



NYSMEA Announcements 09/01/05

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Catch the pictures of the 05 conference on the [webpage](#).

Intensive planning sessions for the National Marine Educator's Association conference have begun. The conference will double as our annual conference for 2006. It will be held at L.I.U.'s fantastic Brooklyn Campus. Field trips will extend from the city north and east. We expect over 400 people from across the nation and several foreign countries. We need your help! Greeters, Speakers, Field Trip leaders, Exhibitors and more! Activities will span Sunday, July 15th through Friday, July 21st.

Please go to the [webpage](#) and click on the NMEA 06 icon to get an idea of what we are planning.

Please consider joining us at our Exec Board/ Conference Planning sessions.

The next one will be on September 15th in Huntington L.I. email info@NYSMEA.org for details.

If you have always considered becoming more active - Now is the TIME!

PRESIDENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH AWARDS DEADLINE EXTENDED

Deadline Extended: October 31, 2005

President's Environmental Youth Awards (PEYA) recognizes young people across America for projects that demonstrate their commitment to the environment. K-12 students sponsored by an adult, submit evidence of a completed project as defined in the application to their local EPA regional office.

<http://epa.gov/enviroed/awards.html>

YOUTH VENTURE

Deadline: December 31, 2005

Youth Venture provides seed money grants of up to \$1,000 for new youth-created, youth-led, sustainable ventures that benefit the community. Youth ages 12-20 who want to start a new ongoing environmental club or organization can get guidance on how to plan, organize, and launch their venture, along with funds for start-up expenses.

<http://www.youthventure.org/>

Have you heard of the **Setting the Standard, Measuring Results, Celebrating Successes** report that the National Environmental Education Advisory Council submitted to Congress recently?

<http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/neeac.html>

BIONEERS BY THE BAY CONFERENCE ~ MASSACHUSETTS

October 14-16, 2005 ~ Dartmouth, Massachusetts

The Bioneers Conference is a hub of practical solutions for restoring the Earth - and people. It's a thriving network of visionary innovators working with nature to heal nature. The conference will feature such topics as renewable energy systems, new paradigms in business, native ecology, healthy food, youth leadership, holistic health, sustainable communities, a Youth Initiative program and much more. Online registration.

<http://www.connectingforchange.org>

HOT SCIENCE - COOL TALKS LECTURE SERIES ~ ONLINE

2005 Fall Lectures from September 2005 to May 2006.

This Outreach Lecture Series is presented by the Environmental Science Institute (ESI) University of Texas at Austin and provides leading researchers a means to communicate their research to K-12 educators. Providing pre-lecture activities, audience participation opportunities, Internet broadcast, a CD-ROM of the lecture series, and more.

<http://www.esi.utexas.edu/outreach/lectures.html>

WILD FOR A MILLION

During the 2005-2006 school year, Project WILD will reach a major milestone. The nation's largest wildlife conservation program will have trained over one million educators. Since 1983, Project WILD provided instruction to more than 48 million youth with numbers continuing to soar. The new Project WILD Manager will actively be involved in planning and implementing the "One Million Educators Gone WILD" celebration. For more information about the count down to one million, or to view the Manager listing, log on to the WILD website. Applications are due by August 31.

<http://www.projectwild.org>

NEW ENVIRONMENTAL TEACHING POSTER

New poster from The Global Education Project: "Earth: A Graphic Look At the State of the World" includes 15 Maps, 99 Charts and Graphs - one Big Picture. This compact and comprehensive resource presents essential data and commentaries on the condition of the world's natural and human environment. Graphic and accurate, facilitates a quick comprehension of the overall state of the planet. Raising as many questions as it answers, this informative, up-to-date, and thoroughly referenced publication is sure to be of timely interest.

<http://www.theglobaleducationproject.org/index.shtml>

NEW ANIMAL PLANET PROGRAM: BACKYARD HABITAT

New Discovery Channel Animal Planet program called "Backyard Habitat" premiered on August 15th and is showing weekdays through September 2005. This half-hour show builds on the 30-year long, ongoing National Wildlife Federation Backyard Wildlife Habitat program that teaches people to "make the planet a better place for animals - one back yard at a time."

<http://animal.discovery.com/fansites/backyard/about/about.html>

WATER'S JOURNEY: THE RIVER RETURNS

New environmental web documentary "Water's Journey: The River Returns" is an in-depth exploration of the St. John's watershed, threats to the river and efforts to clean it up. A companion to the television documentary to be released later this year through Jacksonville public television station WJCT and the National Educational Telecommunications Association, "Water's Journey: The River Returns" is part of the award-winning "Water's Journey" series directed by Wes Skiles of Karst Productions based in High Springs, Florida.

<http://www.TheRiverReturns.org>

RESPECT THE BEACH

Respect the Beach (RTB) is an exciting coastal educational program that includes field trips, classroom lectures, handouts, video, and hands-on projects designed to coastal watershed processes, shoreline ecology and coastal areas stewardship to K-12 students and community groups.

<http://www.surfrider.org/programs/respectthebeach.asp>

All of the announcements above are from The bi-weekly email bulletin provided by the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE), This is an announcement-only email list. If you would like to join an email discussion list, please send a blank email to:

ee-news-subscribe@naaee.org

4th ANNUAL TEACHERS OPEN HOUSE!

Come Celebrate National Estuaries Week!

