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Share your vision
Voice your concerns
Don't miss out on the
opportunity to shape
Colorado's EE future!

Statewide Environmental Education Advisory Council Meeting

April 14, 2005 - 2:30-5:00 pm
Bluff Lake Nature Center's Offices

This is your opportunity to be part of the EE Advisory Council, and lend your knowledge, experience and leadership to this extremely important strategic planning process! Let your input and ideas be heard! Exercise your responsibility as a leader of Colorado's EE community! If you are interested in shaping the quality of environmental education in Colorado, you should be at this meeting.

On the Agenda:

This Advisory Council meeting will focus on the current development of guidelines for environmental educators. Your input will enhance these guidelines and will strengthen the quality of EE being provided in Colorado!

We'll work collaboratively to create and ratify a final version of these guidelines. We'll also have a quick briefing on the progress of other CAEE projects, including the Colorado EE Master Plan and Resource Review System.

Background:

On February 14, a workshop was held with the leadership team and others interested in learning about the guidelines. Since that meeting, teams have been working to modify and revise the guidelines to meet the needs of Colorado's EE community. A draft of these Colorado guidelines will be available online at www.caee.org beginning in early April. We hope you'll take a moment to view these guidelines before the Advisory Council meeting, and come with any comments, questions, and concerns you may have. If you are not able to make the meeting but would like to share your feedback, please e-mail info@caee.org.

**Please RSVP (call 303-273-9527 or email info@caee.org)
by April 11 if you plan on attending the meeting.**

What is the Advisory Council?

The Statewide EE Advisory Council is the heart and soul of CAEE, setting long-term direction, goals and objectives of the organization. It establishes priorities for organizational activities and helps develop the annual workplan. Through its network of committees, the Advisory Council plays an important role in building statewide EE capacity.

Directions to Bluff Lake Nature Center's Offices:

The offices are at 7350 E. 29th Ave, Ste 300, Denver, 80238, east of Quebec on 29th Ave. Parking is behind the building. We will meet in the board room on the third floor.

The Advisory Council meeting is being held during National EE Week
April 10-16, 2005 (see www.eeweek.org for more information)

Be a part of EE Week in Colorado—Be a part of the Advisory Council!



Executive Director's Corner: Ali Goulstone Sweeney
This Month's Topic: Colorado Plan Goes National

Over the past several months I have participated on the Materials Review Advisory Council (MRAC) of the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE). It has been an exhilarating experience to be a part of a team tasked with designing a national system for reviewing environmental education resources. I am excited to announce that NAAEE has just approved the recommendations of the MRAC and is moving forward with a pilot test of the national resource review system. This is exciting because the process will foster leadership, quality, professionalism, & integrity in the EE field. But we are ecstatic here at CAEE, because with minor changes, NAAEE adopted the Colorado Resource Review System as the model for the national system. There will now be one national system to prove & improve the quality of EE programs & materials through peer reviews. For those of you in Colorado who decide to submit resources, your review will be nationally recognized!

CAEE would like to take this opportunity to once again thank the members of the committee who developed this system. By donating their time & experience, they have influenced environmental education on a national scale. They started a movement that will have a large impact on the collective product of environmental education. Lori Mann, MRAC Chairperson, wrote to the committee, "I want to thank you.... I think we all gained a new appreciation for the depth and clarity of thought that CAEE's program is founded on. Your work is invaluable."

Members of the Research and Assessment Committee

- ☼ Karin Hostetter, Chairperson, Interpret This
- ☼ Rob Alexander, Wilderness Education Institute
- ☼ Roxanne Brickell-Reardon, Colorado State Parks - Eldorado Canyon
- ☼ Brad Buckner, Colorado State Parks
- ☼ Cece Forget, U.S. EPA Region 8
- ☼ Stephen Garretson, Aurora Academy
- ☼ Francesca Giongo, South Suburban Parks and Recreation
- ☼ Richard Jurin, University of Northern CO
- ☼ Kim Langmaid, Gore Range Natural Science School
- ☼ Debbie Matlock, Wild Rhythms
- ☼ Mary McCormac, Colorado State Parks - Eldorado Canyon
- ☼ Susan Toth, Colorado Energy Science Center and
- ☼ CAEE Staff, Mike Way and myself.

