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Everyone is invited to the Board of Directors meetings.  
Start off the New Year right by attending our next meeting, on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 at  
The American Museum of Natural History. We will be meeting before the Gold trip  
In the Portrait Room. Enter from the mail entrance stairway to the second floor Rotunda  
And ask the guard to let you into the Portrait room on the left.

**Gold!** The new exhibit at The American Museum of Natural History, Saturday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
<http://www.amnh.org/exhibitions/gold/> Just in time for Valentines Day - You will be visiting  
this exhibit containing more than a ton of gold - all in one place!

Lisa Breslof and the staff at AMNH will once again host NYSMEA members.  
To reserve tickets, call Bob Abrams, (516 333-7830) or Lisa Breslof (212 769-5169) Leave  
your name, telephone number, time and date that you called, so that we can assure availability  
of tickets for this program. If you plan to bring a guest, there is a \$15 fee which includes  
membership for the year! ([www.NYSMEA.org/membership.htm](http://www.NYSMEA.org/membership.htm)) Meet at the Museum's  
Main Rotunda Information Desk at 1:00 PM where a NYSMEA representative will meet you.  
(Enter at the Central Park West entrance. Go to top of the outside Great Staircase  
into the second floor. The Rotunda and Info Desk are in front of the dinosaurs.)

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We are on the way to organizing this years NYSMEA conference. It will be a fantastic, event  
filled single day, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, split between the **American Museum of Natural History** and the  
**South Street Seaport Museum**. Merryl Kafka (New York Aquarium,)

Lisa Breslof (American Museum of Natural History,)  
Maggie Flanagan (South Street Seaport Museum,) need your help. Some of the areas  
requiring assistance are ticketing and name tags, registration, exhibitions, auction, website,  
conference program, publicity and more. Please email Lisa to offer your help. [breslof@amnh.org](mailto:breslof@amnh.org)

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**Remember our great NMEA Conference this past summer. -  
Come to Maine for 07!  
Call for Presentations: Be a part of *Downeast 2007!***

National Marine Educators Association Conference in Portland, Maine, July 23- 27, 2007  
Hosted by the Gulf of Maine Marine Education Association  
Information for Presenters and attendees can be found at <http://gommea.org/downeast2007/>  
or contact Mark Wiley at (603) 749-1565 as soon as possible.

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The Fall 2006 issue of Sustainable Development Law and Policy focusing  
on Fisheries and Oceans Law may be of interest.  
It is available for free online in .pdf format at

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/org/sustainabledevelopment/2006/06fall.pdf?rd=1>

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Something a little different "a galactic tour"

<http://dingo.care-mail.com/cards/flash/5409/galaxy.swf>

worth seeing, turn up speakers its fun astronomy -

a galactic tour with music

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STONY BROOK HOSTS 6TH ANNUAL

BAY SCALLOP BOWL FEBRUARY 10

National Ocean Sciences Bowl Finals to be hosted in late April

contact: BARBARA BRANCA, NEW YORK SEA GRANT

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Citizen Science Competition for students

<http://sustainus.org/content/view/16/128/>

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NASA to focus on educational partnerships

Agency summit brings stakeholders together to improve STEM education

By Corey Murray, Senior Editor, eSchool News advertisement

Aiming to boost science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and better prepare students for the new global economy, NASA convened a summit in which the space agency announced a new "Educational Framework" for forming partnerships with schools and other STEM-focused institutions.

<http://www.eschoolnews.com/news/showStoryts.cfm?ArticleID=6802>

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With chilly temperatures abounding in February, it may seem odd to think about springtime, budding trees, and the arrival of Earth Day on April 22. But now couldn't be a better time to start planning for Earth Day and the third annual National Environmental Education Week, April 15-22, 2007!

National Environmental Education Week (NEEW, [www.eeweek.org](http://www.eeweek.org) )

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**The Theodore Roosevelt Nature Center at Jones Beach is continuing its Evening Lecture Series**

Cost \$3.00 – call 516 679 7254 for required reservation. A call will also get you a complete listing of adult and family activities for the spring.