Tuesday, September 20th, Rain or Shine

The River Project, Pier 26

Meet teachers, environmental educators and educational resource providers. Take back a wealth of material to help you add the estuary to your classroom! Find out about year-round events including seminars, field trips, internships, and teacher workshops.

Refreshments served.

To RSVP, please call The River Project (212) 233-3030.

The River Project is located on West Street @ North Moore Streets between Canal & Chambers.

This program is a joint venture of The River Project, New York University's Wallerstein Collaborative for Urban Environmental Education, Hudson Basin River Watch and New York City Soil & Water Conservation District.

Harbor Estuary Program - Stewardship Awards and

Estuary Live Program - September 22nd

<http://www.seagrant.sunysb.edu/hep/index.htm>

Log onto www.publiclandsday.org to register for National Public Lands Day 2005. It's fast and easy and best of all FREE!!
Free materials to promote your event if you register before August 31st
NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY – September 24, 2005
Saturday, September 24th is dedicated as National Public Lands Day. It provides an opportunity for volunteers to roll up their sleeves and build sweat-equity in America's backyard—our public lands. We encourage all environmental educators to participate on public lands from the federal level to the state and city level.

International Beach Clean-up. 9/17 Sponsored by the American Littoral Society
And coordinated by our own Barbara Cohen
<http://www.nysmea.org/act/090105/als.pdf>

South shore Estuary Reserve activity on 9/17 <http://www.estuary.cog.ny.us/>

[*Stop Oyster Creek Nuclear Plant](#)

NOAA NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES LAUNCHES ONLINE MARINE LIFE FIELD GUIDE

The NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Program has unveiled a new, online resource that highlights the diverse marine life of America's ocean and Great Lakes treasures. The Encyclopedia of the Sanctuaries is available online and is part of a continuing NOAA effort to enhance public awareness, understanding and appreciation of the marine environment.

This online field guide provides photos, streaming video and important biological information for over 100 marine species from each of the national marine sanctuaries in the United States, ranging from spiny lobster to killer whales and white-tipped reef sharks to sea turtles.

This is a fantastic resource for formal and informal educators, students of all ages, zoos and aquarias, science centers, and natural history museums.

Visit <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/education>, to explore this exciting online field guide.

Are you a US scientist who is concerned about the health of our ocean ecosystems? If so, please sign the:
Statement of US Scientists on Improving the Use of Science in Fisheries Management
www.mcbi.org/MFCN_statement/statement.htm

The Federal Marine Protected Areas has a new monthly publication. The information included is compiled from many different sources, including SeaSpan, NSTA Express, edinfo at FREE, EE-NEWS @NAAEE, CREEC, EEinGEORGIA, Scuttlebutt, the Scout Report, and others.

To subscribe to this distribution list, send a blank message to requests@willamette.nos.noaa.gov with "subscribe infoexchange" in the subject field. Similarly, to remove yourself from the list, send the subject "unsubscribe infoexchange". A copy of the first addition can be found at <http://www.nysmea.org/act/090105/aug05.pdf>

NRDC message re: Artic National Wildlife Refuge <http://www.nysmea.org/act/090105/anwr.pdf>

NY Aquarium Job Opportunity <http://www.nysmea.org/act/090105/part-timecoordinator-desc..pdf>

-Council on the Environment of New York City www.cenyc.org. Through the Greenmarkets, environmental education, community garden support and more, CENYC connects New Yorkers with bettering the environment. The organization is actually two linked bodies: a non-policy office in the Mayor's office and a related nonprofit. The search process for a new Executive Director is just getting started and there is no job description yet. The search firm is Phillips Oppenheim, represented by Sarah James and Laurie Nash, (212) 953-1770. After the hiring there might also be a search for an assistant director.

Trout Unlimited job opportunity <http://www.nysmea.org/act/090105/Trout.pdf>

Through its Giving Voice program, the Starbucks Foundation (<http://www.starbucks.com/foundation/>), a philanthropic vehicle of the Starbucks Coffee Company, will fund programs for youth, ages 6-18, that integrate literacy with personal and civic action in the communities where they live.

On Aug 3, 2005, at 1:09 PM, Michael Passow wrote:

Hi! Ray Sambrotto, marine biologist at Lamont-Doherty and strong supporter of my educational activities here, asked me for potential teacher/student participants for a plankton sampling and study project he is developing. Each of you may be in a position to participate and/or suggest others who might. Please communicate with Ray sambrott@ideo.columbia.edu as soon as possible, as the deadline for submission is approaching.

Hello folks, As a follow up to Mike's email, I would like to add some detail on what I'm up to. I am proposing to sampling phytoplankton in the the lower Hudson River and along the south shore of Long Island for an NSF project. I am looking for teachers/ educators interested in making use of this as an educational opportunity. What I was thinking about was a group of schools in the region that would be interested in sampling the local waters for plankton. (This could be very simple - plastic bottles of River/ ocean water). The student could examine these samples with a microscope and create a seasonal time series of what they see. Together with the other schools, a regional composite could be developed. I would provide protocols, help with identifications and pull the various observations together into a web page of some sort.

If any of you are interested in this, or know someone who may be, please let me know.

Thanks for your time - Ray Sambrotto sambrott@ideo.columbia.edu

Don't forget to join us at the September 15th meeting to plan the NMEA Conference. If you can't make it but want to get involved Email us at info@NYSMEA.org

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