



## Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education

*The EE News YOU Need  
June 2009 EE InfoLink*

### We are all part of the Plan for Environmental Literacy ...and you can share your voice today!

CAEE members all over the state are beginning the exciting work of building a statewide environmental literacy plan.

To really provide opportunities for learners to develop the skills they need to be responsible citizens we need input from the people that know Colorado learners best.

#### We need to know:

How do you define environmental literacy?  
What tools do you need to address environmental literacy in your work?  
What opportunities for environmental education already exist in Colorado?  
And More

We want to give everyone around the state an opportunity to be a voice in developing the plan- by phone, online, or in person.

#### Join us for a conference call to learn more...

June 24, 1-2pm

[Register now](#)

#### Share your thoughts at any time anywhere in the state...

Comment online at - <http://eeforeveryone.wetpaint.com/>

#### Contribute your ideas and expertise in person...

Mile High United Way  
2505 18th St  
Denver, CO - July 13, 1-3pm

[Send your RSVP](#)

Watch for announcements for other regional meetings being held around the state in July and August.

Visit <http://www.caee.org/environmental-literacy> for more information or contact CAEE at 303-273-9527 or [info@caee.org](mailto:info@caee.org).

### Colorado Environmental Film Festival Special Screening of "Flow"- June 27, 2009

Join the Colorado Environmental Film Festival for a Night on Water featuring the nationally acclaimed film FLOW , Irena Salina's award-winning documentary investigation into what experts label the most important political and environmental issue of the 21st Century - The World Water Crisis. We will also have a speaker to talk about water issues in Colorado and a reception following. Visit [www.ceff.net](http://www.ceff.net) for more information.

### Colorado Cares about "Kids Outdoors"

Do you have programs focused on environmental education?  
Programs that get kids outdoors or facilitate community service projects?

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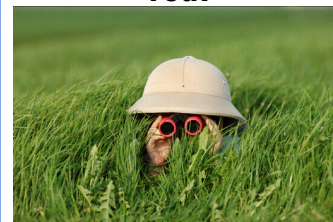
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## **Executive Director's Corner:**

### **CAEE Endowment Fund**

Ali Goulstone Sweeney

You have likely received a message or two from me in the last month asking you to consider giving to CAEE as part of the CAEE Legacy Fund. In this column, I wanted to explain a bit about endowments and also take a moment to thank those of you who have so generously given a financial donation to this organization.

An endowment for CAEE means:

- stability for continuing to improve and expand our work,
- flexibility to meet the needs of the environmental education field, and
- permanent funding that is not subject to changing grant priorities.

Endowments are created as special savings accounts, such that donations keep on giving in the form of interest, forever. In addition, until June 30, any donations to the CAEE Legacy Fund will be matched (\$0.50 for every dollar) by Community First Foundation.

So how this works is- a gift of \$10,000, is instantly matched and becomes \$15,000, and is then invested in this endowment account. Conservatively, it will earn 5% interest. The annual interest equals \$750 a year forever. That's enough to support the professional development series, sustain the awards program, or maintain our online information clearinghouse, forever!

Some donations may be small, and others may be able to give more – the power is in all of these gifts coming together in an endowment. The great news is we've already raised \$85,000 and we're making one last push to reach a goal of \$100,000 before June 30!

We want to thank all of those who have donated to CAEE in the last two years, you can visit our website at <http://www.caee.org/support-caee/donations/thank-you-to-all-of-caee-s-donors/> to see a list of all of our donors. We would love to see your name added to it too!

We all know the demands being placed on our local and global environment, as well as the demands being placed on our formal and informal education systems. We can no longer afford to treat environmental education or CAEE as optional. CAEE has been supporting quality environmental education for 20 years; and the CAEE Legacy Fund is being created to ensure CAEE is here 20 years from now, and 20 years after that.

Thanks for your continued support, and please consider an extra gift to CAEE so that we can make the most of this endowment and match opportunity before the end of June.

### **Giving is Easy!**

Please make all donations by **June 20th** so that we can process your investment in time to meet the match deadline!

Use the Community First Foundation's online giving program - [GivingFirst](#) to pay by credit card. Just type 'CAEE' in the organization search box.

~OR~

Use CAEE's online giving page ~ [Online Donation Webpage](#) (you must be able to pay by credit card to use this option)

~OR~

Send your check payable to:

CAEE

15260 S Golden Rd

Golden, CO 80401

## **Bulletin Board**

### **Career Openings:**

#### **Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education (CAEE) - Program Assistant**

The program assistant is responsible for coordinating membership, office management and other program details to make behind-the-scenes work go smoothly, so that members, and clients can relax and enjoy learning, networking,

