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[EETAP Submits Year 3 Work Plan](#)

EETAP3 submitted its annual work plan to U.S. EPA in June 2007. The plan provides a description of the activities EETAP3 will undertake in Year 3 along with detailed budget information. The activities presented are a continuation of work initiated in the first year of the project. The project is completing its second year.

The original proposal for EETAP3 outlined the first three years of the project. Because the funding available in Year 3 is 51% lower than originally projected, outputs and outcomes had to be scaled back. Most activities will continue to operate at a reduced level while one activity (Correlating EE Resources to State and National Standards and EE Guidelines for Excellence) has been put on hold. To reduce the impact of the budget reduction, the Year 3 Work Plan covers a nine-month period (October 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008) instead of twelve months. It is anticipated that Year 4 will start in July 2008 and that funding will return to Year 1 and 2 levels.

[EETAP3 Achieving Performance Goals](#)

EETAP3's most recent evaluation results continue to show that the project is making a difference. The quality of the project's professional development is high and individuals that participate in its training are using the knowledge and skills gained. In brief, the evaluation

results described in the EETAP3 evaluation report indicate that:

- The majority of participants assigned A's to workshops and almost all (98%) indicated they would recommend the workshops to others.
- Participants reported increases in their knowledge of EE, pre-service EE, EE program evaluation, and state EE capacity building.
- Participants reported that their skills as environmental educators increased, as did their evaluation and cultural competency skills.
- Participants' responses indicated favorable changes in attitudes toward EE.
- Participants indicated greater intentions to improve EE efforts and to share lessons learned.
- When follow-up surveys were conducted, responses indicated that most individuals followed through with their intentions.

Based on the evaluation results provided by partners, the report concludes that EETAP3 is achieving annual and long-term performance goals. The report also makes a number of recommendations to help strengthen evaluation efforts and ensure that results are used to improve activities. A conference call with partners and U.S. EPA will be conducted to review the results and discuss implementation of the recommendations. The report will be available on the EETAP web site in September 2007.



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[Education Online Courses offered through the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point](#)

A few spaces are still available in the fall Fundamentals of EE (FEE) and Strategic Planning and Implementation courses. There are \$200 scholarships available for the FEE course! These scholarships are offered to course participants that are state-level EE leaders.

New Course!

[Leadership Development in Natural Resources: Strategic Planning and Implementation](#)

Learn how to develop successful strategic planning and implementation models, processes and techniques. Emphasis will be placed on managing the strategic planning process to build the capacity of organizations to provide effective environmental education programs. Course participants will also have an opportunity for individual consultation time with the course instructor to discuss specific issues/questions they might have regarding strategic planning. This new course has been designed for environmental educators, natural resource professionals and graduate students who are currently involved in a strategic planning process or may become involved in one in the future.

NRES 703: Leadership Development in Natural Resources: Strategic Planning and Implementation is a 9-week course

available for 1 graduate level credit through the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. It is also available as a non-credit workshop.

“Strategic planning is often misunderstood, misplaced and sometimes forgotten. So this course focuses on best practices for a successful process and its implementation.” - Dr. Corky McReynolds, Strategic Planning and Implementation course instructor

To learn more, visit the course web site:

<http://www.uwsp.edu/natres/rwilke/ee/ap/> or contact Angela Lemar (Angela.Lemar@uwsp.edu) for a registration form.

Fall 2007 course dates: September 17 - November 16

[Fundamentals of Environmental Education](#)

An 11-week online course about the fundamentals of environmental education is appropriate for both classroom teachers and for non-formal educators who work with students and/or teachers. Participants may obtain three undergraduate or graduate credits from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. All students, regardless of location, are eligible for the in-state tuition rate. The course is also offered at a reduced cost for those who are not interested in obtaining college credit.



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The Environmental Education and Training Partnership (EETAP) developed the Fundamentals of Environmental Education online course in collaboration with national EE experts. The course provides educators with the knowledge and skills necessary to incorporate quality environmental education into their instruction. Participants discuss the history, definition, and goals of environmental education; develop an understanding of the professional roles and instructional methods of environmental educators; and interact with other educators from across the country. Past course participants have given the course excellent reviews.

"This is a remarkable course. It is very well organized and in a way that I find models teaching organization we can all strive for. I enjoyed the opportunity to read about other people's experiences and to benefit from their knowledge and experiences. I also enjoyed reading the helpful comments the instructor gave me and others on the discussion board. What a wonderful opportunity!" – Spring 2005 FEE course participant

To learn more, visit the course web site:

<http://www.uwsp.edu/natres/rwilke/eetap/> or contact Angela Lemar (Angela.Lemar@uwsp.edu) for a registration form.

Fall 2007 Dates: September 10 – November 23



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 AND
REGISTER VISIT**

<http://www.naaee.org/conference>

**Early Bird Registration Ends
September 14, 2007**



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

MIDWEST ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE (MEEC)

Oct 17-20, 2007

Stevens Point, WI

The Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education (WAEE) 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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THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF BLACK SCHOOL EDUCATORS 35th Annual NABSE Conference Gaylord Opryland Resort Nashville, TN November 13 - 18, 2007

Join us for the 35th Annual Conference of the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) and be one of nearly 4,000 attendees from across the country participating in workshops, visiting over 200 exhibits, fellowshiping and networking with other members and friends of the nation's premier association of African American educators.

[Download Convention Packet Here!](#)

[NEW Pre-conference Activity – Leadership Academies](#)

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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EXPLORE THE BREADTH AND DEPTH OF EDUCATION AT

ASCD CONFERENCES

[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