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NAAEE Conference Registration Opens

With so much attention now focused on how to help solve our environmental challenges, members of the North American Association for Environmental Education are ready to answer the question "What can I do?" For over 35 years, NAAEE's annual conference has provided hundreds of ideas for how to teach others to help our planet be more sustainable.

This year's NAAEE conference in Virginia Beach, Virginia will take place November 14-17. It will feature everything from state-of-the-art technology to down-and-dirty, hands-on science as a way to share the message that every action matters. During the four days of events, participants also will be inspired by a host of artistic expressions in words, pictures, and songs. **Registration is now open at:** <http://www.naaee.org/conference/registration/>

EETAP projects will be featured heavily throughout the program. These are just a few of the EETAP sessions being planned:

- NAAEE's Affiliate Network sponsors a capacity building session, this year focusing on emerging leaders. The annual Affiliate Welcome reception will take place in the exhibit hall on Thursday night, with music and dance included.
- Three members of the Guidelines Trainers' Bureau will train participants on all of the Guidelines for Excellence on Wednesday.
- EE Resource Reviews training will be offered in a full-day workshop on Wednesday, culminating in participants entering their resources into NAAEE's online EE Directory.
- The Pre-Service Task Force hosts the first training on the new NCATE/NAAEE EE

standards for university compilers on Thursday, following the expected approval of those standards by NCATE in October.

- On Wednesday afternoon, the Certification Advisory Council introduces the new application process for EE certification programs to obtain accreditation from NAAEE.

In addition, look for many other EETAP Partners to showcase their projects throughout the conference. For copies of the registration brochure or a PDF to distribute to your audiences, please contact Sue Bumpous at sbumpous@naaee.org or (202) 419-0413.

Project Learning Tree® Awards 26 Grants for Service-Learning Projects

Project Learning Tree® (PLT), the environmental education program of the American Forest Foundation, has awarded 26 *GreenWorks!* grants to schools and youth organizations across the country for community-based environmental projects. *GreenWorks!* is PLT's service-learning program that engages PLT educators and their students with their local community in "learning-by-doing" neighborhood improvement projects.

Since 1992, Project Learning Tree has distributed approximately \$415,000 to fund over 725 grant projects in communities across the country. This year, \$100,000 will be awarded in two funding cycles. For the Spring 2007 awards, elementary through college age students in 20 different states will design native plant gardens, restore streams and riparian habitat, construct hiking trails, start composting projects, and investigate alternative sources of energy. Proposals for the Fall 2007 grants are



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due October 31, 2007. Grants up to \$5,000 are available.

“When teachers and their students work with their community to investigate and take action to improve an aspect of the environment in the places they live, everyone benefits,” said Al Stenstrup, Director of Curriculum Programs for Project Learning Tree. “Student leadership, service-learning, and community participation are at the core of PLT’s *GreenWorks!* projects.”

“Project Learning Tree is proud to be a partner with the many education and community organizations that support youth environmental service learning projects,” said Kathy McGlaufflin, Director of Project Learning Tree and Senior Vice President of [the American Forest Foundation](#).

For more information about *GreenWorks!* and a complete list of Project Learning Tree’s *GreenWorks!* grant awards visit www.plt.org or contact Vanessa Bullwinkle, Director of Operations and Marketing, 202.463.2472, vbullwinkle@plt.org.

Flying WILD and Project WILD Update

By Amy Wolfenberger

The Council for Environmental Education (CEE) and Flying WILD are pleased to announce the most recent additions to the family of Flying WILD City Coordinators and the City Partners organizations they represent:

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- Jami Marsh of the West Valley Outdoor Learning Center (Spokane, Washington)
- Jennifer Golden of the Tallahassee Museum
- Chris DeLorey of the Brevard Zoo (Brevard County, Florida)
- Tricia LeBlanc of the Audubon Nature Institute (New Orleans)
- Mark McReynolds of the Pacific Forest Institute (Sacramento) and
- Co-partnering for the state of Rhode Island, Shareen Knowlton and Denise Fortier of the Rhode Island Environmental Education Association and Audubon Society of Rhode Island respectively.

