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Environmental Education Celebration & Benefit *At the Colorado Environmental Film Festival*

Saturday, November 3, 2007

7 o'clock in the evening

The American Mountaineering Center

710 10th Street, Golden

The celebration is free and all are welcome, but your reservation is requested.

RSVP to CAEE at 303-273-9527, info@caee.org or online at

<http://www.surveymonkey.com>

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Enjoy the company of friends and colleagues, be inspired, find one-of-a-kind auction items, make a difference and support CAEE's programs to advance environmental education in Colorado! Come early to catch a few films at the festival!

About the Saturday Night Celebration & Benefit

The celebration on Saturday evening is free and open to the public, and will include a presentation by 7 News Chief Meteorologist Mike Nelson, the opportunity to peruse the exhibits in the Expo Hall, presentation of awards to outstanding filmmakers, and delicious refreshments. Catch up with CAEE friends old and new! **Your RSVP is requested if you plan to attend the celebration.**

CAEE Benefit Auction

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Corporation: \$500

Visit www.caee.org to join or renew online, or contact CAEE at 303-273-9527.

CAEE's silent auction will be open throughout the Festival, and will wrap-up with a few not-to-be-missed special items on the evening of Saturday, November 3rd.

Do your holiday shopping early! Pick up gifts for friends, family, or yourself! The silent auctions will feature items such as Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad passes, one night at the luxurious Omni Interlocken Resort, fine art, books, tickets to restaurants, sports and cultural events, jewelry, artisan handcrafts, gift baskets, and much more!

Your generosity supports CAEE's activities and services to promote environmental literacy for a better Colorado.

About the Film Festival

The Colorado Environmental Film Festival is a three-day celebration of the inspirational, educational, and transformational power of film, and will be held November 1-3 at the American Mountaineering Center in Golden.

Tickets

Tickets to the films before the celebration will be sold individually for \$5, or packs of 5, 10, or 20 tickets may be purchased at a reduced price. Go to http://ceff.net/ceff_tickets.html to order tickets online, or call 303-273-9527. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

Volunteers

This event will not be possible without an enthusiastic team of volunteers. Be a part of the action, go behind the scenes, and contribute to this exciting community event!

If you are interested in any of these opportunities or would like to learn more about the festival, please contact CAEE at 303-273-9527, [email](mailto:director@caee.org) or visit <http://www.ceff.net>.

Executive Director's Corner:

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This Month's Topic: *Can You Feel It?*

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The winds are changing. And I don't mean from summer to fall. The winds of support are changing for environmental education. Despite the long wait, our time is here! There are so many opportunities right now to dramatically impact environmental education in Colorado, I wanted to share a few with you in this column and invite you to attend the Colorado Environmental Education Advisory Council Meeting on Nov 1st (see below for details). The focus of this meeting will be these opportunities and how we can make the most of them in order to build support for environmental education.

National Legislation – No Child Left Inside Act of 2007

Yes, national support for environmental education is what this bill is all about! You may have seen the emails to call your U.S. Senators and Representatives to support the No Child Left Inside Act. And I ask you again, please contact your federal legislators immediately and ask them to co-sponsor the No Child Left Inside Act (H.R.3036 sponsored by Rep. John Sarbanes and S.1981 sponsored by Sen. Jack Reed). So far 20 representatives have agreed to co-sponsor the No Child Left Inside Act, including Representative Ed Perlmutter (CO-7). Thank you Representative Perlmutter!

The No Child Left Inside Act of 2007 amends the No Child Left Behind law in the following ways:

§ Provides federal funding to states to train teachers in environmental education and to operate model environmental education programs, which include outdoor learning.

- § Provides funding to states that create environmental literacy plans to ensure that high school graduates are environmentally literate.
 - § Provides funding through an environmental education grant program to build state and national capacity.
- For more information about the No Child Left Inside Act and the No Child Left InsideSM Coalition, go to www.eenclb.org.

