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## Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education

*Connecting Colorado's  
Environmental Education Network*

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**The summer is heating up...  
Cool down at**

## CAEE's Annual Summer BarbEEque:

Thursday July 31, 2008 ~ 4:00-7:00 pm  
at CAEE, 15260 South Golden Road, Golden, CO

### Welcome newcomers and old friends.

This is the perfect opportunity to meet new colleagues, network, and learn about organizations in your area. Come and introduce yourself to the EE network, meet new environmental educators, re-new old friendships, exchange news, or find out what's happening in EE. Please spread the word - the more the merrier!

We'll provide the BBQ (meat and veggie), plus all the fixin's, sides, and beverages!

**Please RSVP to CAEE by July 21st: 303-273-9527 or  
[admin@caee.org](mailto:admin@caee.org)**

### CAEE Welcomes New Staff

Katie Navin has joined CAEE as the new Program Coordinator. Formerly Katie worked as an environmental educator with the Plains Conservation Center.

Next time you contact CAEE introduce yourself to Katie. She can be reached at [katienvin@caee.org](mailto:katienvin@caee.org).

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*August 25 Deadline...*

## Let us know what makes you GREAT!

### Nominate your program for an Award for Excellence in Environmental Education today!

#### Environmental Education Program Awards

Initiated in 1996, CAEE Environmental Education Program Awards honor leadership in developing effective, cooperative, cross-sector environmental education programs. Nominees should be individuals and/or organizations in Colorado that have demonstrated success in developing and implementing environmental education programs and partnerships. Award categories include: PreK-Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Higher Education, Citizen/Community, Media, Business, Nonprofit, Agricultural, Religious/Spiritual, Government and Best New Program.

#### Enos Mills Lifetime Achievement Award

One individual is acknowledged annually for significant achievement and contributions to the field of environmental education as the recipient of the Enos Mills Award. This award commemorates the 19th century naturalist in the Estes Park area, Enos Mills, whose vision, photographs, and writings, were largely responsible for the decision by Congress in 1915 to establish Rocky Mountain National Park. Like Enos Mills, the award recipient has demonstrated leadership and commitment to the field of environmental education through a body of work.

#### Recognition for Outstanding Retired Environmental Educators

Do you know of an outstanding environmental educator who has retired (or is retiring) from their professional role in education, and whose contributions to the field of environmental education deserve recognition? Are you such an educator? If so, please nominate him/her - or yourself !

#### How to Nominate

Nomination forms may be downloaded at [www.cae.org](http://www.cae.org). If you cannot access the forms online, please call CAEE at 303-273-9527. You are encouraged to fill out the nomination form and return it electronically as an email attachment to [info@cae.org](mailto:info@cae.org), or submit the nomination online at [www.cae.org](http://www.cae.org). You may also mail your completed nomination forms to:

CAEE  
15260 S. Golden Road  
Golden, CO 80401

Nominations must be postmarked by  
Monday, August 25, 2008

Award recipients will be notified in November, and will be recognized through the public media, the CAEE newsletter, at the annual Teaching OUTSIDE the Box Conference, and at a special recognition event in February 2009 (time and location TBD).

**Questions? Contact CAEE at 303-273-9527 or email [info@caee.org](mailto:info@caee.org)**

### **CAEE Happenings:**

CAEE's Professional DEvelopment Series  
**EE for EVERYONE: Meeting the needs of underserved populations**  
**with Brett Bruyere, Environmental Learning Center (ELC)**

Meeting Details:

June 23, 2008

Colorado Division of Wildlife

Hunter Education Building

6060 Broadway, Denver

11:00am-1:00pm

(Please bring a bag lunch)

Presentation Details: The ELC will be sharing results from a recent National Science Foundation-funded research project that addresses interest and participation in informal science programs for families, with a specific focus on Latino populations. The research included questions regarding preferred program formats, marketing options, and barriers to participation. The purpose of the workshop is for participants to brainstorm and share how their organizations can collectively address some of the issues and findings revealed by research.

