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Congratulations to the recipients of the 2007 Awards for Excellence in Environmental Education!

EE Program Awards

- Agriculture Award:** Rio Grande Watershed Conservation Education Program, Alamosa
- Best New Program Award:** Green Star Schools Program (Eco-Cycle), Boulder
- Government Award:** Mesa County Solid Waste Management Education Program, Grand Junction
- Citizen/Community Award:** Community Leadership Project (Denver Zoo), Denver
- Non-Profit Award:** Youth in Natural Resources (Environmental Learning for Kids), Denver
- Non-Profit Award:** Energy Hog Traveling Road Show (Colorado Energy Science Center), Lakewood
- Secondary Education Award:** Bookcliff Middle School/James M. Robb Colorado River State Park Partnership (Colorado State Parks), Clifton
- PreK-Elementary Award:** AWQUA (Aurora Water Quality Understanding and Appreciation) Lounge (Aurora Parks and Open Space Department),

Individual: \$35
Organization: \$65 (allows up to 4 contacts)
Corporation: \$500

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Aurora

Higher Education Award: The Nature Year Project (Durango Nature Studies), Durango

Government Award Garbage Garage Education Center (Larimer County Solid Waste Department), Fort Collins

Enos Mills Lifetime Achievement Award

Raymond Tschillard, Poudre Learning Center/ Weld County School District 6

Presidents Award

Congressman Mark Udall

Let's Celebrate!

Please join us on Friday, February 29th at 6:00 pm at the Terrace Gardens Event Center in Littleton to honor the outstanding accomplishments of these remarkable educators. To RSVP or for more information, contact CAEE at 303-273-9527 or info@cae.org



Call for Presenters!
Teaching OUTSIDE the Box Conference

April 25-27, 2008 ~ Winter Park, CO
Snow Mountain Ranch, YMCA of the Rockies

Deadline for presentation proposals: **January 31, 2008**

New Submit your proposal online at www.cae.org.

Teaching Outside the Box offers a friendly and professional environment where peers share the latest and greatest in environmental education. Contribute your expertise and help keep Teaching Outside the Box one of the most anticipated and respected professional development opportunities for environmental educators in Colorado and beyond! The weekend will offer more than 50 sessions, full- and half-day pre-conference workshops, an exciting keynote presentation by children-and-nature expert Louise Chawla, and countless opportunities for networking and discovering new resources, tools, and techniques – all in a spectacular Rocky Mountain setting! If you are interested in presenting, please **send in the attached application or complete the online application by January 31, 2008.**

For more information, please visit <http://www.cae.org>, call 303-273-9527, or email info@cae.org.

Executive Director's Corner:
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This month, CAEE held the "Be the Change Breakfast" at the Butterfly Pavilion. The event was held as a fundraiser for CAEE, and also as a wonderful celebration of all that the Alliance has become.

This was more than just any special event to raise money. We focused on environmental education and the mission of CAEE to advance environmental education. We wove that famous Gandhi quote, "You must be the change you want to see in the world," throughout the breakfast program. And in all respects, it was an inspiration to be in the room that day. I was proud to be a

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*Be the Change
 Breakfast; a moment
 in the sun for CAEE*

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part of CAEE. I was proud to work on behalf of environmental education. If you were there, I know you were too. If you didn't make it – be proud – you do amazing work.

A couple thoughts that were shared from our members:

"I was thoroughly impressed! It was great to see so many familiar faces in the room but even more, it was great to see so many suits in the room."

"The breakfast was one of the most professional programs I've seen for environmental education in a long time."

As part of the program, Sue Schafer from City of Fort Collins' Natural Areas Program shared her CAEE story with the group. She said, "I recently took a short sabbatical to chase another dream and quickly learned that there is no other career as fulfilling as EE. There is no other profession so inspiring and no other support system like CAEE."

The breakfast was a new strategy to bring new people to the organization and to thank those who have been a part of the Alliance. I am writing to you as members and volunteers to thank you, and to let you know that I am grateful that you are a part of CAEE.