February 15<sup>th</sup> 7:30 to 9:00 PM

**Volcanoes in Eden: Geologic Ramblings in the Galapagos Islands, Dr. J. Bret Bennington**

Back from his third trip to the Galapagos Islands, Dr. Bennington will lead us through the amazing geology of the Galapagos Islands, land formations that are, on a gologic scale, in their infancy.

March 15<sup>th</sup> 7:30 to 9:00 PM

**Effects of Introductions on Long Island Reptiles, Dr. Russell Burke**

Throughout the world, introduced species have had a harmful effect on the environment and local habitats. The results of these introductions are difficult to predict. Dr. Burke has been studying the effects of introduced reptiles on Long Island and will share his findings.

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The next issue of NMEA News will focus on SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES. The deadline for submission of articles for NMEA News is Friday, February 2, 2007. This issue will be printed during the last week of February/first week of March.

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Interested in applying to the ARISE Program as a potential participant for the 2007 deployment to Antarctica?

information about the ARISE Program and the ARISE 2006 deployment are available on the web at: <http://andrill.org/education/arise/index.html> and through the Project Iceberg web page at: <http://andrill.org/iceberg/index.php>

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There is still time to apply to the ARMADA Project- Research and Mentoring Experiences for Teachers. Application must be postmarked by February 5, 2007

For more information about teacher qualifications, responsibilities, and to download an application see the ARMADA Project website

[www.armadaproject.org](http://www.armadaproject.org) or contact Andrea Kecskes at 401-874-6211 or [armada@gso.uri.edu](mailto:armada@gso.uri.edu).

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The Institute of Ecosystem Studies has several job openings available. Its worth a look at the website for everyone else if you are not familiar with the group.

(<http://www.ecostudies.org/eli.html>).

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National Fish and Wildlife Foundation - 5 Star Grants

<http://www.nfwf.org/programs/5star-faq.cfm>

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Deadline: February 17, 2007

This National Energy Foundation (NEF) competition for K-12 educators in the United States and much of Canada is designed to encourage students to learn more about energy conservation and the environment. Student entries must reflect the theme "Igniting Creative Energy" and demonstrate an understanding of what an individual, family, or group can do to make a difference in their home or community. Three students and one teacher will receive a hosted trip to Hawaii from April 10-14, 2007 for themselves and a parent or legal guardian. Winners will also participate in the National Energy Efficiency Forum to be held in Washington, DC from June 12-13, 2007.

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

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April 2007

The EcoRes Forum is a new series of free, online e-conferences focusing on the ethical, political, and sociocultural aspects of climate change. The first e-conference, "From Anthropocentrism to Ecocentrism: Making the Shift" two-week dialogue will evaluate the current status - what is working (and what isn't) around the globe. Armed with this knowledge, participants will shift focus to the future, considering multi-prong approaches for moving forward on this issue.

<http://www.eco-res.org>

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This February, Will Steger and his expedition team of Inuit hunters, explorers, and educators, will embark on a four-month expedition to get a first-hand look at how global warming is impacting the Arctic landscape, wildlife, and human communities. The Global Warming 101 expedition will publicize this change using photo, audio, and text updates they collect and post to the Web site. Students and teachers around the country can follow along with the Expedition using the freely available educational curricula.

<http://www.globalwarming101.com/content/view/32/88888907/>

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Web Site provides educators, emergency managers, or anyone interested in learning about weather with comprehensive, well-organized, colorfully illustrated curricula designed to help teach about the Earth's atmosphere. The self-contained modules include complete lesson plans and review questions.

<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/jetstream/matrix.htm>

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**Our membership begins on June 1st. If you attended the NMEA conference your NYSMEA membership has been renewed. Contact Bob Abrams at 516 333-7830 if you are still confused. Better yet - membership is only \$15 per year if you are already a member it will be applied to next year. Go to [www.NYSMEA.org/membership.htm](http://www.NYSMEA.org/membership.htm) to join using by check or *Paypal***

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