



# National Environmental Education Week

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National Environmental Education Week, made possible by Canon USA, Inc., promotes understanding and protection of the natural world by actively engaging K-12th grade students and educators in an inspired week of environmental learning before Earth Day.



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Junior Rangers at Curecanti Nat'l Recreation Area, EE Week, 2008 Photo Blog Contest Winner.



Alexandra Cousteau  
EE Week National Spokesperson and Co-founder, EarthEcho International

Educators play a critical role in inspiring young people to make a positive impact on the natural environment. I invite you to partner with National Environmental Education Week by registering today at [www.eeweek.org](http://www.eeweek.org).



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## Bringing the environment into the classroom!

National Environmental Education Week (EE Week) is the nation's largest event devoted to environmental learning among K-12 students. Made possible by Canon USA, Inc., it increases the educational impact of Earth Day by creating a full week of educational preparation, learning, and activities in K-12 classrooms, nature centers, parks, zoos, museums, and aquariums.

Environmental education is often lauded by educators, parents, and students as an ideal way to integrate environmental content into class curricula, improve academic performance, and encourage conservation of the natural environment. In 2009, National Environmental Education Week will enlist the support of over 4,000 educators at 2,200 partner organizations to reach millions of students with environmentally-themed lessons and activities.

### EE Week 2009: Be Water Wise!

Only 3% of all of the water on our blue planet is freshwater, and even less than that is suitable for drinking. In recognition of the need to protect this precious natural resource, National Environmental Education Week is proud to announce *Be Water Wise!* as the theme for 2009. While not all EE Week activities have to be geared towards water (in fact we recognize and support all of the creative ways that our educators bring the environment into classroom discussion) this year's EE Week will provide special grade appropriate resources on water that educators can utilize in the classroom, including:

- An online water audit that allows students to "find the leaks" in their water usage at home and at school.
- Access to water quality testing resources specifically for use during EE Week.
- A monthly Water Blog, written by EE Week Spokesperson Alexandra Cousteau, about the ways we can protect our freshwater resources. Each column will feature an associated grade-appropriate lesson for classroom use.
- A special Ask-A-Scientist portion of [www.EEWeek.org](http://www.EEWeek.org), that allows both students and teachers to pose their own questions on water to leading environmental scientists.

### Partners

In 2009, National Environmental Education Week will once again work with hundreds of national, state, and local organizations to promote environmental education in the classroom during the week leading up to Earth Day. Some of our National Partners include:

- Earth Day Network
- North American Association for Environmental Education
- National Education Association
- National Science Teachers Association

Learn more about EE Week Partners and their planned activities by visiting our Partners Page at [www.eeweek.org/partners.htm](http://www.eeweek.org/partners.htm).



To register as a National Environmental Education Week Partner visit [www.eeweek.org/register.htm](http://www.eeweek.org/register.htm).

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