



National Environmental Education Week

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Did you know...?

The ocean's carbon reservoir is about 60 times the size of the atmosphere's carbon reservoir.

Source: [Earth Gauge](#)



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

School Spotlight

Sleepy Hollow Middle School

This year, Sleepy Hollow Middle School students in Sleepy Hollow, N.Y. wrote and performed a play to raise awareness about the importance of protecting the Hudson River Valley from local pollutants. Students performed the play in front of first and second graders during their National Environmental Education Week activities. The play was supported by the Hudson Riverkeeper Organization and intertwined concepts of bullying and fairness with a sense of place and environmental protection. The lessons learned from the play were later expanded in the classroom, connecting how pollution in the watershed impacts ocean systems.



Bird houses created and installed by Sleepy Hollow's Environmental Action Team.

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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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Partner Spotlight

The Centers for Ocean Sciences Education Excellence (COSEE)

COSEE aims to spark and nurture collaborations among research scientists and educators to advance ocean discovery and make known the vital role of the ocean in our lives. COSEE has a network of thematic and regional centers across the United States, and each center provides educational materials and professional development for educators around various ocean topics.



This year, EE Week partnered with COSEE to develop a set of daily activity planning **toolkits for educators**. Each toolkit offers a suggested grade-appropriate activity on a daily subtopic for each school day during EE Week. The subtopics include: The Ocean's Role in Weather, Climate & Ocean Acidification, Ocean Exploration, Ocean Biodiversity and Water Connects Us. [Access the toolkits](#).

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Live Dive from Channel Islands National Park

Broadcasting live Wednesday,

April 13 at 2:30 p.m. EDT

Journey under the surface of the sea without ever getting wet! Park rangers with special microphone-equipped dive masks and underwater video cameras descend into towering kelp forests of Channel Islands National Park on this virtual underwater hike. During the Live Dive, divers will reveal some of the kelp forest's unusual inhabitants, the challenges they face and how they are protected. Take students on a distance-learning adventure. [Watch the Live Dive](#).



Channel Islands Park Rangers exploring the watery depths.



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>.