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## **First EETAP Funded Project Learning Tree Training in Mexico!**

Under the direction of Carlos Yruretagoyena, Mexico PLT Coordinator, Project Learning Tree trainings were held in Mexico this past fall. Over the course of two workshops held in Ensenada and Baja California, Mexico, 50 non-formal educators were trained in PLT. These participants included park managers, park rangers, fire chiefs, and park Environmental Education educators from the State Government and five counties of Baja California, as well as from the 4 border parks along the U.S.-Mexico Border. The ecological and social importance of these parks is very high, as they serve as important biological habitat and corridors. These parks also have year-round visitors who impact the parks and, in some cases, cause forest fires.

Through a previous assessment evaluation, educators stated that they lacked "better ways" to teach their audiences about regional bi-national issues related to the border forests. The assessment also indicated that the park staff "lack the availability of access to bilingual materials of similar content and use" when it came to providing visitor information.

The EETAP funded PLT workshops sought to resolve these issues. Using a hands-on, demonstrative, and a fun learning style, the educators received professional development on the use of PLT materials. Participants received both the English version of the PreK-8 Guide and the

Spanish translation of the guide available in Mexico on a CD. As a result of attending the workshop, these educators are now better able to address regional concerns in protecting and managing bi-national resources. Workshop facilitators included Kay Antunez, California State PLT Coordinator, Rick Zenn, Education Director of the World Forestry Center, Carlos Yruretagoyena, Mexico PLT Coordinator, and Al Stenstrup, Director of Curriculum for Project Learning Tree.

## **Project WILD, Project WET, and Project Learning Tree State Correlations Update**

During Year 2 of EETAP3, nine states will receive funding to correlate Project WILD, Project WET, and Project Learning Tree environmental education materials to their state standards. Many of the states are working together to develop joint correlations. New Hampshire, Oregon, and South Dakota are correlating WILD, WET, and PLT materials. Alaska and Florida are correlating WILD and PLT, South Carolina is correlating WILD and WET, Michigan and Utah are correlating PLT, and North Dakota is correlating WILD materials.

The correlations are completed and reviewed by teams of highly qualified consultants, as well as elementary, middle, and high school teachers trained in the use of WET, WILD, and PLT materials. The completed correlations will be made available on the national partners' web sites, through NAAEE's EE Link, and where appropriate, on the individual state



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program web sites. The correlations will be promoted through professional development workshops and conferences.

An evaluation of the correlations will take place during Year 2 to determine the quality of the correlations, how they can be improved, and their use by educators.

## EE Network Session at ASCD Conference

The Environmental Education Network will be presenting "Engaging Students with Powerful (Environmental) Learning Experiences on Sunday, March 18th at 8:00 a.m. In addition, the EE Network will be participating in ASCD's opening night "Bash" once again this year. The Bash is a great opportunity to display informational materials and interact with conference participants in a festive atmosphere. If you have questions about the Environmental Education Network or would like to help with the "Bash", please contact Bora Simmons at (815) 753-9069 or [boras@niu.edu](mailto:boras@niu.edu).

**ASCD Annual Conference - March 16-19, 2007 Anaheim, CA**

## Become an EE Week Partner



**Sign up now** to become a partner in **National Environmental Education Week, April 15-22, 2007!** Now in its third consecutive year, EE Week ([www.eeweek.org](http://www.eeweek.org))

seeks to enhance the educational impact of Earth Day (April 22nd) and create a full week of environmental education preparation, learning, and activities in K-12 classrooms, universities, nature centers, zoos, museums, and aquariums around the country. EE Week 2007 has already secured the partnership of over a hundred and seventy-five organizations and schools to serve as national and local partners, including the U.S. Forest Service, the American Hiking Society, Earthwatch Institute, the Minnesota Zoo, the North American Association for Environmental Education, Project Learning Tree, REI, the University of Texas at San Antonio and many others. For a complete list of 2007 partners go to [www.eeweek.org](http://www.eeweek.org). New to EE Week's 2007 offerings is the **Richard C. Bartlett Award for Environmental Education**, which will recognize outstanding environmental education programs in both formal and non-formal settings with grants awarded to the winning organizations. Details about the award, including eligibility requirements and application deadlines, will be available at [www.eeweek.org](http://www.eeweek.org) in early April.

