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Celebrate Environmental Education in April

Spring into EE this April and get involved!

Semi-Annual Statewide EE Advisory Council Meeting

**April 11, 2008, 1-4pm at the Daniel's Fund
101 Monroe St, Denver, CO 80206**

The EE Advisory Council is a twice-yearly gathering of Colorado's EE leaders. Join us and help set the course of EE in Colorado! Watch your email for more details coming soon.

Professional DEvelopment Opportunity: Using the Local Community as Classroom and Curriculum with Michael Duffin

Thursday, April 3, 6:30 p.m.

Museum Collections W100, University of Colorado, Boulder

Sometimes the sheer joy of teaching and learning can get lost in the scramble to pass the next standardized test. Some educators are solving this problem by finding creative ways to get their students outside, engaged in their local communities, and learning as much or more than students in traditionally organized classrooms. This "place-based education" uses the local community and environment as a starting point to teach concepts in language arts, math, social studies, and science. Surveys and interviews of hundreds of teachers and administrators provide compelling statistical evidence of the way place-based education has transformed entire school cultures, helped students and teachers become more excited about learning, and, in some cases, correlated with improvements in standardized test scores. Researcher Michael Duffin will present stories and research-based evidence about the lessons learned from his years in the field as an evaluator of place-based education programs. Co-sponsored by the College of Architecture and Planning, Childen, Youth and

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Environments Center for Research and Design, Environmental Center,
Environmental Studies Program, and the CU Outreach Committee.

Participate in National EE Week**Sign up now to participate in National Environmental Education Week, April 13-19, 2008!**

National Environmental Education Week, made possible by Canon USA, promotes understanding and protection of the natural world by actively engaging K-12th grade students and educators of all subjects in an inspired week of environmental learning and service before Earth Day. To date over 650 schools, nature centers, zoos, museums, and aquariums from around the country have pledged to implement EE Week activities, and you can join them!

You can join National EE Week's efforts, promote environmental learning, and gain national exposure for your work by registering today at: <http://www.eeweek.org/>

**Earth Day
April 22, 2008**

Send your Earth Day events to dew.wendy@epa.gov to be posted on the Earth Day website <http://www.epa.gov/region8/ee/>

Teaching OUTSIDE the Box Conference

The Teaching OUTSIDE the Box conference will be held April 25-27, 2008 at the YMCA's Snow Mountain Ranch, bringing together more than 200 classroom teachers, environmental educators, policy makers, and natural resource professionals to further environmental education in Colorado.

CAEE offers the Teaching OUTSIDE the Box conference as a consistent professional development and networking opportunity for the state's environmental educators.

Register today for
Teaching OUTSIDE the Box at www.cae.org.

**Be a part of the Exhibit Hall at the Conference!
Deadline for Applications: March 31, 2008**

The Teaching OUTSIDE the Box Conference will feature a day long Resource Hall on Saturday, April 26th where exhibitors can showcase their programs, and products, and where representatives can talk with conference participants.

Advertise in the Conference Program!

You can also include an ad in the conference program, so that each

participant takes home a reminder of your organization, product, or service.

Deadline for Applications: March 31, 2008

For more information, visit www.cae.org, email info@cae.org or call 303-273-9527.

CAEE Position Available: Program Coordinator

The Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education (CAEE) is seeking a Program Coordinator for possible advancement to Assistant Director. CAEE serves the shared interests of public agencies, businesses, teachers, community organizations and individuals providing and using environmental education (EE) materials and programs. CAEE exists to elevate environmental literacy by providing professional development opportunities, coordinating support services, and facilitating communication and networking between Colorado's EE providers and the public.

For more information or to apply visit www.cae.org.

Bulletin Board

Career

The Denver Museum of Nature & Science: Teacher

Looking for teachers to teach quality, non-traditional summer workshops/day camps for children in the Museum's six core areas (anthropology, zoology, paleontology, geology, health science, and space science). The Summer Program takes place between June 9 and August 15. To apply, please submit resume and cover letter to: Denver Museum of Nature & Science, Attn: Andrea Hamilton Mailbox 7, 2001 Colorado Blvd. Denver, CO 80205.

Crestone Charter School: Teacher

Seeks a teacher of depth and passion who can serve a multi-age, self-contained class of students using the school, environment, community and world as your classroom. Be a part of an innovative team of committed teachers at one of the oldest and most successful rural charter schools in Colorado. Send resume and cover letter to CCS PO Box 400, Crestone, CO 81131, or FAX to 719-256-4908 or email in attachment to Director@crestonecharter.org, by April 30, 2008.

Durango Nature Studies: Seasonal Field Instructor

A CDN Field Instructor oversees field programs for elementary school students at the Durango Nature Center south of Durango and delivers classroom talks at schools around southwest CO and northwest NM. For more information, please visit

www.durangonaturestudies.org/educator.htm

North Sterling State Park: Seasonal Park Naturalist/Volunteer Coordinator

From June through August: share nature with park visitors; introduce volunteer guest speakers at Saturday night campfire programs; schedule and supervise small volunteer staff; greet visitors in campgrounds, on trails & at the swim beach; help staff with pass/permit sales and bookstore sales in Visitor Center 2 days per week; provide good customer service, prepare weekly visitor contact reports, help with Junior Ranger program June - August. This person is the creative outreach for the park. Seasonal housing if that would be needed. View job posting at www.parks.state.co.us.

Colorado Youth Program: Field Instructors

Field Instructors/Camp Counselors needed for a unique residential tent camp near Indian Peaks Wilderness in Boulder County, Colorado. Program emphasizes environmental education and conservation work with underprivileged children ages 11-17. This is a high-quality, personalized program with just 8 staff and 24 campers per session. Please call with any questions. Send resume to, Colorado Youth Program, 3970 Broadway St., Suite B2, Boulder, CO 80304, (303) 402-9656, Fax: (303) 443-5832, mary@coloradoyouthprogram.org.