Conversation 2007

Through a partnership with Members of the Colorado General Assembly and a coalition of public, private and non-profit leaders, public meetings are being sponsored as an opportunity for you to help shape the future of education in Colorado from pre-school through graduate school. The results of these conversations will be available on www.conversation2007.org and compiled into a report that will be presented to the Governor's P-20 Education Coordinating Council.

The website lists these upcoming meetings, please contact CAEE if you can attend:

10/20/2007 10:00 - 12:00 City: Longmont
Longmont Library, 409 4th Ave Meeting Room A Longmont, CO 80501

10/25/2007, 6:30 - 8:30
Commerce City, City Hall, 7887 E. 60th Avenue

Communications and Outreach Committee

This committee is tasked with building broad support for environmental education – which is no small task, especially given the current climate for environmental education. This dedicated group of leaders would love your help and guidance on this committee. To find out more, please email CAEE.

Statewide EE Advisory Council Meeting

November 1~ 1:30-4:30 pm
American Mountaineering Center
710 10th St. Golden, CO 80401

This meeting will focus on the different strategies in a campaign to build broad support for environmental education (including national legislation, state legislation, environmental literacy plan, building relationships, and much more). There are several opportunities and lots of momentum around environmental education right now, and we need your input to maximize and prioritize our options to help make environmental education a societal priority.

Master Plan Connection:

Be a part of the Colorado EE Master Plan! These initiatives are supported by the Colorado Environmental Education Master Plan, Goal Goal III Promotion. Check it out at <http://www.cae.org/CEEMP>

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Educators' Forum at the Colorado Bioneers Conference

October 21, 4:20-5:30pm. University of Colorado, Boulder. For more information on Colorado Bioneers and to register, visit <http://ecenter.colorado.edu/bioneers07/>. Also, CAEE members can enter discount code: CAEE for a 20% discount on registration (registration is very affordable at \$30/day).

Professional DEvelopment Series: Sustainability, Environmental Education, and American Values with Dan Chiras.

October 24, 4:00-6:00pm. Micro Business Development, Denver.

Semi-Annual EE Advisory Council Meeting.

November 1, 1:30-4:30 pm. American Mountaineering Center, Golden.

Colorado Environmental Film Festival. November 1-3. American Mountaineering Center, Golden. For more information, visit <http://www.ceff.net>.

CAEE's Annual Environmental Education Celebration – *in conjunction with the Colorado Environmental Film Festival!* November 3, 7:00-9:00 pm. American Mountaineering Center, Golden.

Be the Change Breakfast – A fundraiser to support CAEE. December 5, 8:30-9:30 am. All are welcome – no fee to attend. Butterfly Pavilion, Westminster.

Bulletin Board

Career

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

NAAEE/EE-Link offers a jobs database service for EE job seekers or employers seeking EE staff.

To view job postings, visit: eelink.net/eelinkjobsdatabase.html

To submit a job to the database: eelink.net/cgi-bin/ee-link/add_job.cgi

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Eco-Cycle Internship

Eco-Cycle's Boulder office seeks a part-time intern to help expand our recycling and Zero Waste efforts. Looking to fill the position immediately for fall semester and prefer a student who can commit to the spring semester as well. Opportunities include helping customers and callers with recycling questions, and assisting on a variety of projects for different departments, including working with the executive director, and working with fundraising, research, community outreach and communications departments. For more information on Eco-Cycle and current projects visit www.ecocycle.org. If interested, please send a cover letter, resume and times of availability to Kate@ecocycle.org.

The Institute for Environmental Solutions: Environmental Project Intern

IES is looking for a graduate student intern to work on current regional environmental improvement projects. Initial intern appointments are part-time (15-20 hours/week) and unpaid. Successful interns may apply for paid positions after 150 hours. Interns will support technical and program work in all phases of the current and upcoming projects, including technical research and analysis, stakeholder and beneficiary meetings, project design, project implementation, analysis of results. Contact Carol Lyons at Carol@I4ES.org

Environmental Challenge Education Program

Automaker Lexus and Scholastic, the global children's publishing, education, and media company, have announced the launch of the Lexus Environmental Challenge, a program designed to educate and empower students to take action to improve the environment. The program encourages middle and high school students across the United States to develop and implement environmental programs that positively impact their communities. More than \$1 million in total scholarships and grants will be awarded to students, teachers, and schools. Full program information, including rules and entry details, can be viewed at the Scholastic Web site.