Recognizing your successes is probably not something we do often enough. I am constantly amazed at the quality & commitment of the CAEE committees. It is because of the conference committee, awards committee, auction & development committee, communications & EE advocacy committee, and the conference planning committee – that CAEE is able to lead with such innovative, state-of-the art projects. Thank you to each of the 100+ volunteers (and organizations that support them) *who make EE in Colorado even better* by supporting CAEE. For more information about the Resource Review System, go to <http://www.cae.org>. Contact info@caee.org about becoming a volunteer.

Faces of EE
A picture is worth a thousand words - so...give us your best shot!

When you try to picture "EE in Colorado" what image comes to your mind? If someone asks you what EE in Colorado looks like – *who* provides it? *who* participates? *where* does it happen? *how* they do it? - wouldn't you find yourself faced with a long chat? We know that EE in CO includes a diversity of providers, participants, settings, & experiences - and it's a lot to talk about!

So - CAEE is coordinating the "Faces of EE" project, by collecting images of programs all over the state that will help illustrate the breadth of EE programming found here. We hope you will contribute the image that *conveys the essence of your program*. From these many images, we plan to develop several different projects to help us better portray the "Faces of EE." Our first goal is to have a webpage of these images, associated with the Master Plan Project, and available by National EE Week in April. Our goal is to quickly communicate the *look and feel* of EE in our state. *Be creative – and remember, your image will be part of a collage-like medium.*

Help us create the "picture of EE"
 Send your best photo
 See www.cae.org for details.
Deadline is March 31, 2005



CAEE MEMBERSHIP

Please send the following information: your name, organization, title, mailing address, work phone, fax, email address, and organization website address with a check payable to "CAEE" to:

- Student or Teacher: \$15/year
- Individual: \$35/year
- Organizational, Agency, Non-profit or Institution: \$65/year
 (allows up to 4 contacts, field offices or program managers to be listed)

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Bulletin Board



Events & Announcements

For a full listing of upcoming events visit: www.cacee.org/calendar.html

2005 Colorado College State of the Rockies Conference, April 5-7, Colo. Springs. See the 2005 Colorado College State of the Rockies Report Card, listen to prominent speakers, & engage in constructive dialogue on pressing issues in the Rockies. Topics include: energy, civic capacity & engagement, National Parks under stress, sprawl, toxic pollution, creative occupations, Native American sovereignty, & regional management in greater Yellowstone. Speakers include: Patricia Limerick, Terry L. Anderson, Amory Lovins, NM Gov. Bill Richardson, Terry Tempest Williams. Info & registration at www.coloradocollege.edu/stateoftherockies or call (719) 227-8145.

Creating Schoolyard Habitats^(r) A Project Wild II Educator Workshop, April 16 & 23, 8am-4:30pm, Lookout Mtn. Nature Ctr., Golden. Revitalize your school grounds, meet your educational goals & empower your students to appreciate & protect nature in their neighborhood. \$1000 Schoolyard Habitat grants are available from CDOW! Receive a How to Guide, *Ranger Rick*^(r) Magazine, posters & canvas tote bag. Optional 1 credit from CSM (\$57). \$50 workshop fee. Contact: Julie Gustafson, 303-786-8001 ext. 12 or gustafson@nwf.org.

Fort Collins Environmental Program Series. April 6 - Your Yard Can Come Alive with Wildlife. April 13 - Permaculture for the Urban Gardener. April 20 - Landscape Design for Waterwise Beauty. Programs held from 7-9 p.m. at the Lincoln Center, 417 W. Magnolia in Ft. Collins. www.fcgov.com/utilities/eps.php.