During a recent interview, these coordinators were asked to comment about their organization’s motives for becoming a City Partner organization. The general consensus was that much of Flying WILD’s value is that it covers such a unique and essential aspect of environmental education. Partners agreed that bird education is a great opportunity to get kids interested in environmental issues. “Birds are easy for people to identify with because we see them everyday,” said Mark McReynolds, “. . . they are a great tool for capturing kids’ attention to environmental issues.” It was this kind of enthusiasm for bird education that new Flying WILD Coordinators displayed at recent Flying WILD Educator and Facilitator trainings provided by CEE. Initial orientation and training workshops were held this spring and summer in Tallahassee, Brevard County, Sacramento, and Rhode Island. The Spokane and New Orleans trainings are scheduled for September 2007

In addition to partner recruitment and training efforts, Flying WILD and CEE recently hosted the July meeting of the National Bird Education Working Group. 20 individuals, representing 16 organizations gathered in Denver to discuss



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strategies for advancing bird education. Continuing with the discussion that began at the February 2007 conference, *Bird Conservation through Education: A National Gathering* in Austin, topics covered in Denver included key issues in bird education, organizational structure to support the national network, and plans for the 2008 International Partners in Flight conference, in which many participants of the national network will reconvene.

In addition to Flying WILD developments, Project WILD activities continue to be a major focus at CEE. Three months after hosting *Bird Conservation through Education*, CEE held the 25th annual *Project WILD International Coordinators Conference and Business Meeting* in New Hampshire. This meeting plays a vital role in fostering collaboration among our Project WILD state coordinators. With this year's theme of, "Climbing to New Heights, Inspiring Generations," conference participants commemorated the 100th birthday of Rachel Carson (1907 - 1964) during the opening reception.

For more information about Flying WILD visit www.flyingwild.org. For Project WILD visit projectwild.org.



Join volunteers and land managers across America to celebrate and take care of our public lands on **September 29, 2007!**

[Register now](#) to receive the next shipment of commemorative posters, promotional materials,

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UWSP Commits to Elimination of All Campus-Related Global Warming Emissions

This past June, Chancellor Linda Bunnell at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (UWSP) joined over 250 other college and university presidents in formally committing to sharply reduce and eventually eliminate all of their campus' global warming emissions. The UW System campuses at Stevens Point and River Falls are the first UW System campuses to sign on to this far-reaching energy commitment.

The American College and University Presidents Climate Change Commitment was adopted June 12 at a summit of higher education leaders in Washington, D.C. Bunnell attended the summit and reaffirmed the campus' commitment to aggressively adopt green standards for buildings, requiring "Energy Star" certification for products purchased by the campuses, offsetting emissions due to air travel, encouraging public transportation, purchasing energy from renewable energy sources, and supporting climate and sustainability shareholder proposals through their respective endowments. UWSP is already well on its way toward achieving many of these goals. UWSP and three other UW System campuses have all been designated by Governor Doyle to

go "off grid" and be completely dependent on renewable energy resources by 2012. Conservatively, converting these four campuses to renewable fuels will save 260,000 tons of coal over a decade while reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 676,000 tons. "UWSP has a history as a leader in conservation and we share a campus-wide commitment to be part of a solution to Wisconsin's environmental and energy issues," said Bunnell. "Our students have led this charge for many years and our campus remains steadfast toward the goal of eliminating all campus-related global warming emissions." Earlier this year UWSP became the largest purchaser of renewable energy of all the UW System campuses. UWSP continues to work with Wisconsin Public Service's NatureWise energy program to increase the campus' overall renewable electrical energy mix to 16.4 percent of the total energy use by the campus.

Midwest Environmental Education Conference (MEEC) Oct 17-20, 2007 Stevens Point, WI

The Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education (WAAEE) invites you to join them at the Midwest Environmental Education Conference. They are expecting over 300 participants from Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, and Minnesota at this year's conference entitled: "No Child Left Inside." The conference will provide teachers, community educators, environmental education professionals, parents, and interested community members with the methods and tools to engage youth in outdoor educational and recreational adventures.

More information visit:
www.uwsp.edu/cnr/waee/Events/fall07.htm



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NAAEE 2007 CONFERENCE

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

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>

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

Boston, Massachusetts: March 27–30, 2008



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NCSS ANNUAL CONFERENCE November 30 - December 2, 2007 San Diego

The National Council for the Social Studies (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 visit: <http://www.ncss.org/conference/>

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June 30–July 2, 2007
Salt Lake City, Utah

[2007 International Conference](#)
New Imagery for Schools and Schooling: Challenging, Creating, and Connecting
October 10–12, 2007
Sydney, Australia

[Conference on Teaching and Learning](#)
October 19–21, 2007
Atlanta, Georgia

[Annual Conference and Exhibit Show](#)
Reinventing Schools: Courageous Leadership for Positive Change
March 15–17, 2008
New Orleans, Louisiana