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Greetings AEEA members.

As the AEEA President, I was happy to see a variety of individuals from across Arkansas sharing their experiences, research, and background in the environmental education field at our recent AEEA Expo.

Those of you teaching a Physical Geography or Geosystems course know about the circle of illumination, the traveling boundary that divides daylight and darkness. The circle of illumination occurs when two great circles on a sphere bisect one another. At the Environmental Education Expo I could see a similar effect as the light of knowledge brought awareness and understanding to participants, and I witnessed education and the environment clearly cross.

Change was evident everywhere. People who were in the

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Arkansas Environmental Education Association

Mission Statement: To promote environmental education and the work of environmental educators.

AEEA is a networking and information based organization that works with educators, students, business, government, and the general public to increase the awareness and knowledge about the environment.

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"dark" about how to implement environmental education or how to advance an already existing program, entered into the light with clear next steps and the resources they needed to move forward. By the end of the day, I too had passed through the circle of illumination in environmental education, finding a new appreciation for how much we can accomplish when we work together.

I hope, that like me, you were able to apply some new curriculum, material, or concepts in a classroom, non-formal educator setting, or perhaps even in your personal life. The true impact of this EXPO will depend on what each of us took home and utilized.

A new day in environmental education has begun so let's embrace the contacts we made, the knowledge we gained, and face each day with one thought on our minds, "What can I do to advance environmental education in my community, region or state?" Once you have an idea - embrace it, work with others to promote it, and engage your community to make a change.

Sincerely,

Sarah DeVries

2010 AEEA Board President

2010 EE Expo - a Success

On July 28, 2010, ninety-six environmental educators, students, and professionals from across the state converged on the Brewer-Hegeman Conference Center on the University of Central Arkansas campus in Conway for the 2010 EE Expo. Participants heard from a slate of excellent speakers presenting on a variety of topics focusing on environmental education programs and projects offered here in the Natural State.



Arkansas Department of Education

Diana Angelo, Perryville

Natural Resources Conservation
Service

Terri Hebert, Conway

University of Central Arkansas

Suzanne Hirrel, Little Rock

Leopold Education Project



Ms. Michelle Harvey presented a keynote address focusing on the topic of influencing public perception and behaviors on environmental issues. Her presentation was well-received and evoked a motivational push for environmental

educators and all concerned citizens to help change environmental behaviors.

EE Calendar

September 18

World Water Monitoring Day

World Water Monitoring Day is an international education and outreach program that builds public awareness and involvement in protecting water resources around the world by engaging citizens to conduct basic monitoring of their local water bodies. Participants are encouraged to register their site and report their data before December 31 to be included in the Year in Review report. Test kits can be ordered online and resources are available as free downloads. [Read more](#)

September 15

PLT Early Childhood Workshop

Janet Huckabee Arkansas
River Valley Nature Center,
Ft. Smith

Email [Karen Westcamp-Johnson](mailto:Karen.Westcamp-Johnson) for details.

September 21-22

Participants had the opportunity to network and visit between sessions at the exhibit hall. Fourteen vendors, organizations, and agencies displayed information on



their programs and projects. Free educational materials, posters, curriculum, and other materials were available for participants to take home.

The 2010 EE Expo was sponsored in part by the Albert I. Pierce Foundation, Tyson Foods, Chesapeake Energy, Heart of Arkansas United Way, Boston Mountain Solid Waste District, Potlatch, Gates Rogers Foundation, Arkansas Forestry Association Education Foundation, and the Arkansas Recycling Coalition.

AEEA Recognizes Outstanding Educators at 2010 EE Expo

**WET-WILD-PLT
workshop with Field Day
Focusing on Urban
Ecosystem**

Witt Stephens, Jr. Central
Arkansas Nature Center,
Little Rock

Email [Sarah Baxter](mailto:sarah.baxter@centralarkansasnaturecenter.org) for
details.