<http://content.scholastic.com/browse/home.jsp>

Spirit of Community Awards for Student Volunteers

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, the largest youth recognition program in the United States based solely on volunteer service, is accepting applications from young volunteers for the program's 13th annual competition. The awards honor outstanding community service, over the last 12 months, by young people in grades 5-12 at the local, state, and national level. Apply online at www.prudential.com/spirit **Deadline October 31,**

2007.**Toyota TAPESTRY Grants**

Toyota TAPESTRY Grants for Science Teachers is pleased to announce the 18th year of the program. Toyota TAPESTRY Grants recognize outstanding educators who are making a difference by demonstrating excellence and creativity in science teaching. This year 50 large grants and a minimum of 20 mini-grants, totaling \$550,000, will be awarded for K-12 science. Apply online. <http://eelink.net/cgi-bin/ee-link/newclick/1084975>

2008 Trees for Success National Tree Planting Campaign

Schools throughout the United States can apply to host a tree-planting celebration in 2008 made possible by The Home Depot Foundation and The Arbor Day Foundation. The event will bring together the Arbor Day Foundation, city officials, urban foresters, and community groups to create a fun-filled, educational experience for area school children. Students in each city selected will help plant the trees, giving them an opportunity to take an active role in improving their own communities and to interact with the natural world. Visit <http://arborday.org/homedepot2008>. *Applications accepted through October 19, 2007.* Questions? Contact Jennifer Boettcher at jboettcher@arborday.org or 888-448-7337, ext. 297.

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FREE GreenPrint Denver-Project Learning Tree teacher workshop Oct 27

This workshop is for K-12 educators, foresters, arborists, horticulturists, master gardeners-all who believe that more of the right trees in the right places in our Metropolitan area can make our communities better: More energy and water efficient, quieter, safer, prettier, calmer, and cooler. Register by calling 303-202-4662 or emailing scrocker@colostate.edu by Oct 22.

Toyota International Teacher Program ~ Costa Rica, Japan, Galapagos

The Toyota International Teacher Program is a fully-funded professional development program for full-time classroom teachers (grades 7-12, all subjects) in all 50 States and the District of Columbia. This program will offer country-specific themes to help educators expand their professional skills, increase cultural awareness, and enhance their understanding of environmental issues around the world. Check the Web site for 2008 schedule. <http://eelink.net/cgi-bin/ee-link/newclick/1084973>

The NSTA 2007 Denver Area Conference on Science Education

November 8-10, at the Colorado Convention Center and the Hyatt Hotel. This is a packed set of events for science educators. There are over 403 different events in 2.5 days, including guest speaker Mayor John Hickenlooper. <http://www.nsta.org/conferences/2007den/>

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Chatfield Basin Conservation Network - "Conserving Connections for Nature and People"

Fall Stakeholder Forum on Thursday, October 18th, Douglas County Event Center's Conference Room 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Join CBCN to discuss current events and major decisions regarding the future of the Chatfield Basin, such as Douglas County's Comprehensive Master Plan Update, the Chatfield Reallocation, development applications and others. These processes provide the CBCN with opportunities to conserve an interconnected, functioning system of green infrastructure. For more information contact Karen Sitoski at 303-979-4120.

Environmental Literacy Pages on EETAP

Environmental educators usually have a difficult time explaining environmental literacy and environmental education to the average person or decision maker. To make it easier for the field to explain what it does and why it's important, EETAP worked with a writer and several EE leaders to develop easily understandable descriptions that connect directly with people's lives. These descriptions are now posted on the EETAP web at <http://www.eetap.org/>.

Natural Resources Outreach Exchange

The mission of NROE is to develop a communication network that fosters stewardship of Colorado's natural resources. For more information, contact Judy Serby at Judy.Serby@ColoState.EDU. Also, check out www.cae.org/nROUTREACH.

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