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July Colorado Springs Regional Meeting

**Total Productivity:**

**Working together to accomplish more.**

**with Michael Gardner, Momentum Leadership Consulting**

July 10th, 4-6pm

At the Gay and Lesbian Fund of Colorado

315 East Costilla Street | Colorado Springs CO 80903

Presentation Details: In today's work environment it's often not enough to be personally productive, you need to be able to work with others in a highly collaborative and effective way.

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This presentation includes a series of activities that help participants better understand how groups work best together. This includes a module on time management with a brief overview of various time management approaches from the classic to the latest approaches including David Allen's "Getting Things Done" methodology. The program combines the latest thinking on energy management (as opposed to just time management), which makes for a more comprehensive approach. This can be tied to your thoughts on goal setting, strategic planning and execution.

**To RSVP for any of these events call  
303-273-9527 or email [info@caee.org](mailto:info@caee.org)**

**National Legislation to Support EE - No Child Left Inside (NCLI) Approved by House Education and Labor Committee Today**

This is a great day for environmental education, as part of a great year in environmental education. Today the House Education and Labor Committee passed a modified version of the No Child Left Inside Act. The amended version of the bill expands the National Environmental Education Act to:

- Provide grants to ensure that teachers have the necessary knowledge and skills to teach environmental education;
- Provide grants to enhance state and national capacity for environmental education.
- States that create environmental literacy plans, detailing how all graduates will be environmentally literate, will be eligible for this funding.

Yes, that's right, your eyes aren't deceiving you - legislation to support environmental education! To find out more see: [www.nclicoalition.org](http://www.nclicoalition.org)

Many thanks to the CAEE communications and outreach committee - who have been working to build awareness and support for this legislation in Colorado. We would also like to thank the current Colorado co-sponsors for this bill:

Representative Perlmutter  
Representative DeGette  
Senator Salazar

**ACTION ALERT:** So now that the bill has passed out of committee, it is expected that it will go to a vote in the House in early July. That is not far away, so please watch for action alerts in your email. We will likely be asking you to send emails and faxes to all of the Colorado Representatives and there will

probably be a quick turnaround necessary on those requests. If you'd like a sample letter, please contact me.

**BE A PART OF THE COALITION:** Ask your organization to join the NCLI Coalition, which has grown to include roughly 350 groups across the country - from the areas of the environment, education, public health, business, outdoor recreation and others. Representing more than 20 million people, these groups all want to give schools the resources they need to offer excellent environmental lessons to students, both inside and outside the classroom. To sign up go to: [www.nclicoalition.org](http://www.nclicoalition.org)

Movement by the committee means that its leaders strongly support environmental education. The message is resonating that the environment is not a democrat or republican issue, and we can no longer afford to treat environmental education as optional. We are grateful for this new level of recognition for the value and importance of environmental education, and excited to keep the momentum going.

## Bulletin Board

### Careers

#### **Native Plant Program Assistant**

Jefferson County is seeking a part time employee to assist with the statewide Native Plant Master educational program and maintain and/or expand the Colorado Plant Database. Fax resume to 303-271-6644 or mail to Native Plant Education Assistant, 15200 W. 6th Avenue, Golden, CO 80401 by June 27th.

#### **Executive Director**

The Smart Energy Living Alliance (formerly CESC) is hiring an executive director to serve as the organization's chief administrator, programs manager, and fundraiser. He/she will report to the CESC Board of Directors through the Board's Executive Committee. Letter of application, resume of experience, and statement of salary requirements should be submitted electronically to Susan Thornton, Board Chair of SELA at [smthornton@aol.com](mailto:smthornton@aol.com). This positions are also posted at [www.SmartEnergyLiving.org](http://www.SmartEnergyLiving.org) under About Us.

#### **School Energy Program Manager**

The new School Energy Program Manager at The Smart Energy Living Alliance (formerly (CESC) will be responsible for setting program direction, adding or revising program content and facilitating growth of the program so that it will reach more students and have more impact. To apply, please send a cover

letter and resume, by July 1, 2008, to Tweedie Doe at [t DOE@selalliance.org](mailto:t DOE@selalliance.org). This positions are also posted at [www.SmartEnergyLiving.org](http://www.SmartEnergyLiving.org) under About Us.