September 25

**National Parks Fee-Free
Weekends**

More than 100 national
parks across the country will
be offering fee-free days
during the summer and fall
this year, including
September 25 (National
Public Lands Day)
and November 11. In
addition, many national
park concessioners are
joining the NPS in
welcoming visitors on fee-
free weekends by offering
their own special offers.
Many national parks never
charge an entrance fee.
Visit the NPS website to find
out which ones and start
planning your visit. [Read
more](#)

October 13

National Fossil Day

The National Park Service
and the American Geological
Institute are collaborating to
kick off the first National
Fossil Day during Earth
Science Week 2010. Events
and activities will be taking
place nationwide at parks,
museums, in classrooms
and online. National Fossil
Day promotes public
awareness and stewardship
of fossils, as well as fosters
a greater appreciation of
their scientific and
educational value. The
National Park Service (NPS)



**L-R: Jack Singleton, Robert McAfee, Suzanne
Hirrel, and Carmen Tharp**

During the 2010 EE Expo, AEEA honored several
environmental educators with service awards.

Ms. Carmen Tharp was recognized for her achievements in
the classroom at Cabot High School and received the 2010
AEEA Outstanding Environmental Educator in the Formal
Education Category.

Mr. Jack Singleton received the 2010 AEEA Outstanding
Environmental Educator in the Non-Formal Education
Category for his role as Litter-Free Zone Coordinator for
the Keep Arkansas Beautiful program.

Two Arkansans were recognized for their lifetime
achievements in environmental education and awarded the
Robert McAfee Environmental Education Service Award.
Ms. Suzanne Hirrel from Little Rock received the award for
her 30+ years as an environmental educator, volunteer
leader, and charter member of AEEA.

Also receiving the Robert McAfee Environmental Education
Service Award was Ms. Barbara Harmony of Eureka
Springs for her many years of promoting the wise use and
conservation of our natural resources and protection of
Eureka Springs' historic springs and waterways.

Congratulations to these 2010 award winners. These
worthy recipients show the level of dedication and quality
of environmental educators we have in the Natural State.
Keep up the great work!!!

Teaching about the Gulf Oil Spill

is also launching a new Junior Paleontologist program with a free activity book and other educational resources available online. [Read more](#)

October 23

PLT Early Childhood and Growing Up WILD Workshop

Porter Christian
Development Center,
Glenwood

Email [Janet Massey](#) for details.

November 4-5

ACC and AEA Conferences, Little Rock

November 18-20 AWAG Watershed Conference

Arkansas's waters will be highlighted at the 2010 Arkansas Watershed Advisory Group's (AWAG) Watershed Conference to be held November 18-20 at the Ozark Folk Center in Mountain View. There will be a pre-conference field tour, including visits to the Ozark St. Francis National Forest, USGS Monitoring Station, Stream Restoration Sites, and tours of a local water and wastewater treatment plant. Visit www.awag.org for more information

The Money Tree



Oh, if it was just that easy. This section

American Bird Conservancy: Impacts of Oil Spill

The American Bird Conservancy (ABC), an organization dedicated to conserving native wild birds and their habitats throughout the Americas, has created a page dedicated to providing the public with information on the impacts the Gulf Oil Spill will have on birds. In addition to general information, ABC provides the latest updates on how birds and bird habitat will be affected as well as suggestions for how the public can become involved in the clean-up and wildlife rescue operations. [Learn more](#)

Eco-Schools USA Special Report: Oil Spill

Eco-Schools, a program of the National Wildlife Federation, created a special report on the Gulf Oil Spill designed to give teachers and students information and resources to help them better understand the spill and its ramifications. Included are questions that kids have been asking the experts as well as information on helping wildlife and the importance of wetlands. [Learn more](#)

Gulf of Mexico Alliance Environmental Education Network

The Gulf of Mexico Alliance Environmental Education Network (GOMAEEN), an organization that provides resources for educators in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida, is providing links to relevant news stories and updating their list as new developments related to the Gulf Oil Spill merit. GOMAEEN also provides links to several lesson plans regarding oil spills in their Educator Resources section. [Learn more](#)

