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Individuals to Serve on Wisconsin Environmental Education Board Sought

The Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB) is soliciting nominations for representatives to serve on the Board. Board member vacancies will be for an **Environmental Organization Representative** and an **Agriculture Representative**. The appointment is for a three-year term that begins July 1, 2000, and ends June 30, 2003.

The current Environmental Organization Representative is William Buckley, Wisconsin Wildlife Federation. The current Agriculture Representative is Dan Kvalheim, agriculture instructor for the De Forest School District.

The WEEB was created in 1990 by state legislation. Its mission is to identify needs, establish priorities and provide grants for environmental education in Wisconsin. In this capacity, the board advises the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and the University of Wisconsin System on the direction and needs for providing environmental education in schools, organizations, communities, nature centers, colleges and universities, and various other sectors. The board is also responsible for administering a small grants program for grass roots environmental education efforts.

To submit a nomination, please contact WEEB for materials. **Nomination deadline is Friday March 17, 2000.**

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Wisconsin Environmental Education Board Awards Grant to Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB), located at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, will award 45 grants worth more than \$406,000. The Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin was awarded \$12,750 for a project entitled "Wisconsin State Park Packs". Project partners include the Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin State Parks.

The goal for the project is to promote broad community environmental education by transforming thirty Wisconsin State Parks into outdoor classrooms. "Park Packs" are backpacks filled with sustainable forestry activities and materials designed for hands-on field investigations. The "Park Packs" will be available for checkout by teachers, youth group leaders, and camping families. The materials will communicate the value of our forest resource and encourage citizens to make responsible choices as consumers, landowners, producers, and decision makers.

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Wisconsin Environmental Education Board Awards Grant to Department of Natural Resources

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The goal for the project is to produce a forestry resources curriculum titled "The Forest Around Us" for use with third and fourth grade students in CESA 11. The curriculum will include three introductory lessons, a lesson presented by a visiting forester, and two follow-up lessons.

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Wisconsin Environmental Education Board Awards Grant to Sturgeon Bay Education Foundation

The Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB), located at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, will award 45 grants worth more than \$406,000. The Sturgeon Bay Education Foundation was awarded \$4,985 for a project entitled "Northeast Wisconsin Envirothon Forestry Study Kits and Skills Training". Project partners include Sturgeon Bay Public Schools, Sturgeon Bay Office of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Door County Soil and Water Department, and Brown County Soil and Water Department.

The goal for the project is to provide resources and training materials to 30 adults interested in coaching one or more teams training for the forestry component of the Envirothon. The Envirothon is a natural resource and environmental problem-solving competition for high school students that is active in 35 states and 4 provinces throughout the U.S. and Canada. Teams will have an opportunity to apply for a team scholarship to cover the cost of registration and transportation to the 1999-Northeast Wisconsin Envirothon.

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Wisconsin Environmental Education Board Awards Grant to Cooperative Educational Services Agency (CESA #7)

The Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB), located at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, will award 45 grants worth more than \$406,000. The Cooperative Educational Services Agency (CESA #7) was awarded \$2,841 for a project entitled "Biomes of Coniferous-Northern Hardwoods, Private Woodlands, Management and Cooperative Educational Uses of Them". Project partners include Providence Academy, Fallen Timbers Environmental Center, and Northeast Wisconsin Telecommunications Education Consortium.

The goal for the project is to have 65 K-12 Providence Academy students and their teachers utilize skills learned at Fallen Timbers Environmental Education Center upon a "raw" site of 8 acres of privately owned coniferous-northern hardwood forest. Students will gain an understanding of forest biomes, basic forest management, benefits of forests, and the significance of forest land development. A video telecast will be made available to 19 public school districts in the region.

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Wisconsin Environmental Education Board Awards Grant to Central Wisconsin Environmental Station

The Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB), located at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, will award 45 grants worth more than \$406,000. The Central Wisconsin Environmental Station was awarded \$3,143 for a project entitled "Forest and Forestry Education for Boy Scouts Visiting the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station".

The goal for the project is to encourage Boy Scouts to participate in an EE lesson about forests to help promote better stewardship of the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station. Scouts that participate will then be volunteer instructors for an Arbor Day/Earth Day event for the general public.

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Wisconsin Environmental Education Board Awards Grant to School District of Mellen

The Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB), located at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, will award 45 grants worth more than \$406,000. The School District of Mellen was awarded \$20,000 for a project entitled "Portrait of a Mining District: Generating Community Understanding". Project partners include Northland College.

The goal for the project is to involve students in a comprehensive, multidisciplinary study of the upper Bad River watershed. Key points in the lab oriented study include: (1) production of a scientifically valid set of baseline data that will characterize the upper Bad River watershed; (2) student involvement with professional scientists, college professors, industry representatives, business people and government officials; and (3) provide the citizens of the region with sound, factual information on the social, cultural, political, and environmental impacts of mining in the upper Bad River Watershed.

