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### **Wisconsin Environmental Education Board Awards Grants**

The Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB), located at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, will award 30 grants worth more than \$400,000. Projects comprise both statewide and grass roots initiatives. These initiatives use a variety of topics (habitat restoration, forestry education, and field research to name a few) to enable the target audiences to obtain a better understanding of and appreciation for both the built and natural environments. Projects will begin on July 1, 2000 and may run through December 31, 2001.

Recent grant cycles reveal a strong interest in the program. The 79 proposals received this year requested a total of \$1,046,094. To date the Board has received over 1,200 proposals totaling over 12 million dollars. Public and nonpublic educational institutions, all units of government, and corporations (nonprofit, non-stock) are eligible for WEEB grants. Requests cannot exceed \$20,000. Projects must be designed for Wisconsin residents and assist learners in achieving the goals of environmental education.

Initiated in 1990, the WEEB's mission is to "provide leadership in the development of learning opportunities that empower Wisconsin citizens with the knowledge and skills needed to make wise environmental decisions and take responsible actions in their personal lives, work places, and communities."

Board members include State Representatives Neal Kedzie (Elkhorn) and Mark Miller (Monona) as well as State Senators Brian Burke (Milwaukee) and Brian Rude (Coon Valley). "Leadership on both sides of the aisle and in both houses of the legislature has been a critical component of our success," said WEEB chairperson Rick Koziel. Koziel is the Director of the Beaver Creek Reserve in Fall Creek.

Summary information regarding this years recipients can be found on page two of this release. For a complete list of this years applicants and description of recipients' projects please see our website

<http://weeb.uwsp.edu/database/2000applicants.htm> and

<http://weeb.uwsp.edu/database/2000recipients.htm>

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Altoona	2000-0039	Cluster A Consortium	Environmental Field Research Course	20,000.00
Amherst Jct	2000-0006	Central Wisconsin Environmental Station	The Changing of the Land: A Wisconsin Forestry Unit	20,000.00
Baraboo	2000-0048	Aldo Leopold Foundation	Grassland Restoration & Management Workshop	6,100.00
Florence	2000-0052	FISTA	Forest Management and Timber harvesting Class	12,400.00
Juda	2000-0005	Juda Public School	Habitat Stewards Training for Interdisciplinary K-12 Teachers	5,000.00
Kaukauna	2000-0031	Kaukauna Area School District	Kaukauna Kankupot Creek Forest Project	19,688.00
La Crosse	2000-0030	School District of La Crosse	Upper Mississippi River Partnership	14,676.00
La Farge	2000-0032	Reserve Management Board	Kickapoo Valley Reserve Field School	19,982.00
Ladysmith	2000-0038	Rusk County	Rusk County Environmental Challenge	20,000.00
Luck	2000-0065	Luck School District	Butternut Lake Shoreline Restoration Project	13,085.00
Madison	2000-0011	1000 Friends of Wisconsin Land Use Inst., Inc	Education to Combat the Effects of Fragmented Land Ownership on Sustainable Forestry	19,941.00
Madison	2000-0019	Department of Natural Resources (DNR)	Forestry Education:Using PLT and Wisconsin's Model Academic Standards	13,620.00
Madison	2000-0051	University of Wisconsin-Extension	Master Woodland Manager:Train-the trainer Program	8,568.00
Milwaukee	2000-0046	WI Lake Schooner Educ. Assn.	LakeWatch Expedition:Preparation, Implementation, & Study of Impact on the Community	20,000.00
Milwaukee	2000-0062	Mid Town Neighborhood Association	Mobile Forestry Labs at the Milwaukee Urban Tree House	15,439.00
Monona	2000-0073	Nature Net	How to Use the Outdoors to make Academic Standards Fun!--an experience-based workshop for teachers.	4,862.00
Mt Horeb	2000-0041	The Blue Mounds Project	Encouraging Private Landowner Forest Stewardship in the Blue Mounds Area	12,907.00
Odanah	2000-0066	Great Lakes Indian, Fish and Wildlife Commision (GLIFWC)	Environmental Education for Tribal Youth in Wisconsin	20,000.00
Rhineland	2000-0069	Wisconsin Forest Productivity Council	Woodland Workshops-Getting started in Forest Mangement	11,783.00
Rio	2000-0070	Rio Community Schools	The Rio School Forest:A Natural Laboratory	19,894.00
Shiocton	2000-0016	School District of Shiocton	Shiocton Prairie Restoration & Ecology Education (SPREE)	19,983.00

South Milwaukee	2000-0064	South Milwaukee School District	Continued Integration of Environmental Education into the South Milwaukee Public Schools K-12 Curriculum in Support of Local Academic Standards and Improved Student Achievement in Conjunction with Use of Rawson Park.	19,550.00
Stevens Point	2000-0025	Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc	Forming Wisconsin Family Forest Alliance	15,973.00
Stevens Point	2000-0071	Becoming an Outdoors-Woman, Inc	Growing Wisconsin: Educating Women in Forest Stewardship	9,375.00
Stevens Point	2000-0079	University of Wisconsin Stevens Point: College of Natural Resources	Communication Plan to Promote Environmental Education in Wisconsin	16,897.00
Stoughton	2000-0010	WWOA Foundation	Forest Activity Workshop	6,048.00
Stoughton	2000-0053	Stoughton Area School District, Fox Prairie Elementary School	Infusing Inquiry-Based Activities and Assessments in Environmental Education	4,050.00
Tomahawk	2000-0013	Lumberjack Resources Conservation and Development Council, Inc.	Teaching Community Involvement in Forestry Education	4,610.00
Two Rivers	2000-0034	Friends of Point Beach State Forest	Dune Education and Restoration	4,088.00
Wisconsin Rapids	2000-0072	Woodland Girl Scout Council, Inc	Building Capacity for Environmental Education in Girl Scouting throughout Central Wisconsin	20,000.00

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