Encyclopedia of Earth: Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

The Encyclopedia of Earth (EoE) is a free, searchable collection of articles written by scholars, professionals, educators and experts on the Earth, its environments and their interaction with society. The EoE's extensive article on the Gulf Oil Spill includes information on the magnitude and extent of the spill, clean up efforts and ecological impacts as well as a review of past disasters. [Learn more](#)

NOAA Office of Response and Restoration

NOAA's Office of Response and Restoration provides scientific support for oil and chemical spill responses as well as damage assessments in coastal waters. In addition, NOAA is currently providing the latest news relating to the Gulf Oil Spill as well as fact sheets, publications and visuals. [Learn more](#)

Oil on the Water: The Physics of Oil Spills

This interactive feature on MSNBC's website provides an overview of the physics behind an oil spill. The feature illustrates the physical and chemical processes, known as

provides information and resources for grants and funding available for environmental education projects, programs and classrooms. Good Luck!

2010 Outdoor Learning Center Grant

The Arkansas Forestry Association Education Foundation (AFAEF) is accepting proposals for the 2010 Outdoor Learning Center Grant. AFAEF is offering one grant of up to \$1000 for public or private schools in Arkansas to construct, implement, or enhance an Outdoor Learning Center on their campus. Grant funds may be used for any grade, pre-school through college level, as long as the applicant can show how an outdoor learning center can positively impact the students and school curriculum.

Any educator may apply but preference will be given to those who have received training in Project Learning Tree (PLT). The grant application period runs from August 1 through October 31, 2010. Grant guidelines and application form can be found on the AFA website at www.arkforests.org.

Do Something Grants for Youth Community Projects

weathering, that change the oil's properties and behavior after it is spilled into the ocean. [Learn more](#)

Experiment to Clean Up an Oil Spill

This experiment, created by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, is designed to give kids an idea of what it might be like to clean up an oil spill and why the task is so difficult. Using environmentally-friendly household materials, the experiment guides students through the steps of creating an oil spill and then trying to clean it. A series of observational questions are posed. [Learn more](#)

The Smithsonian Institution: The Ocean Portal

The Ocean Portal, developed by the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, is an interactive website that inspires awareness, understanding and stewardship of the world's oceans. Included in the myriad resources provided here is a blog that highlights the unseen impacts of the Gulf Oil Spill, as well as a Spotlight on Science Feature, ocean news and resources for educators. [Learn more](#)

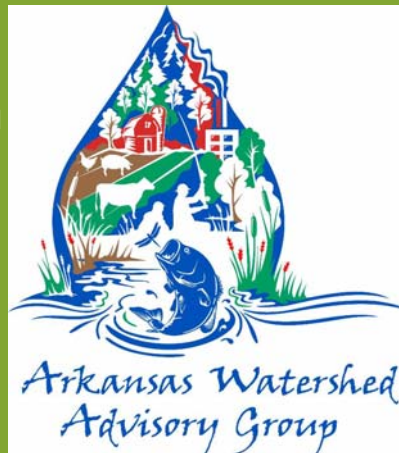
2010 Arkansas Watershed Advisory Group Conference

The summer's heat seems to increase our awareness of water's importance on our daily lives. The water needed to keep our bodies hydrated, to sustain our crops and livestock, and for our recreational enjoyment becomes more of a concern.

Arkansas's waters will be highlighted at the Arkansas Watershed Advisory Group's (AWAG) Watershed

Conference on November 18th through the 20th at the Ozark Folk Center in Mountain View, Arkansas which is located in the Middle White River Watershed. There will be a pre-conference field tour, including visits to the Ozark St. Francis National Forest, USGS Monitoring Station, Stream Restoration Sites and tours of a local water and wastewater treatment plant.