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Wisconsin Environmental Education Board Awards Grant to Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education

The Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB), located at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, will award 45 grants worth more than \$406,000. The Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education was awarded \$10,882 for a project entitled "Environmental Education Information Network".

The goal for the project is to provide support for the Environmental Education Network so that it may reach a minimum of 1,500 educators. The Network provides a direct link between EE resource providers and their target audiences. Categories of information disseminated includes: environmental education resources, EE programs, EE classroom activities, ideas for action projects, EE professional development opportunities, and funding sources.

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The goal for the project is to empower students enrolled in the district's environmental research class to reach out to community members, tourists, and other K-12 students to educate them about environmental science. The class will follow four themes of ecological principles and human population; natural resources, stewardship and earth keeping; energy, food and societal health; and politics, worldviews and ethics. Teaching techniques will include guest speakers, field trips, student created bulletin boards, written and verbal book reviews, note taking, independent projects, student created powerpoint or hyperstudio presentations, and student to younger student teaching.

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The goal for the project is to infuse environmental education into the curricula. A guide for regional field experiences for students and training for teachers throughout 44 districts in southeastern Wisconsin will be developed. The guide will provide logistical information about local field trip sites, support instructional practices through a list of objectives, suggest sequencing and subject integration options, and provide context and student assessment ideas. It will also make connections to the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards and incorporate Youth Service Learning Projects. A teacher training component of the project will provide teachers with strategies that reflect a constructivist approach to field experiences.

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The goal for the project is to integrate students into a multi-year international conservation, research, and education project designed to monitor species of birds that breed in Wisconsin and winter in Belize, Central America. Over 1,000 7th-10th grade students from schools surrounding the field research sites in Land O'Lakes, Horicon and Pewaukee, will leave the classroom and become scientists, working side-by-side with the Zoological Society's research team at the field sites and in their own communities. The education project will broaden student understanding of the global environment and its impact on mankind, help them to master scientific method and process skills, and increase their ability to use technology. Students will conduct independent research at their own school-based bird observation site, participate in the adapted, semester-long One Bird-Two Habitat curriculum (complete with a Belize cultural exchange and field notebook unit) and summer enrichment program. Over 20 teachers will participate in a comprehensive, on-going, accredited training program designed by the Society specifically for this project.

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The goal for the project is to provide small groups of northern Wisconsin residents and summer visitors the opportunity to experience a two-hour Voyager experience in a 35-foot Montreal freighter canoe on Chequamegon Bay. The tour will highlight the early trade history, as well as the current usage concerns of Lake Superior's Chequamegon Bay. Programs will be targeted to adults and older-child family groups.

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Wisconsin Environmental Education Board Awards Grant to University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point-College of Natural Resources

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The goal for the project is to improve environmental education practice in Wisconsin by evaluating the effectiveness of the WEEB grant program. Members of a WEEB Grants Evaluation Advisory Committee will identify evaluation criteria, and then develop and validate a research protocol to obtain the desired information. Reports will include results, conclusions, and recommendations and will likely take the format of a master's thesis, a detailed summary of findings, and an executive summary.

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Wisconsin Environmental Education Board Awards Grant to Chippewa Falls Unified Schools

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The goals for the project are to provide students from Chippewa County Alternative School opportunities to gain an understanding, awareness, and appreciation for land and water use within the Lake Wissota area. Students will be expected to use integrated skills including problem solving, data collection, communication, and mathematics in "real life" hands-on field study. This process is designed to enable "At Risk" students to build their self-confidence and self-concept; expose students to the value of science; and prepare them for life outside the classroom. Students and Lake Wissota Residents Association members will work cooperatively to do water quality sampling, environmental and habitat evaluations, and overall assessment of the condition of Lake Wissota.

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Wisconsin Environmental Education Board Awards Grant to University of Wisconsin Extension-UWSP

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The goal for the project is to implement a joint workshop for teachers, adult leaders, or youth interested in (or currently involved in) pursuing an Adopt-A-Lake project. The workshop will enable participants to establish water quality monitoring projects in their community, and utilize Project WET educational materials.

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Wisconsin Environmental Education Board Awards Grant to Golden Sands RC &D Council

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The goal for the project is to provide a Groundwater Flow Model Teacher Training Workshop Reunion for those teachers trained over the last five years. Twelve teachers will make formal presentation and explain how they have used the models in their classrooms, and infused them into their curricula. Update on research projects by groundwater resource professionals and examples of community groundwater education projects will also be shared. A manual of teachers' classroom activities will be compiled and given to all Reunion participants and to future Groundwater Flow Model Teacher Training Workshop participants.

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Wisconsin Environmental Education Board Awards Grant to Manitowoc County Soil & Water Conservation Department

The Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB), located at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, will award 45 grants worth more than \$406,000. The Manitowoc County Soil & Water Conservation Department was awarded \$1,750 for a project entitled "Watershed Education in the Classroom".

