

Become Involved with National EE Week, April 11-17, 2010

National Environmental Education Week (EE Week, www.eeweek.org) connects educators with environmental resources to promote K-12 students' understanding of the environment. We are reaching out to see if members of the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials may be interested in becoming involved with National EE Week.

In 2009, more than 2,500 schools, scout and youth groups, nature centers, nonprofits, and other organizations participated in EE Week, making it our largest event to date. We used the theme Be Water Wise! to provide lessons and activities on water quality and water conservation.

The EE Week 2010 theme is Be Water *and* Energy Wise, and we plan to focus on water and energy with the hopes of giving teachers and students an opportunity to explore the connections between the topics. Most of us are aware that energy is required for the treatment, transportation, and heating of water and water is consumed in the process of producing energy, but this is often a difficult connection for teachers to make with their students. We will provide materials on both water and energy, including the relationship between conserving water and conserving energy. School and home energy and water audits, alternative fuels, and other related topics will also be featured. Although we provide resources tied to a particular theme each year, we encourage schools and organizations to participate in any way that they wish.

There are many ways that our partner organizations choose to become involved with EE Week. Many organizations plan events for students or educators during EE Week or share resources or materials with us for inclusion at EEWeek.org or in our e-newsletter, while others promote EE Week on their websites or in print or email newsletters to their networks. Registration as an EE Week partner is completely free, and may be completed online at www.eeweek.org/register.

If you have any questions about EE Week or are interested in speaking with us about ways that NACPRO or NACPRO members may become involved with the program, please feel free to contact me via email or at the phone number listed below.

Sincerely,

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