## Workshops

### **Nature Journaling with a Literacy Connection (for K-12 teachers)**

Tuesday-Thursday, July 15-17, 2008, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
During the course of this three-day workshop, participants will learn nature journaling techniques to use in their classroom. Work with nature journalist Susie Mottashed to explore the art and technique of nature journaling. Gain sketching experience while journaling in locations such as the Museum, Botanic Gardens, City Park, and the Denver Zoo. Connect nature journaling to literacy standards through interpretive writing and poetry exercises. Check out <http://www.dmns.org/main/en/Professionals/School+Groups/Teacher+Resources/Professional+Development/> for more information.

### **"Evolution of Science Education"**

Mark your calendar for the Colorado Science Conference for Professional Development on November 20-21, 2008 at the Denver Merchandise Mart. Approximately 700 K-16 educators attend the conference each year. Join the Colorado Association of Science Teachers, Colorado Biology Teachers Association, Colorado Chemistry Teachers Association, American Association of Physics Teachers, and others as an exhibitor or presenter. Find out more information at <http://csc.dmns.org>.

### **Richard Louv Presentation**

Friday October 3, 2008 at 7:00 pm  
Don't miss the opportunity to hear Richard Louv, award winning Author of "Last Child in the Woods," and recipient of the 2008 Audubon Medal, at the Pikes Peak Center in Colorado Springs, CO on Friday October 3rd, 2008 at 7p.m. For more info email: [info@catamountinstitute.org](mailto:info@catamountinstitute.org) or call 719-471-0910, Ext. 106. Tickets available through Tickets West on August 1, 2008. Call 719-520-SHOW.

## Awards and Grants

### **Together Green Conservation Leadership Program**

National Audubon Society is pleased to invite applications for the new TogetherGreen Conservation Leadership Program, a major conservation initiative of Audubon, supported by a generous gift from Toyota. Over the next five years, TogetherGreen will support a series of national conservation initiatives that nurture conservation leaders, achieve conservation results, engage millions of Americans in conservation action and support the underlying notion that

everyone can make a difference. Please visit [www.togethergreen.org/fellows](http://www.togethergreen.org/fellows) to get all the information you need about the program.

### **National Public Lands Day Grants - Pre-Application due June 23**

The National Environmental Education Foundation is seeking grant applications for the 4th annual National Public Lands Day Tour sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc. Grantees will be awarded \$1000 to assist with planning and materials for their upcoming NPLD projects on September 27, 2008.

<http://www.publiclandsday.org/tour/2008-tour-app.htm>

### **Announcements**

#### **The Ultimate Teacher Submissions**

HCI Books is looking for moving, inspirational, true short stories about memorable teaching or mentoring experiences. It can be a personal experience you have had as a teacher, or about a teacher or mentor who influenced you or your children.

Experts are also encouraged to submit information readers need to know, like motivating difficult students, or how to maximize the effectiveness of parent/teacher organizations. Submit photos or stories by July 31st. Visit [www.ultimatehcibooks.com](http://www.ultimatehcibooks.com) for detailed information about the publisher, the series, and to review guidelines for format and how to send us stories and photos.

#### **Green Frontier Festival**

A Celebration of Sustainable Choices in America's New West  
The Colorado Alliance of Sustainable Business Associations invites organizations with valuable green initiatives, programs or solutions to participate in the Green Frontier Fest on Sunday, August 24, 2008 from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM at the Denver Performing Arts Complex Sculpture Park. Interactive exhibits, a farmers market, children's area, eco-carnival games, entertainment and special presentations by guest speakers will showcase ecologically friendly options to live green and healthy, ultimately saving money and resources. If your organization/business is interested in exhibiting at the Green Frontier Fest, please contact Sarah Wells at 303.819.5935 or [sarah@redirectguide.com](mailto:sarah@redirectguide.com).

### **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](http://www.cae.org)

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<http://www.cae.org/info/additional-ee-resources/>

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