The goal for the project is to give 20 middle school science and agriculture teachers an understanding of watershed concepts, familiarize them with their local watersheds, teach them about non-point source pollution and give them specific exercises and activities they can use in the classroom.

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Wisconsin Environmental Education Board Awards Grant to YWCA River Bend Nature Center

The Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB), located at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, will award 45 grants worth more than \$406,000. The YWCA River Bend Nature Center was awarded \$4,850 for a project entitled "YESC Training". Project partners include Racine YMCA

The goal for the project is to provide Racine middle and high school students with a solid grounding in basic ecological understandings as they enter the Youth Environmental Service Corps (YESC) program, and to equip them to be provide future training for their peers. The "Conceptual Encounters" program developed by the Institute for Earth Education will be used. Through this program students learn about energy flow in food chains by visiting a pizza parlor, "build" a tree to see how air, water, and soil are cycled, decipher the cryptic symbols of an ancient civilization to learn how living things are interrelated, and reconstruct an old museum exhibit to learn how things change in the natural world over time.

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Wisconsin Environmental Education Board Awards Grant to Oregon High School

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The goal for the project is to develop a curriculum for the environmental science class that includes the process of developing an outdoor site, a microcosm of native Wisconsin. The high school staff will be inserviced on using newly created multi-disciplinary curricular materials and the outdoor site in order to infuse EE across the curriculum.

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The goals for the project are to help teachers gain the skills needed to develop an interdisciplinary unit on air quality for 125 eighth grade students; and to empower students with the ability to measure, interpret, and communicate the affects pollution has on the quality of air. Students will test air quality periodically throughout the school year using milkweed, ultraviolet monitors, colorimeters and an air pump. Students will interpret data into a written account which will be submitted to the local newspaper for publishing. Students will also deliver a lecture followed by a question/answer session to the sixth and seventh grade classes.

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Wisconsin Environmental Education Board Awards Grant to Board of Regents-University of Wisconsin System

The Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB), located at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, will award 45 grants worth more than \$406,000. The Board of Regents-University of Wisconsin System was awarded \$4,893 for a project entitled "Wisconsin Water Education Resource Center Network".

The goal for the project is to develop new Water Education Resource Centers (WERCs). Each WERC will provide teachers, youth group leaders and community organizations: (1) local access to water education materials, (2) local resource list of people, places, and events, (3) water education program/project models, (4) training programs on water and watersheds, (5) knowledgeable staff to provide assistance, (6) periodic networking meetings/workshops, and (7) communication of upcoming activities and events.

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The goal for the project is to engage students in inquiry based science investigations so that they may become familiar with and sensitive to environmental concerns. The project will give children experiences in discovering their own interdependence with the environment and how they can make a difference in their neighborhoods. The students will create plays, skits, songs, etc which will encourage others to take an active part in improving the world around them. Students will become familiar with plant growth. Plants will be used to beautify the school grounds and be available for families to plant in their own yards. The school's courtyard will demonstrate friendly planting, fertilization, composting, and weed & pest control.

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Wisconsin Environmental Education Board Awards Grant to Lake Superior Center

The Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB), located at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, will award 45 grants worth more than \$406,000. The Lake Superior Center was awarded \$4,571 for a project entitled "Thinking Like a Watershed: The Lake Superior Community Education Project".

The goal for the project is to develop a sense of community around the Lake Superior watershed. Through teacher training and a school residency students and teachers learn about Lake Superior. A two-week study tour around Lake Superior, visiting parks, pollution hot spots, and other communities provides the core of information. Schools and service clubs then conduct a "Lake Superior Fair" for the community which includes a multimedia presentation on the study tour.

Recent grant cycles reveal a strong interest in the WEEB grant program. The 121 proposals received this year requested a total of \$1,153,861. To date the Board has received over 1,000 proposals totaling nearly 10 million dollars. Public and nonpublic educational institutions, all units of government, and corporations (nonprofit, nonstock) 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, 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." This year, with the addition of \$200,000 from the Forestry Account of the State's Conservation Fund, the Board was able to fund more education programs than ever before.

Board members include State Representatives Tom Ourada (Antigo) and Spencer Black (Madison), as well as State Senator Brian Burke (Milwaukee). "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 Jack Finger. Finger is an educator in the Waukesha School District. "Nationally, Wisconsin has always been considered a leader in both conservation and education. Environmental education is a marriage of both disciplines and reaffirms this state's ongoing commitment to both individual and collective stewardship of our air, water, soil, and wildlife," concluded Finger.

Both the Governor's and Legislature's recent proclamations declaring April 22nd (widely known as Earth Day) to be "EE Works for Wisconsin Day!" also attest to the broad support Wisconsin's environmental education programs have received.

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