21st Century Smarter Growth Conference, April 18-20 – Hotel Denver Tech Center. The conference focuses on urban conservation issues by integrating natural resource systems, people, processes & practices. Session topics include open space, land conservation, water conservation, green development, transportation planning, storm water management & resource stewardship. Hosted by the CO State Conservation Board, in cooperation with the CO Association of Conservation Districts. For registration, sponsorship, & program info: <http://cacd.us>.

River Network's 2005 National River Rally, May 20-24 - Keystone, CO. The 2005 National River Rally brings together hundreds of river and watershed organizations from throughout the nation and beyond for professional and personal development, education, organizing and celebration. Info at: www.rivernetwork.org/rally.

River Float 2005, June 11 - Veltus Park, Glenwood Springs, CO. The Roaring Fork Conservancy is very excited to offer an opportunity for the public to experience the Roaring Fork River first-hand. Join us for this amazing half-day float along the lower Roaring Fork River. Bring your own boat or jump on one provided by Blazing Adventures or Rock Gardens Rafting for this day of sightseeing, exploration, and a BBQ at the end of the float. Open to the public, but space is limited. Register by June 8. Contact tim@roaringfork.org or visit www.roaringfork.org/info.

Yampa & White River Tour, June 22-24. Experience the beautiful Yampa & White River Basins firsthand, listen to expert speakers on the latest issues in regional water management & network with new colleagues at the Colo. Foundation for Water Education's 2nd annual professional development river tour. Tour registration includes transportation, lodging, meals, activities & background materials. For info & registration, call (303) 377-4433 or visit www.cfwe.org. Seats are limited-early registration is June 3.

Captain Planet Foundation Grants. Deadline: March 31. These grants support hands-on environmental projects for children and youths. Awards range from \$250 - \$2,500. Info at: www.captainplanetfdn.org/index.html.

Colorado Watershed Protection Fund Grants. To download grant guidelines & application, visit <http://coloradowater.org/>. Grants will be made to many of the worthy projects going on around the state to protect & restore watersheds - so get your application in right away! Contact: Elizabeth Mozer, Watershed Coordinator, Colorado Watershed Assembly, elizabeth@treeswaterpeople.org or (970) 484-3678.

National Geographic's Strange Days on Planet Earth. Drawing upon research being generated by a new discipline, Earth System Science (ESS), the series aims to create an innovative type of environmental awareness. By revealing a cause and effect relationships between what humans do to the Earth & what that does to our environment & ecosystems, the series creates a new sense of environmental urgency. Features 4 one-hour episodes; Invaders, The One Degree Factor, Predators, & Troubled Waters. Premieres on PBS in April (check local listing for times). Info: www.pbs.org/strangedays.

National EE Week, April 10-16. A nation-wide celebration of EE and an opportunity to be involved in educational events leading up to Earth Day on April 22. Visit www.EEWeek.org to learn more and to sign up as a partner. To find or organize EE Week events in Colorado, visit www.cacee.org and click on the Discussion Board.



Career

EE Jobs in Colorado listed on EE-Link:

Go to: www.eelink.net, click on "Grants and Jobs",

Note: these announcements are only position highlights, and are not intended to be all-inclusive.

Contact the employer for complete descriptions.

Jefferson Cty. Open Space, Lookout Mtn. Nature Center: Naturalist/Interpretive Specialist. Deadline: March 24. Develop, design, research, coordinate & present interpretive services, educational programs and special events on a variety of topics. Be a part of the planning team for the development and maintenance of interpretive media. Bachelor's degree in EE/interpretation, envt. biology, natural resources or related field & min. 2 years exp. in interpretive program design & presentation; or equivalent combination of education & experience. Contact: (303) 271-8400, TDD (303) 271-8402, msovoboda@jeffco.us. Info: <http://jeffco.us>.