You can join the efforts of EE Week 2007 by signing up as a partner at [www.eeweek.org/register.htm](http://www.eeweek.org/register.htm). Some ways to participate include hosting a hike in a wilderness area, launching or expanding a recycling program in your school or workplace, planting native trees or other plant species, or coordinating a litter pickup. For more information on EE Week 2007 please e-mail [eeweek@neetf.org](mailto:eeweek@neetf.org).



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## Submit a Presentation Proposal to NCSS Annual Conference

Proposals for presentation at the 2007 National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) Annual Conference in San Diego are now being accepted. The NCSS Annual Conference is the major forum for social studies colleagues to share, interact, learn, and develop ideas, skills, and programs that increase their own successes and those of their students. The NCSS Conference in San Diego will

provide multiple opportunities for crossing cultural and geographic borders while building new bridges of knowledge and understanding.

For more information and to submit a proposal online visit:

<http://ncss2007.ncss.org>

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### NAAEE 2007 CONFERENCE

**November 14-17, 2007 ~ Virginia Beach, Virginia**  
**"Explore New Horizons for Environmental Education"**

**DEADLINE FOR PRESENTATION PROPOSALS IS FEBRUARY 9, 2007**

(Student posters may be submitted until May 31, 2007.)

**Research Symposium - November 13-14, 2007**  
**"Celebrating the Diversity of our Research Methodologies: Finding Common Ground"**

**TO LEARN MORE VISIT**

<http://www.naaee.org/conference/2007-call-for-presentations>

**TRAILS TO SUSTAINABILITY: A NATIONAL EE CONFERENCE**  
**DELTA LODGE AT KANANASKIS, ALBERTA**  
**THURSDAY 24 MAY TO SUNDAY 27 MAY 2007**

[www.trailstosustainability.ca](http://www.trailstosustainability.ca)



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Registration is now open for this exciting conference, which is designed for all teachers and educators, whether you teach in a school or elsewhere. Come join us in the

spectacular setting of the Kananaskis Valley. Picture yourself learning about and celebrating environmental education, in May, in the Rockies... it doesn't GET any better!

This event will help you learn more about the many 'trails' to environmental stewardship and a vibrant society and economy. The keynote speakers reflect these three pillars of sustainability:

**Environment:** **Dr. David Schindler** will help us examine our environmental impacts and responsibilities through a lens of water, while **Karsten Heuer** will show our connections to wildlife and wilderness.

**Society:** **Stephen Lewis** will remind us what we can do to improve the human condition, in Canada and abroad, and

**Economy:** **Hunter Lovins** will show how schools, business, and people profit and thrive when we 'green' our practice

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## NSTA Regional and National Conferences

Have a good idea? Submit an online proposal for an NSTA conference and share your teaching experience! Visit <http://www.nsta.org/conferences> to submit your proposal for the 2007–2008 conferences. In 2007–2008, NSTA will hold conferences in:

### 2007 Area Conferences on Science Education

Detroit, Michigan: October 18–20, 2007

Denver, Colorado: November 8–10, 2007

Birmingham, Alabama: December 6–8, 2007

### 2008 National Conference on Science Education

**Proposal Deadline: April 15, 2007**

Boston, Massachusetts: March 27–30, 2008

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MARCH 17-19, 2007, ANAHEIM CONVENTION CENTER, ANAHEIM, CA**

<http://www.ascd.org/portal/site/ascd/menuitem.9f45bc8553f12b1abfb3ffdb62108a0c/>