There will be two pre-conference activities to choose from: a field tour, including visits to the Ozark St. Francis National Forest, USGS Monitoring Station, Stream Restoration Sites and tours of a local water and wastewater treatment plant. Second a state and nationally



Grants to students age 25 and under who have created a sustainable project, program, or organization. Grants of \$500 are awarded to further these community projects. Grants are also available for students who have a great idea but haven't started the project yet. One winner every week. [Read more](#)

Annie's Grants for Gardens

Annie's offers a limited number of small grants to community gardens, school gardens, and other educational programs that connect children directly to gardening. These funds may be used to buy gardening tools, seeds, or other gardening supplies. [Application details](#)
Deadline: Rolling

Outdoor Classroom Garden Mini-Grant Program

The Outdoor Classroom Garden Mini-Grant Program is designed to show that agriculture is an integral part of our everyday environment. Farms, wildlife, forestry, people and cities are all interrelated with agriculture. Since most of Arkansas wildlife resides on and feeds off of private property, including farms and timber lands, the gardens can demonstrate the connection between agriculture, food, fiber, conservation, wildlife, and

recognized Project WET, Project WILD, and Project Learning Tree workshop for formal and non-formal educators.

The key-note speaker, will be Chad Pregracke, author of From the Bottom Up and organizer of the only "industrial strength" river clean-up organization and founder of Living Lands & Waters, an organization recently featured on the Discovery Channel. Mr. Pregracke will recount watershed stories and describe his journey along the Mississippi, North America's largest river.

For more information about this exciting and one of a kind Watershed Conference visit the AWAG website at www.awag.org. We hope you will be able to join us.

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World Water Monitoring Day set for September 18



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Reflective Practitioners: Environmental Educators Share Their Professional Development Needs for the Next Five Years (2010)

the urban environment. Applications will be accepted as long as grant funding is available. Up to \$500 may be awarded for new garden sites. This must include matching funds. Up to \$250 may be awarded for on-going garden projects. This also must include matching funds. Deadline: none.
[Read more](#)

Science Initiative for Middle Schools (SIMS) Grants

The SIMS program encourages hands-on science instruction by making grants for the purchase of materials for science experiments. Proposed projects must meet the State Science Curriculum Framework, and the cost of project materials must not exceed \$500. Up to 300 SIMS grants will be selected from the proposals submitted in counties served by one of Arkansas Community Foundation's 27 local offices and the central office in Pulaski County. Simply complete an online profile at this [website](#), write a description of the project for which you are requesting funding and select the science materials you need for the project. If your project is selected, DonorsChoose will ship all the materials you requested for your project directly to your school. For detailed grant guidelines and step-by-step instructions for how to apply online, visit their [website](#). Applications accepted from July 10 to September 15,

What do environmental educators most need to learn to advance their own performance, as well as the field's credibility? Dr. Lynette Fleming thinks she knows. More than 400 environmental educators from across the United States contributed to her 2009 Environmental Education Professional Development Needs and Priorities Study, an assessment that Fleming says gives the field "an opportunity to reshape professional development to respond to current needs." [Read more](#)

Biomimicry On-line Course Offered



The Biomimicry Institute just launched an on-line professional development course about biomimicry, designed specifically for formal and informal youth educators. The course covers foundational information about biomimicry relevant for educators both new to and intermediate in their experience with the subject area. They've designed the 6-hour course to provide youth educators with a strong conceptual grounding in biomimicry, as well as pedagogical perspectives for teaching about the subject to young students ages 3-18. The course can be taken completely on-line, at any time. A Certificate of Completion is provided upon successful completion of the course, and may be useful in obtaining pre-service or in-service professional development credit in your state or area. The course is recommended for in-service credit, for instance, by the P/NW BOCES Center for Environmental Education (New York).

Here's what a reviewer of the course said:
"Outstanding! I thought the course was wonderful and kept going back to it because I found it so enriching, on so many levels. The course content, slides, and videos were highly engaging. Overall, an outstanding course to provide information and new thinking for teachers. Personally, I feel that I gained a great deal from going through it." -
Dr. Abby B. Bergman, Regional Science Coordinator,
Board of Cooperative Educational Services,
Putnam/Northern Westchester, New York

[Learn more](#)

2010.

