Expedition" and "Down Under, Out Yonder." Participants must pay a \$100 refundable deposit to take the course and are responsible for transportation, room and board. Continuing Professional Education credits are provided. [Learn more](#)

For more opportunities, visit us [online](#).



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>.