The breakfast was a big success for many reasons, and it was just one of many indications that the future for CAEE is bright. We have exciting plans and projects for 2008, which will include certification, regional networks, resource review, the directory, the conference, professional development... the list goes on. It is truly amazing what we can do together!

We know we are successful in serving the 700 members who are currently a part of the Alliance – and we will continue to reach out to the thousands more who could benefit from our services.

Roxanne Brickell-Reardon, with Colorado State Parks, was the MC for the breakfast, and these were her closing words: "I challenge you to think about the ways you are going to be the change you want to see in the world." ***What will it be for you in 2008?***

**Upcoming CAEE
 Events**

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Training for EE Resource Reviewers: January 10, 2008, 1:00-4:30 pm. Avon.

Deadline for Teaching Outside the Box Conference Presenters: January 31, 2008

Professional DEvelopment Series – "Religion, Spirituality, and EE." With Rev. Peter Sawtell, Eco-Justice Ministries. February 12, 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Location TBA.

Tenth Annual Environmental Education Awards Celebration: February 29, 2008 at 6:00pm.

Deadline for Teaching Outside the Box Scholarship Applications: February 29, 2008.

Teaching Outside the Box Early Registration Deadline: March 7, 2008.

Teaching Outside the Box Conference: April 25-27, 2008 in Winter Park, CO.

Over 50 engaging professional development sessions, classroom activities, networking opportunities, beautiful setting in the heart of the Rockies, recreation, rejuvenation, and inspiration!

For more information on any of the above events please visit us at www.cae.org or send an [email](#) or call (303)273-9527

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/eejobsdatabase.html

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

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Colorado Youth Program: Field Instructors / Camp Counselor

Counselor for residential tent camp near Indian Peaks Wilderness in Boulder County. Program emphasizes environmental education and conservation work with underprivileged children ages 11-17. Applicants must have BA/BS, be experienced leading children outdoors, hold current First Aid and CPR certifications, have strong safety management skills and be able to lead hands-on, experiential education. There are nine positions available for the summer of 2008. Staff training and camp sessions will run late May through mid-August. For more information contact Colorado Youth Program 3970 Broadway St., Suite B2 Boulder, CO 80304 (303) 402-9656 Fax: (303) 443-5832 mary@coloradoyouthprogram.org

Gore Range Natural Science School: Natural Science Educator

This full time, 15-month position is responsible for serving the organization with a dedication to experiential learning, environmental, and natural science education. The Educator develops, coordinates, and teaches natural science programming both in the classroom and in the field. For more information contact Gina Garrett, Youth Programs Director at youthprograms@gorerange.org or (970) 827 9725 x 17.

Denver Botanic Gardens: Public Programs Manager

Creates and implements high-quality public programs for adult audiences, including formal and informal programs, distance learning, events and other educational experiences that emphasize the plant-people connection through content. Minimum of 3 years in education, adult/public program development or similar institutions. Send resume and/or application to Human Resources, Denver Botanic Gardens, 909 York St., Denver, CO 80206, or e-mail your resume to hr@botanicgardens.org.

Grants, Awards, and Competitions

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Environmental Challenge Education Program for Students

Automaker Lexus in partnership with Scholastic is accepting applications for the Lexus Environmental Challenge Program. The program is designed to educate and empower students to take action to improve the environment. More than \$1 million in scholarships and grants will be awarded to students, teachers, and schools. Middle and high school teams comprised of five to ten students and one teacher advisor are invited to participate in four initial challenges, each addressing a different environmental element — land, water, air, and climate. To obtain additional information and an application, visit: <http://www.scholastic.com/lexus/>. **Deadline: January 7, 2008.**

2008 Arbor Day Poster Contest

Contest for 5th Grade students with the theme "Trees are Terrific...inside and out!" The annual contest, sponsored by Toyota and the Colorado Tree Coalition, educates children about the importance of planting and caring for trees. To obtain free ecosystem curriculum materials, including in-depth lesson plans, hands-on activities, and contest information contact Donna Davis at dodavis@lamar.colostate.edu or call 719-384-9087.