Coca-Cola Foundation Grants

The Coca-Cola Foundation, and its 18 local and regional foundations work with people in communities and governmental organizations and nongovernmental organizations to create and support projects most relevant to communities. The Coca-Cola Foundation will fund proposals for programs in the areas of the environment, fitness and active lifestyles, community recycling, and education. All requests for funding must be submitted through the online application system. Deadline: Ongoing. [Read more](#)

Captain Planet Foundation Grants

The Captain Planet Foundation provides grants of up to \$2,500 to school and community groups to support hands-on environmental projects. You can submit a proposal at any time during the year. However, proposals will only be reviewed the last day of March, June, September, and December. [More details](#)

Fruit Tree 101



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION
Building Connections~Bridging Gaps

NAAEE'S 39TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Buffalo-Niagara, New York • Sept. 29 - Oct. 2, 2010
7th Annual Research Symposium • Sept. 28 & 29

<http://naaee.org/conference>

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission "Fine Money"

Each fall, money collected from fines levied by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is available to schools. The amount of money and the time frame varies each year. Schools apply through the Quorum Court. The following educational



programs have been approved for this money: Wings Over Arkansas, The Leopold Education Project, WILD Workshops, School Yard Habitats, Total Outdoor Teaching Experience, On Target For Life, Hunter Education, Boating Education, Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs, Arkansas Stream Team Programs, 4-H Responsible Environmental Stewardship Quest, and Nature Mapping. When money is received by the county, school superintendents are notified. If you have a project in mind, let your superintendent know as soon as possible. For more information, or general assistance with school yard habitats, contact Pat Knighten with the AR Game and Fish Commission at paknighten@agfc.state.ar.us or 870-917-2085.

Ecology and Education Summit

The Ecological Society of America (ESA) and the National Education Association (NEA) in partnership with more than 20 national organizations, is pleased to invite you to the Ecology and Education Summit from Oct 14-15, 2010 in Washington DC. This is an incredible opportunity to disseminate best practices that will advance Environmental Literacy for a Sustainable World, reduce duplication of efforts, and coordinate strategies to build capacity and pathways of support for green careers for the next

This program of The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation brings fruit tree orchards to schoolyards, so students can make a positive environmental impact at their school, while creating a source of tasty snacks for decades to come. Deadline: Rolling. [Read more](#)

Operation Green Plant

America the Beautiful Fund's Operation Green Plant program is offering grants of FREE SEEDS (vegetable, flower, or herb) to encourage citizen efforts to protect and preserve America's lands and resources. Shipping and handling fees for the first set of 100 seed packets is \$14.95. Additional set(s) of 100 packets are available for \$5 per set. Deadline: Rolling. [Read more](#)

Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation, Ltd.

\$1,000 grants to facilitate learning and student empowerment, environmental curricula should be holistic and strive to synthesize multiple levels of learning (facts, concepts, principles), often including experiential integrated learning and problem solving. We believe the strongest curricula are founded on basic scientific principles, including hypothesis testing and

generation.

The Summit aims to create a national dialogue to accelerate the transformation of teaching and learning among K-20+ audiences in both formal and informal settings in response to today's urgent and complex environmental challenges. Strategies to increase the participation of underrepresented minorities and women into the environmental agenda are of critical priority. What makes this event unique is the engagement of the leadership of a broad range of organizations representing perspectives from multiple sciences, education, social sciences and technology impacting the entire K-20+ range of audiences in both formal and informal settings to design a coordinated Decadal Plan (2010-2020) to achieve an environmentally literate society.

We warmly welcome your perspective at the Summit. Do consider bringing a team to the summit for more effective networking and follow-up.

For more information, please visit www.esa.org/eesummit.

- Opportunities to present a poster or to exhibit are also available.
- We also invite your organization to take the [Environmental Literacy Needs and Partnerships Survey](#). Survey will be open through Sept 20.
- For updates on Pre-Summit events, please visit: <http://www.esa.org/eesummit/content/pre-summit-events>

Disney Planet Challenge Funding for Public School Classrooms

Deadline: November 1, 2010 (Early submissions have best chance of receiving funding.)