South Platte Park: Park Interpreter. Deadline: April 1. Plan, research, prepare materials for, & conduct interpretive programs for groups of adults & children. Develop displays & exhibits, coordinate volunteers, & marketing. Work with a highly-motivated small team in a beautiful setting. Requires work on weekends, evenings & holidays. Strong attention to safety, customer service, & enthusiastic initiative is essential. Bachelor degree in natural resource or education related field required, or work experience in interpretation, biology, natural resources., min. 1 season teaching or conducting interp. programs. Requires strenuous outdoor work with extremes in temperature. Regular position, 32 hrs/wk. Contact: Skot Latona, Interpretation Specialist, 303-730-1022, SkotL@sspr.org or Phil Waltz philpw@sspr.org.

Cottonwood Gulch Foundation: Open Summer Positions (June 17-August 17): Group Leader, Artist-In-Residence, Naturalist, Cultural Studies Instructor, Cook, Interns. Explore the mountains, canyons, & high deserts of NM, AZ, UT, & CO on camping, backpacking, & canoe trips. 540-acre nature preserve & permanent base camp is in the Zuni Mountains of NM. Program centers on personal growth, fun, and hands-on learning in disciplines such as wildlife biology, archaeology, Native American art & art history, environmental ethics, & landscape studies. Contact: Jeff Zemsky, Exec. Dir., jeff@cottonwoodgulch.org or 505-248-0563. Info: www.cottonwoodgulch.org.

World Wildlife Fund (WWF): Manager of Education and Outreach. Oversee community outreach activities and program management, fundraising, and leadership training for the department. Must have bachelor's degree in environmental science, education, geography, or related field & 7-10 years direct experience in EE. Master's degree and experience in managing EE projects, strategic development; adult learning; & designing & facilitating workshops & training activities are preferable. Team player with ability to work with diverse audiences. Apply at: <http://www.worldwildlife.org/about/jobs.cfm>. Info: www.worldwildlife.org. No phone inquiries.

City of Longmont: Summer Program Assistant. Closing: April 4. Assist with the summer program American Indian Journeys for ages 7-10. 40 hr/wk position from July 20-Aug. 10. Call 303-651-8609. www.ci.longmont.co.us



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SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATORS

Teachers! Receive recertification credits while enrolled in a 3-week Summer Field Course

Offered in conjunction with CU Boulder's Institute of Arctic & Alpine Studies (INSTAAR) & the Mountain Research Station (MRS)

Alpine Ecology and Experiential Learning June 27-July 15

Alpine Ecology and Experiential Learning unites two themes: alpine ecology and EE. Through readings, lectures, and field trips we will study the flora and fauna of alpine & subalpine ecosystems in the area near the MRS & how elementary and middle school children perceive the natural world. Students will develop an EE program & will implement the program with groups of children during field trips. In addition to field trips, classes will be held in Boulder & at the MRS.

Instructors: Drs. Joyce Gellhorn and Jane Larson

Location: Mountain Research Station and surrounding areas shuttle included!

Dates & Times: June 27-July 15: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9am-12pm Wednesday & Saturday 8:30am-4:30pm.

Credit: 2 credit hours (EBIO 2010)

Tuition: \$500 (does not include room & board at the MRS)

Contact: Joyce, 303-442-8123 or jgellhorn@sprynet.com

To Register: <http://www.colorado.edu/mrs/course.html>

5th Annual Fire Ecology Institute for Educators July 5-10

Location: Colorado Mt. College in Glenwood Springs. Open to all 4th-12th grade educators. Activities include visits to the Storm King, Coal Seam, & Panorama fires, prescribed fires, fuel treatment areas & a fire cache/helitac airport. Practice cutting fire line & learn about the Incident Command System. Learn from foresters, firefighters, biologists, ecologists, hydrologists and educators.

Light a fire under your students & spark their interest in reading, writing, math, science and geography. Activities are aligned with CO Standards, benchmarks & frameworks and include field studies, technology, experiments & more. Take home videos, posters, CDs, activity guides, & many other resources.

2.5 semester credits available from either Colo. School of Mines or Colo. State University.

Contact Shawna Crocker, 303-202-4662 or scrocker@lamar.colostate.edu.

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