The KeystoneCenter and Keystone Science School: Outreach Program Director and Instructor.

Keystone, CO. This employee is responsible for managing all Outreach programs and aspects of the Hands on the Land program (www.handsontheland.org) of Keystone Science School. They will also be asked to teach field groups attending the Classroom Access to Science Education (CASE) programs and serve as a support to Summer Camp programs. Additionally, this employee will serve as project support as needed for other KSS programs. For a complete job description and application information, contact Ellen Reid, Director, Keystone Science School, 970-455-4233, ereid@keystone.org, or visit www.keystonescienceschool.org.

Colorado Division of Wildlife, Fort Collins: Temporary Education Assistant

Position Dates: May 1-August 31, 2008. Pay Rate: \$14.30 per hour. Deadline: April 4, 2008. Assist Regional Education Coordinator with planning and implementation of teacher workshops, public events, youth programs and other wildlife education efforts. Submit a letter of interest addressing your qualifications, a resume, and a list of three references familiar with your professional qualifications to Lisa Evans, 317 West Prospect Road, Fort Collins, CO 80526. Contact: Lisa Evans, 970-472-4343, lisa.evans@state.co.us.

Workshops

Renewable Energy for Educators-How to Implement Renewable Energy Curriculum into Your Classroom. June 23-26, 2008. Carbondale, CO. 2 Credits Extended Studies

(through Mesa State College). Tuition - \$400 (includes cost of credits and all materials). Lodging/Meal plan - \$250. Locals Lunch Only plan - \$50. For more information, visit <http://solarenergy.org/workshops/reeducators.html> or call (970) 963-8855.

Project Archaeology Teacher Workshop. June 9-10, 2008, 8:30am-5:00pm. ColoradoHistoryMuseum, Denver.

One graduate credit through Utah State Univ. Registration deadline: June 1. Practice the basics of scientific inquiry using authentic archaeological data. Your students will apply archaeological concepts as they investigate a Ute Rockshelter using primary data sources such as maps, artifact illustrations, historic photographs, and oral histories. Use the curriculum to fulfill many core requirements in social studies, science, mathematics, language arts, and art, while your students are discovering archaeology and history through engaging hands-on activities. Designed for upper elementary teachers. Receive full instruction in archaeological science for the classroom and complete curriculum guide called "Project Archaeology: Investigating Shelter." Contact: Mary Derbish, 720-254-4493, mderbish@hotmail.com.

Grants, Awards and Competitons

Nominate a Young Environmental Leader for a \$2000 Barron Prize. Nomination Deadline: April 30, 2008

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes seeks nominations for its 2008 awards. The Barron Prize honors young people (ages 8-18) who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Each year, 10 national winners each receive \$2,000 to support their service work or higher education. Half of each year's winners are chosen for their work to protect the environment.

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

Resources and Announcements

Environmental (In)Justice: Sources, Symptoms, and Solutions ~ Online April 11-24, 2008

Join academics and activists, scientists and social critics, researchers, journalists, and concerned citizens from around the world in this EcoRes online forum as we examine the roots of environmental and climate injustice and search for ways to right these indefensible wrongs. For more information or to participate visit http://www.eco-res.org/econf_ej/ej_econf.html

Survey Solicits Input Regarding Minimum High School Graduation Guidelines

The Graduation Guidelines Development Council (GGDC) invites interested parents, educators, students and members of the public to take the ten minute survey, at <http://ggdc.pbwiki.com/>. Responses are needed by March 31, 2008. The 12-member council will use this input as they assemble recommendations to the State Board of Education on May 1, 2008. The State Board of Education will then

consider possible changes to the state model content standards next fall.

Businesses Generously Contribute to Help Build Model Green Homes in Greensburg, Kansas.

Dan Chiras, renowned green building author and consultant, is leading a team of architects and builders to build two of the "greenest homes on the planet" in Tornado-devastated Greensburg, Kansas. The town has vowed to rebuild green in the wake of a 1.7-mile-wide tornado that ripped through their town on May 5, 2007. Chiras's team, EverGreen Design-Build Partnership, consists of green architect, James Plagmann of HumaNature Architecture in Arvada, designer-builder, David Parker of Denver, and Brandon Dardanis, a builder and manufacturer of Tech Block. The team plans to build two homes, one from Tech Block and another from straw bale. "These homes are models that will demonstrate what individuals in Greensburg and throughout the world can do -- how green they can build their homes and how much this will save them," notes Chiras. For more information contact: Dan Chiras, EverGreen Design-Build Partnership at (303) 674-9688 or danchiras@msn.com.

The Colorado Children's Chorale: Performance of *Stream of Voices*

A Stream of Voices reveals a compelling story about youth collaborating to make a better world--a better environment (specifically clean water). The musical is a timely interpretation of how our community--especially those who have the most at stake--are coming together to understand how the environment's welfare involves everyone. The world premiere takes place on June 12, 2008 at 7:30 p.m., Boettcher Concert Hall. There will be a Sneek Peek of the premiere on April 17 at 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. specifically for schools to attend. Study guide for teachers and activity pages will be provided at the Youth Performances. Contact: Denise K. McMahan, Director of Audience Development & Patron Relations, 303.892.5600, x 109, www.ChildrensChorale.org.

We welcome you to join us as a member of the Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education!

Membership Levels:

Student or Teacher: \$15/year

Individual: \$35/year

Organization, Agency, Non-profit or Institution: \$65/year

Corporation: \$500/year

For more information or to become a member please visit www.cae.org

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