Disney's Planet Challenge is offering match funding to hands-on environmental project(s) submitted by 3rd through 8th grade teachers requesting \$650 or less in materials. Full-funding is available to teachers who also sign up to participate in

Disney's Planet Challenge after August 18th!

Start by logging-in to your teacher account on www.DonorsChoose.org. Or sign-up at www.donorschoose.org/teacher.

experimental design. A solid foundation of ecology promotes thoughtful and appropriate analysis and understanding of the natural world. Controversial issues should be presented objectively stressing the development of individual student opinions. Deadline for pre-proposals:

September 20, 2010. [Read more](#)

Kids in Need Foundation Invites Innovative Learning Projects

The Kids In Need Foundation Teacher Grants program provides K-12 educators with funding to provide innovative learning opportunities for their students. All certified K-12 teachers in the U.S. are eligible to apply.

Applications are judged according to criteria that emphasize innovativeness and merit, clarity of objectives, replication feasibility, suitability of evaluation methods, and cost effectiveness, such as projects in which curriculum is presented in a unique setting or in which unconventional methods are used to reveal the content. A project may qualify for funding if it makes creative use of common teaching aids, approaches the curriculum from an imaginative angle, or ties non-traditional concepts together for the purpose of illustrating commonalities. Grants will range from \$100 to \$500 each and are to be used to finance creative

After login, submit a hands-on project request that focuses on benefiting the environment (projects on water conservation and watershed protection, recycling, composting, restoring/creating community gardens, etc.) requesting \$650 or less in materials.

Within a week of project approval, if your project meets the above criteria, you will see a Disney's Planet Challenge logo on your project page. This means it has qualified for this match offer and now has a great chance of being fully funded by the other donors that visit our site. If your project qualifies and you sign up for Disney's Planet Challenge, your project will receive this funding by December 18, 2010.

<http://disney.go.com/planetchallenge/>

USA Science and Engineering Festival

Organizers of the first USA Science & Engineering Festival (www.usasciencefestival.org) are calling on universities, museums, science centers, businesses, schools and other community-based organizations across the country, to join in a national celebration of science from October 10-24, 2010. The Festival will feature science open houses, student lunches with Nobel Laureates, more than 50 scientists visiting local schools, and a variety of other science and engineering related events. A grand finale two-day Expo on the National Mall and surrounding areas involves more than 500 leading science and engineering organizations, 750 hands-on activities, 40 stage shows, and much more.

The mission of the Festival, which is hosted by Lockheed Martin, is to re-invigorate the interest of our nation's youth in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) by producing and presenting the most compelling, exciting, educational, and entertaining science gatherings in the United States. Visit www.usasciencefestival.org for more details including student competitions, schedules of events, and lists of partners.

EExtras

Real World Design Challenge

This competition challenges students in grades 9-12 to apply classroom lessons to real-life technical problems. In support of science, technology, engineering, and

classroom projects. Typically, 200-300 grants are awarded each year. Deadline: September 30, 2010. [Read more](#)

Healthy Sprouts Award

The Subaru Healthy Sprouts Award recognizes and supports youth gardening programs focused on teaching about the environment, nutrition and hunger issues in the United States. Schools planning to garden in 2011 with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18 are eligible to apply. Award package includes a \$500 gift certificate to the Gardening with Kids catalog and online store, gardening supplies and educational materials. Deadline: October 1, 2010. [Read more](#)

The Donald Samull Classroom Herb Garden Grant

Application deadline: September 30
The Herb Society of America has established two herb garden grants for teachers in grades 3-6 to ensure that classroom teacher Donald Samull's tradition of using herbs with students will continue for years to come. Public and/or private 3-6 grade teachers with a minimum of 15 students

mathematics (STEM), the 2010-2011 challenge asks student teams to develop solutions focusing on fuel efficiency in aviation. Student teams compete on a state level, and winning state teams will advance to compete nationally. [Read more](#)

