



## Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education

*The EE News YOU Need  
May 2009 InfoLink*

### **Rocky Mountain Environmental Education Teacher's Institute**

A One- Day Workshop About Teaching Environmental Issues

**1/2 credit optional graduate level recertification credits available**

June 10th, 2009 9:00am-5:00pm  
Location: CAEE, 15260 South Golden Rd, Golden CO

The EE Institute is a professional development course designed to actively involve educators in facilitating the investigation and evaluation of environmental issues with their learners. [Learn more.](#)

**Class space is limited, so sign-up soon!**

[Register online](#) or for more information  
Contact CAEE at 303-273-9527 or [info@caee.org](mailto:info@caee.org).  
Registration: \$30

### **Environmental Education Certification...**

#### **Who Can be Certified? YOU!**

Whether you are new to the field or have years of experience the certification program can help you grow as an environmental educator. We offer two levels of certification and the portfolio requirement allows you to submit work that is relevant to you!

Environmental Education Certification:

- Establishes high standards for the professional qualifications of environmental educators in Colorado.
- Set specific standards of knowledge, skills and experience which highly qualified environmental educators in Colorado should be able to demonstrate.
- A competency-based program - one where the applicant will demonstrate what they know and can do.

For more information or to get started visit  
<http://www.caee.org/quality/certification/>.

**Portfolios for summer review are due June 15th...call or email today!**

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

### **Denver Professional DEvelopment**

#### **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.

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## **So Many Great Opportunities to Advance Environmental Education How Can I Keep Up? How can I be involved?**

CAEE is so very happy and grateful for the support and recognition that environmental education is receiving across the country – and here in Colorado. You've probably seen many emails lately – from outdoor bill of rights, to environmental literacy in our schools.

We've developed the following short guide, to help you keep it all straight and figure out how you can be a part of the action!

### **No Child Left Inside Act and Coalition**

The purpose of the No Child Left Inside (NCLI) Act is to support and enhance environmental education in our nation's elementary and secondary schools. The No Child Left Inside Coalition was created in 2006 to find new ways to encourage kids to experience nature and learn about the environment. Today the Coalition has grown to more than 1300 member organizations, representing more than 50 million people, including environmental, education, public health and business groups, all of whom appreciate the value of getting kids outside.

**ACTION:** Join the Coalition today on behalf of your organization at [www.nclicoalition.org](http://www.nclicoalition.org).

To access funds associated with the No Child Left Inside Act, Colorado needs to develop an Environmental Literacy Plan (see below for more on this plan).

### **Environmental Literacy Plan**

An environmental literacy plan will not only position Colorado to bring broad based support for environmental education through No Child Left Inside Act (NCLI), but it will create environmental education opportunities for every student in every school across Colorado. A plan creates the framework for standards, achievement, professional development, assessment, and leadership for individuals and organizations to thrive and achieve innovation in education. The process will bring together the varied field of environmental education to reach environmental literacy.

**ACTION:** We are all of part of the plan to develop environmental literacy in Colorado. Go to <http://www.cae.org/environmental-literacy> to find out more, sign up to be a part of the process, or send us your ideas about what should be included.

### **No Child Left Inside – Colorado Coalition**

This is a Colorado version of the national effort. State legislation will bring environmental education to schools, professional development to educators and promote healthy lifestyles through outdoor activities. Coalition members are diverse, including educational, natural resources, agricultural, environmental, health and business interests across Colorado.

**ACTION:** To join or find out more about No Child Left Inside-Colorado, please see: <http://www.cae.org/ncli>.

### **Standards Revision**

With the revision of the state educational standards, environmental literacy has the potential to be a part of what all Colorado learners are required to know and be able to do. CAEE is currently working to develop a recommendation for changes to the first draft of the science standards.

**ACTION:** Watch your CAEE email to read and send a recommendation on behalf of your organization to the Colorado Department of Education. AND attend the public comment tour and speak up for EE in schools, to find a tour date in your area visit: [http://www.cae.org/ee-directory/events/event\\_view?id=SC14269](http://www.cae.org/ee-directory/events/event_view?id=SC14269).

### **Lieutenant Governor's Tour**

Lt. Governor O'Brien is hosting forums from May through September to talk about reconnecting kids to the outdoors. All private, public, non-profit entities and community groups interested in getting more kids in the outdoors are invited. Forums are open to anyone who can contribute to resolving this dilemma.

**ACTION:** Specific times and locations for these forums will be announced soon. Save these dates and plan to attend, then let CAEE know and we'll update you when the details are announced. More information can also be found at <http://www.colorado.gov/ltagovernor>

