



National Environmental Education Week

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Happy EE Week!

Welcome to the start of National Environmental Education Week. Each day this week we will be sending short e-blasts featuring resources and stories about EE Week events and activities taking place across the country to celebrate our [Ocean Connections](#).

Each daily EE Week e-blast will focus on an Ocean Connections subtopic to help busy educators integrate environmental learning around EE Week's annual theme. The daily subtopics are:

Monday: The Ocean's Role in Weather

Tuesday: Climate & Ocean Acidification

Wednesday: Ocean Exploration

Thursday: Ocean Biodiversity

Friday: Water Connects Us

For more information, check out our [EE Week Activity Planning Toolkit](#).

Please share your EE Week and Earth Day activities by submitting your photos and stories to the 2011 [EE Week Photo Blog Contest](#).

Visit us [online](#) for more information on EE Week 2011, and if you haven't yet [registered](#), it's not too late -- [register today](#) and tell us how you're celebrating EE Week this year.

Enjoy!

Did you know....?

The ocean controls weather and climate by dominating the Earth's energy, water and carbon systems.

Source: [The Ocean Literacy Guide](#)

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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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See more [ocean facts](#) in English and Spanish.

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School Spotlight

Ruston High School's Sea Turtles

To celebrate National Environmental Education Week, Amy Guerin's high school Marine Science class in Ruston, La. is using mathematics, science and technology to construct life-size sea turtles to teach the importance of being ocean smart. Guerin's class will travel to local elementary and K-8 Montessori schools to present on what they can do to make a positive impact on the ocean. This project is an adaptation of one that Guerin's previous Marine Science class took on in 2010, when students traveled to local elementary schools with a life-size inflatable whale and presented on Humpback whales and ocean conservation. Elementary students explored the life-size whale and observed blubber experiments presented by the high school students.



Students explore a life-size inflatable whale.

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



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Partner Spotlight

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

NOAA is the federal agency tasked with scientific study and public education around our ocean and atmosphere. Recognized as an international leader on scientific and environmental matters, NOAA was founded in 1807 and has a presence in every state in the country.



NOAA's vast online presence includes a wealth of information and [educational resources](#) that enable educators to bring important lessons about the ocean, weather and climate into the classroom. NOAA's [Ocean Explorer](#) program fosters collaboration between ocean explorers and teachers to increase ocean literacy.

For EE Week 2011, NOAA Administrator, Dr. Jane Lubchenco, provided an engaging welcome video, inviting students and teachers to join EE Week in exploring our ocean connections. [Watch the video](#).

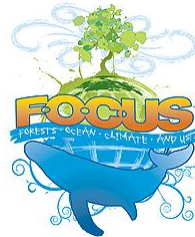
Additionally, staff from NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Program and Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary presented in a recent EE Week Educator Webinar - [Teaching Ocean Connections: Watersheds to Reefs](#).

The webinar provided background information and educational resources around watersheds and how they connect us to coral reefs.

Featured Resource

FOCUS: Forests, Ocean, Climate and Us

FOCUS is a nationwide campaign of the Wyland Foundation, which uses the beauty of art and the wonder of science to make kids aware of the shared relationship between the health of each ecosystem and the health of the planet. The FOCUS program combines classroom, community and art activities to encourage kids to explore their connection to the environment in creative and conscientious ways.



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>.