Trash to Treasure Competition

Deadline: September 5, 2010
Design Squad, a PBS KIDS GO! television series, is launching the nationwide 2010 Trash to Treasure competition -- challenging kids ages 5-19 from across the U.S. to recycle, reuse, and re-engineer everyday materials into new inventions. Inventions should move things or people, protect the environment, or be used for indoor or outdoor play. Finalists will be featured on the Design Squad Web site and three grand-prize winners will go to Boston to see their designs built and appear on the program and its Web site. [Read more](#)

Earth Gauge Kids

Earth Gauge Kids makes the connection between weather and the environment, and offers a quiz, activities, fun facts and tips and tools related to a monthly theme. This month's theme is lakes, and the website provides relevant information on many topics including watersheds, food chains, invasive species and pollution. [Read more](#)

Freebies for Science Teachers

This NSTA site provides free resources for science teachers to use in their classroom. The search tool allows teachers to search by keyword for the resource types (CDs, Kits, Videos) they are seeking. [Read more](#)

Three National Contests for Earth Science Week

may apply for an indoor or outdoor herb garden grant. Five schools will receive indoor herb growing stations and four schools will receive \$200 "Seed Money" to establish an outdoor herb garden. [Learn more](#)

John Muir Conservation Award

Application deadline: October 1
The John Muir Association is accepting applications for the John Muir Conservation Award in four categories: Conservationist of the Year, Environmental Education Conservation Award, Nonprofit or Public Agency Conservation Award and the Business Conservation Award. [Learn more](#)

Get Ingrained Grants Program

Application deadline: October 4
The Get Ingrained Grants Program will award two \$15,000 grants to people or organizations committed to bettering the health of their communities through nutrition-driven initiatives. Some project examples include a community garden

The American Geological Institute (AGI) is sponsoring three national contests in conjunction with Earth Science Week 2010, celebrating the theme of "Exploring Energy," October 10-16, 2010. [Details](#)

Photography Contest, "We Depend on Energy" - Entrants should submit images that capture the way energy is used in their communities.

Visual Arts Contest, "Energy on Earth" - Students in grades K-5 should submit two-dimensional original pieces of art illustrating, in creative and engaging ways, where energy comes from and how it is used.

Essay Contest, "How Energy Powers the Planet," - Students in grades 6-9 should submit one-page essays focusing on how Earth system processes develop energy resources, how human use of energy affects the Earth system, and how people can be responsible stewards of Earth's energy resources.

Plant an Idea, Plant a Tree

The new edition of the Armenia Tree Project's (ATP) Plant an Idea, Plant a Tree manual outlines lessons to understand environmental issues and identify practical solutions. The manual was introduced in 2005 when ATP published Armenia's first teacher's manual for environmental education, compiled and written by Dr. Karla Wesley.
<http://www.armeniatree.org/whatwedo/eea.htm>

Do You Know Someone Who Should Be a Member of AEEA?

Help us recruit new members and grow our network of Environmental Educators in the Natural State. Share this email and encourage

that provides access to fresh fruits and vegetables or a healthy eating workshop for kids. Applications must detail how their project helps endorse a healthy lifestyle and promotes informed food and beverage choice. [Learn more](#)

People's Garden School Pilot Program

Application deadline: October 8
The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is accepting applications for a People's Garden School Pilot grant competition. Grants will be awarded to develop and run community gardens at eligible high poverty schools with the goal of teaching students about agriculture production practices, diet and nutrition. Public or private non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. The grant offering will be awarded as a cooperative agreement between the award recipient and the FNS. [Learn more](#)

Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grants

Application deadline:

colleagues to join AEEA.

Visit our website at www.arkansasee.org for membership information and to download a membership form.



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www.cafepress.com/arkansasee

Mugs, water bottles, shirts, t-shirts, bags, buttons, stickers, and more!!!

Proceeds benefit projects and programs offered by AEEA

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October 15

The Lowe's Toolbox for Education offers grants of up to \$5,000 to schools and parent/teacher groups across the United States to support grassroots school and community projects. Grant projects should encourage parent involvement and build stronger community ties.

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