



National Environmental Education Week

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Greetings!

The theme for EE Week 2012 is **Greening STEM: The Environment as Inspiration for 21st Century Learning**, and we are excited to share that registrants will receive a 10% discount on a purchase from the Nature-Watch online store. Nature-Watch provides educational nature products and craft activity kits designed to teach children about nature. Register for EE Week 2012 to take advantage of this offer. And stay tuned--more perks for EE Week 2012 participants are coming soon.

This week, November 13-19, we join our friends at National Geographic Education in celebrating Geography Awareness Week. This year's theme is **The Adventure in Your Community**. Read below to learn more.

Sincerely,

Sarah Kozicki
Program Coordinator

Green Schools National Conference

NEEF Affiliate Registration Discount

The National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) is proud to partner with the Green Schools National Conference, which takes place in Denver, Colo. February 27-29, 2012. Organizations that register by **November 18** will receive the affiliate early bird discount rate of \$315. To take advantage of the special NEEF affiliate discount code:



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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.

Quick Links

[Register for EE Week 2012](#)

1. Go to the Green Schools National Conference [registration page](#).
2. Scroll down and click on "Register Online."
3. Click on "Affiliate Rates."
4. When asked for a discount code, enter **neefusaschools**.

You may also write in the code on hard copy registration forms or mention the code if registering by phone. (If registering more than 5 people from the same organization, call Conference Registration Services at 1-800-280-6218 to facilitate the registration process).

The second annual Green Schools National Conference will focus on Growing Green & Healthy Schools for All Children. [Learn more](#)

Webinar: Greening the Schoolyard: Gardens and Habitats

Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. EST

Join the [National Environmental Education Foundation](#) and its partners for the second installment of the Green Schools Educator Webinar Series as a lead up to the [Green Schools National Conference](#), February 27-29, 2012.



Webinar participants will interact live with Eliza Russell, Director of Education at National Wildlife Federation and Karen Kelly-Mullin, Coordinator of the Schoolyard Habitat Program at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In addition to sharing strategies for first steps and the educational advantages to schoolyard greening, the presenters will highlight related teaching resources and funding sources.

The first 100 registered participants that log in and complete the webinar will be eligible for a drawing to receive a complimentary registration to the Green Schools National Conference and a free copy of [Roots and Research in Urban School Gardens](#) by Veronica Gaylie, which examines the practice and culture of the urban school garden.

Registration is free. [Register now!](#) Registered participants will receive webinar login information via email prior to the webinar.

Geography Awareness Week

November 13-19, 2011

This year's Geography Awareness Week theme-- ***The Adventure in Your Community***-- promotes the idea that the geographic perspective is an important way to understand every community, no matter what size, or how long or briefly one has been a part of it.



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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.

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National Geographic and partners invite families, teachers and students to visit GeographyAwarenessWeek.org to begin completing geographic missions and earning rewards. A wealth of valuable resources, including printable posters, mission booklets and an organizing toolkit are available for teachers, parents and students on the Geography Awareness Week website.

[Learn more](#)

Grants and Awards

DiscoverE Educator Awards - Application deadline December 1

The DiscoverE Educators Awards are shining a spotlight on 6-12th grade educators who are inspiring tomorrow's innovation generation. Teachers must be nominated by an engineer or engineering student. Prizes include a trip to Washington, D.C., cash and classroom supplies from 3M. [Learn more](#)

America's Home Energy Challenge - Submission deadline December 31

America's Home Energy Challenge uses the link between saving money and energy to teach 3-8 grade students about energy. Participating schools compete for more than \$200,000 in prizes. [Learn more](#)

Captain Planet Foundation Grants - Application deadline January 15

The Captain Planet Foundation funds projects that engage students in active, hands-on activities that improve the environment in their schools and communities. [Learn more](#)

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

Student Opportunities

Planet Connect Get Green Video Contest - Entry deadline December 8

Planet Connect has partnered with Staples to host the third Get Green Video Contest for high school students aged 14-19. This year, students must demonstrate in a 30-120 second video how one or more of the elements of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) can help green their city or town. Prizes include cash, a Samsung Galaxy Tab, a netbook, an HD camcorder and a chance to be featured on the nationally broadcast Eco Company TV Show. [Learn more](#)



Disney Planet Challenge - Registration deadline December 23

Disney's Planet Challenge (DPC) is a project-based learning environmental competition for grades 3-8 classrooms across the United States. DPC engages students in developing solutions for local environmental issues. Grand prize winners will receive an all expense-paid trip to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. in April 2012. [Learn more](#)



Eco-Hero Awards - Application deadline January 12

Action for Nature honors the creative environmental projects of young people between the ages of 8 and 16. Winners receive cash prizes and a special certificate, as well as public recognition on the Action for Nature website. [Learn more](#)

The Volvo Adventure Competition - Competition deadline January 31

The Volvo Adventure - in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme - is an education program that awards teams of 2-5 student aged 13-16 for an environmental project in their community. Finalists win an all expenses paid trip to Sweden where they compete for cash prizes. [Learn more](#)

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

Professional Development

NOAA Teacher at Sea Program - Application deadline November 30

The Teacher at Sea Program is accepting applications for its 2012 field season. The program provides a unique environment for learning and teaching by sending teachers to sea aboard NOAA research and survey ships to work under the tutelage of scientists and crew. [Learn more](#)



Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program - Application deadline January 5

The Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program offers K-12 teachers the opportunity to serve in the national policy area and bring the insights and practical experience of the classroom teacher to Congress and the executive branch of the federal government. Each fellow receives a monthly stipend and living allowance. [Learn more](#)

Earth Expeditions Graduate Field Courses - Application deadline January 28

Earth Expeditions' graduate field courses have two components: an intensive experience at an international field site in one of 11 global locations and semester-long work on the web culminating in a conservation action project in your school or community. [Learn more](#)

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

EE Resources

Roots and Research in Urban Schools

This new book by Veronica Gaylie examines the practice and culture of the urban school garden as a central symbol for environmental learning. As poetically described by students, teachers, and community members, the story of the urban school garden inspires a new narrative in connecting learners to the land. [Learn more](#)

EAST Initiative

The EAST Initiative features student-driven service projects accomplished with the latest technology. Students find problems in their local communities and use state-of-the-art technology to solve them. The organization provides new ways of learning for modern students. [Learn more](#)

Siemens STEM Academy

The Siemens STEM Academy is an interactive website that enables educators to exchange and download resources, get up-to-date STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) news and collaborate and network among peers. The Academy also offers STEM Connect webinars and professional development programs. [Learn more](#)

For more resources and classroom materials, 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 and Health & Environment - we offer Americans knowledge to live by. To learn more, call (202) 833-2933 or visit <http://www.neefusa.org>.