



Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education

March 2009 InfoLink

CAEE Happenings

CAEE Advisory Council Meeting

Save the Date - CAEE Spring Advisory Council Meeting

EE in Every School: Charting a Path

May 13, 2009, 4-6p.m.

McKinley-Thatcher Elementary School
1230 South Grant Street
Denver, Colorado 80210

How can we support Colorado's education system to make sure every student can learn about the environment they live in? You are invited to help guide environmental education in Colorado as part of the EE Advisory Council, a twice-yearly assembly of the state's environmental education (EE) leaders. [Learn more...](#)

Please [RSVP](#) by May 11th.

Upcoming Denver Area Professional DEEvelopments

Nonprofit Inclusiveness: Tools for the Journey

Join the Denver Foundation for an informative dialogue on inclusiveness and an environmental education testimonial. [Learn more...](#)

May 6, 2009

9:30-11:00am

[RSVP now](#)

YOU Can be a Certified Environmental Educator!

Learn how you can become a certified Colorado Environmental Educator. Then join us for free entrance into the Denver Museum of Nature and Science exhibit - Expedition Health.

[Learn more...](#)

June 2, 2009

2:30-4:00pm

[RSVP now](#)

Upcoming Colorado Springs Area Meeting

YOU Can be a Certified Environmental Educator!

Learn how you can become a certified Colorado Environmental Educator.

[Learn more...](#)

April 28, 2009

3:00-4:30pm

[RSVP now](#)

Community and School Gardens

Please join Larry Stebbins, director of Pikes Peak Urban Gardens (PPUG), and Mark J. Platten, CSU Extension Director for Teller County and Junior Master Gardener (JMG) representative for Colorado, as they discuss gardening and growing youth and families in the Pikes Peak region.

[Learn more...](#)

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Is Colorado Finding You?

From the Director's Desk - Ali Sweeney

Environmental Literacy – Every Student, Every School

Imagine a Colorado where every student is on the path to environmental literacy. What will environmentally literate schools look like? How can we create a plan to get there? As environmental educators, these are questions we can start answering now. Colorado has the opportunity to engage the varied institutions working in environmental education to provide high quality education focused on developing 21st century skills. Creating systemic change supportive of skills based education will require both collaboration and careful and strategic planning. An environmental literacy plan creates the framework for standards, achievement, professional development, assessment, and leadership for individuals and organizations to thrive and achieve innovation in education.

CAEE is looking for environmental education leaders (yes, that's you!) to work with us on the development of this environmental literacy plan for Colorado. This environmental literacy plan will position Colorado to bring broad based support for environmental education through national legislation, titled the No Child Left Inside Act (NCLI). The results of this effort will have widespread impact - environmental education opportunities for every student in every school across Colorado. The process to create the plan will not be an easy path, but I strongly feel that it is worth walking. To guide us along the path CAEE will need assistance from a writing team and participation in various stakeholder meetings to help build a network that is poised to implement the plan and reach the grand potential of environmental literacy.

It is important for the value and strength of the plan that many diverse perspectives are involved. This is a large step for CAEE and EE in Colorado; I hope you will seriously consider walking with us in this effort.

There are many ways to be involved. Just email me at director@caee.org with your preference.

- Committee Member: We need a group of people, willing to delve into what is sure to be challenging conversation. Conference phone services are available, you do not need to travel to Golden to be present.
- Committee Member-At-Large: If you can not attend meetings, but would like to participate on the committee by reading meeting minutes and providing input outside of meetings.
- Interested Advisor: If you can not keep up with regular updates, but want to comment on major aspects of the program (e.g., graduation requirements, standards connections, assessment)
- I've got an idea: If you don't want to formally commit to being a part of this process, but you've got a concern that needs to be addressed, a question for the committee to consider, or some great idea for how this will work best in Colorado.

Colorado Cares about "Kids Outdoors"

Do you have programs focused on environmental education?

Programs that get kids outdoors or facilitate community service projects?

Consider accomplishing all three goals by participating in Colorado Cares Day on July 25th, 2009.

The eleventh annual Colorado Cares Day will give people of all ages and abilities an opportunity to give back to their communities and the state of Colorado by sharing their time and talents to help make this an even better place to live. For the first time, this year, there will be a special emphasis on getting kids and families outdoors.

A truly grassroots effort, Colorado Cares day is carried out by hundreds of businesses, faith-based organizations, charities and non-profits, neighborhood groups and now environmental educators across the state.



