



# National Environmental Education Week

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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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## Greetings!

Happy New Year! Have you heard about our new [Sustainable Energy Award](#), a \$10,000 award to high schools that have engaged students and teachers in school-wide energy savings through the creative and innovative use of technology? **Applications are due by February 10.** Read more under [Grants and Awards](#).

We are excited about [EE Week 2012](#) and the opportunity to showcase the creative ways teachers are using the environment to teach about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Don't forget to submit your stories to [eeweek@neefusa.org](mailto:eeweek@neefusa.org). EE Week is **April 15-21**. [Register](#) to join educators in *Greening STEM* and to take advantage of this year's special offers.

Lastly, don't miss NEEF's last Green Schools webinar: [Going Green Through the Curriculum](#) on **January 18 at 7:00 p.m. EST**. We'll be hearing from environmental education experts on ideas and practical strategies on using the environment to teach science and social studies and improve reading, writing and math skills.

Sincerely,

Sarah Kozicki  
Program Coordinator

## Planet Connect Get Green Video Contest

High school students showcase their ideas for greening their city with STEM

Planet Connect has selected 15 finalists for the 2012 Get Green Video Contest, which asked high school students: *What's an idea using Science, Technology, Engineering or Math that can help green your city?*



Students from around the nation have submitted videos that demonstrate amazing creativity and a wealth of environmental knowledge.

Watch all of the finalists' videos by January 18, and help decide who wins! The three Grand Prizes will be chosen using a combination of our judge's scores and YouTube "Likes." The more "Likes," or thumbs-up ratings, a finalist video receives, the better its chance of winning.

Learn more about the Planet Connect [Get Green Video Contest](#).

## Green Schools National Conference

### NEEF Affiliate Registration Discount

NEEF is proud to partner with the [Green Schools National Conference](#), which takes place in Denver, Colo. February 27-29, 2012. Organizations affiliated with NEEF will receive the affiliate early-bird discount rate of \$315. To take advantage of the special NEEF affiliate discount code:

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](#)

## Grants and Awards

### Lowe's Toolbox for Education - Application deadline January 31

Searching for funding for your outdoor classroom, schoolyard garden, or school greening project? Lowe's donates \$5 million to public schools and public school parent teacher groups at more than 1,000 public schools

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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](mailto:EEWeek@neefusa.org) to get started.

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**The NEA Foundation - Nickelodeon Big Help Grants - Application deadline February 1**

The Big Help Grants program aims to develop a sense of global awareness in 21st century students that will encourage and enable them to make a difference in their world. Funding is available in the form of Student Achievement Grants to K-8 public school educators. [Learn more](#)

**Sustainable Energy Award - Application deadline February 10**

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NEEF's \$10,000 Sustainable Energy Award will be presented to three high schools that have engaged students and teachers in school-wide energy savings through the creative and innovative use of technology. [Learn more](#)

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

## Student Opportunities

**Green Cup Energy Challenge - Runs January 18-February 15**

The Green School Alliance's Green Cup Energy Challenge was created by schools for schools! Schools who take the Challenge work together to reduce their electricity consumption over a period of four weeks. [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 students 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](#)

**2012 Wildlife Conservation Youth Engagement Grants - Application deadline February 1**

NEEF's Planet Connect, in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Agency, invites high school students to develop an idea for a project that addresses a local wildlife or natural resource issue in their community. Students chosen as winners will receive \$500 to implement their project as well as a \$500 stipend toward an 80-hour wildlife conservation or natural resource internship in their community. [Learn more](#)

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

## Professional Development

**Environmental Education in Urban Communities - Application deadline January 22**

Cornell University's Civic Ecology Lab has announced a 12-week, non-credit professional development online course that will cover novel

practices and conceptual frameworks for urban environmental education. [Learn more](#)

#### **Grosvenor Teacher Fellow Program - Application deadline January 31**

This opportunity gives current K-12 classroom teachers and informal educators the opportunity to travel aboard the ship National Geographic Explorer in June or July 2012 to share the importance of geo-literacy with fellow travelers and develop activities to bring back to their classrooms.

[Learn more](#)

#### **Japan-US Teacher Exchange Program for Education for Sustainable Development - Application deadline January 31**

The Japan-U.S. Teacher Exchange Program for Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) will provide up to 24 U.S. teachers and administrators with a fully-funded opportunity to travel to Japan to learn about ESD efforts and strengthen ESD curricula in both countries. [Learn more](#)

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

## **EE Resources**

#### **National Green Week - February 6-10, 2012**

National Green Week (NGW), organized by the Green Education Foundation, empowers students to be leaders of their own sustainability campaigns. NGW kicks off February 6-10, 2012, and educators can choose any week between February 6 and Earth Day (April 22) to participate. [Learn more](#)

#### **Lab Out Loud**

Lab Out Loud is a podcast, hosted by two science teachers, that discusses science news and science education by interviewing leading scientists, researchers, science writers and other important figures in the field.

#### **Virtual Library in Spanish**

This online library provides a compilation of documents in Spanish for environmental educators, including experiences, guidelines, multimedia, educational material and other helpful information. [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>