UNEP Children's Painting Competition

The United Nations Environment Programme's International Children's Painting

Competition invites children ages 6-14 to submit paintings on the theme "Climate Change: Actions we can take now to reduce our negative impact." The paintings can focus on concrete actions such as using renewable energy, introducing energy-saving light bulbs at home, etc. Competition runs until January 15, 2008. For more information visit <http://www.unep.org/Tunza/paintcomp/>.

Toyota Tapestry Grants-- Deadline January 28, 2008

Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A. Inc., and the National Science Teachers Association are pleased to announce the 18th Annual Toyota TAPESTRY Grants for Science Teachers Program. The program is open to middle and high school science teachers who teach at least two science classes a day and to elementary classroom teachers who teach at least some science in the classroom. A total of 50 large grants of up to \$10,000 each will be awarded, along with 20 to 32 mini grants of up to \$2,500 each. All proposals must be submitted online via the link at the Toyota TAPESTRY website at <http://www.nsta.org/pd/tapestry/>.

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CSAP Practice at The Wildlife Experience

Saturday, January 19, 8:30 - 4:30 at The Wildlife Experience, Parker. Plan a personalized class field trip to The Wildlife Experience to practice CSAP skills in relevant and fun activities. Learn techniques to help your 3-10 grade students practice graphing, nonfiction reading, extended response, data analysis, and explaining interactions of living things. Work with staff to design activities and problems just right for your classes. \$80 for 0.5 credit from Colorado School of Mines. To register, call The Wildlife Experience at 720-488-3344.

Using Forensic Science to Solve a Wildlife Crime

Saturday, January 12 & 26, 8:00 - 4:00, Denver Zoo, for educators of grades 6-12.

Become an investigator of a wildlife crime in NSTA's new curriculum, practice forensic lab procedures, piece together clues in the initial crime report and interviews, and analyze physical evidence. Finally, identify the victim, suspect and violated wildlife laws. See what the zoo is doing for wildlife crime victims. \$130 for 1 credit from Colorado School of Mines

Register for the Forensics workshop through Denver Zoo Education Dept. Mail your name, address, phone, school, email, and tuition check to Denver Zoological Foundation, 2300 Steele Street, Denver, CO 80205-4899.

Collaboration Skills Workshop

February 5th, 2008, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the San Juan Public Lands Center in Durango.

This training workshop is for nonprofit program managers, natural resource professionals, and non-formal educators. Workshop will be facilitated by mediation consultant Tami Graham. Please bring a brown bag lunch. For more information, or to register please call 970-385-1256 or email gabi@sjma.org.

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Water Education Survey

[Click on this survey link](#) and complete the survey by December 21st and your name

will be added to a drawing to win a brand new 4GB iPod nano!

You should be able to complete the survey in about 15 minutes. You may need to approximate some answers or skip questions that don't apply to your organization.

In order to better understand the current status of water education in Colorado, we are using this survey to gather information from as many water education providers as possible, please spread the word. This survey is conducted by the Colorado Water Education Task Force (WETF), which is an initiative funded by the [Colorado Water Conservation Board](#) (CWCB) in partnership with the [Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education](#) (CAEE) and [Colorado Watershed Network](#) (CWN).

State Board of Education and Commissioner Dwight Jones Host Discussion on Model Content Standards Thursday, Dec. 20

Business and community leaders in Congressional District 5 are invited to a meeting in Colorado Springs to offer their perspective about the state's model content standards. The meeting will be held at the Pikes Peak Workforce Center, 2306 East Pikes Peak Ave. from 3:00—4:30 p.m. For more information visit. RSVP by Monday, Dec. 17 to the board of education office, 303-866-6817 or reinwald_m@cde.state.co.us.

2008 NAAEE Conference call for Presenters.

The Call for Presentations is now open, please visit this section <http://naaee.org/cgi-bin/risee/noram/login> of the NAAEE web site and log in. If you are not an NAAEE member, you will need to create a profile to log in, but you do not have to be a member to submit.

Build Green Schools

The United States Green Building Council has created a new website to promote the building of schools that are healthy for students, teachers, and the environment. Build Green Schools provides information on topics such as "Healthy Places to Learn" and "Benefits of Green Schools." The website also has a resource library that displays project profiles.
<http://www.buildgreenschools.org/index.html>.

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