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Wisconsin Environmental Education Board Awards Grants

The Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB), in cooperation with the Wisconsin Environmental Education Foundation (WEEF), has award 35 grants worth more than \$330,000. Projects comprise both statewide and grass roots initiatives. These initiatives aim to reach more than 53,000 Wisconsin residents and will enable the target audiences to obtain a better understanding of and appreciation for both the built and natural environments, and the inter-connectedness of environment and economy.

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."

This year, for the first time, approximately \$55,000 was distributed for water education grants thanks to WEEF and its funding partners. This grant fund was made possible with major donations from the Madison Gas & Electric Foundation, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Energy Foundation. Individual donors and non-profit organizations also contributed to support this new water education grant program.

For a complete description of recipients' projects (including abstract and partnering organizations) please see our website http://cnrapps.uwsp.edu/weeb/Grants.aspx

For more information on the WEEB's environmental education grant program, including future grant opportunities, contact Administrative Specialist Ginny Carlton at (715) 346-3805. The email address is <u>weeb@uwsp.edu</u>

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2013-2014 WEEB Grant Recipients

CITY	CODE	ORGANIZATION	GRANT NAME	Amount
Appleton	2013-0005	Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve, Inc.	Kids Corner	\$1,000.00
Blue Mounds	2013-0052	Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy, Inc.	High School Biology Service Learning in the Pheasant Branch Conservancy	\$5,242.00
Bonduel	2013-0038	Bonduel School District	An Education Plan for the Bonduel School Forest	\$5,000.00
Boscobel	2013-0046	Boscobel Area School District	Road to Discoveries at the Paul Brandt School Forest	\$20,000.00
Bristol	2013-0016	Kenosha County: Pringle Nature Center	Oak Savannah Restoration Project	\$1,424.00
Cable	2013-0057	Cable Natural History Museum	Winter Discovery	\$6,074.00
Crandon	2013-0069	Crandon School District	An Education Plan for the Hovind Family School Forest	\$3,443.00
Eagle River	2013-0008	Trees For Tomorrow	Nature's Formulas: Incorporating Forestry & Natural Resource Management	\$9,325.00
Franklin	2013-0066	Friends of Wehr Nature Center	Franklin Foresters: We Speak for the Trees	\$9,935.00
Gillett	2013-0034	Gillett School District	Feeding Through the Forest	\$19,908.00
Green Bay	2013-0031	Glacierland Resource Conservation and Development	2014 Winter Woodland Owner's Conference	\$4,984.00
Green Bay	2013-0041	Friends of the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary	Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary Nature-Based 4K Program	\$9,951.00
Hurley	2013-0017	Hurley School District	An Education Plan for the Hurley School Forest	\$5,000.00
Juda	2013-0048	Juda Public School	Designing and Implementing a Pilot Stream Restoration Project	\$7,934.00
Lake Mills	2013-0067	Lake Mills Area School District	EE 4 All NOW! Creating Hands-On Green & Healthy Learning Environments	\$4,750.00
Madison	2013-0006	Community GroundWorks at Troy Gardens	Ash Ambassadors: An Urban Forestry Education Project	\$9,610.00
Madison	2013-0011	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR)	Fishing in the Neighborhood (FIN)	\$5,300.00
Madison	2013-0015	BioPharmaceutical Technology Center Institute	A Celebration of Life XVIII: Energy!	\$4,168.00
Madison	2013-0035	Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System: UW-Extension	Building Public Awareness of Wisconsin's Streams and the Impacts of Land Use on Their Water Quality	\$9,969.00
Madison	2013-0036	Cool Choices, Inc.	Making Cool Choices in Green & Healthy Schools	\$10,000.00
Madison	2013-0050	Community GroundWorks at Troy Gardens	H2O: Water Food and You	\$6,435.00
Madison	2013-0051	Wisconsin Wetlands Association	Improving Local Wetland Decision Making in West Central Wisconsin	\$8,001.00
Madison	2013-0053	Lake View Parent Teacher Organization	Creating an Urban Sustainable Forestry & Schoolyard Habitat: Part II	\$10,000.00
Medford	2013-0049	Medford Area Public Schools	Bring Life Back to the MASPD Pond	\$17,900.00

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Mequon	2013-0028	Mequon Nature Preserve	Mequon Nature Preserve Environmental Education Community Workshops	\$1,000.00
Milwaukee	2013-0039	Boys and Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee: Mardak Center for Administration and Training	Lake Keesus Wetlands & Water Quality Program	\$10,000.00
Milwaukee	2013-0047	SHARP Literacy, Inc.	SHARP Literacy, Inc.: Second Grade Water Curriculum	\$1,000.00
Milwaukee	2013-0063	Southeastern Wisconsin Watersheds Trust, Inc.	Sweet Water's Respect Our Waters Public Education Campaign	\$10,000.00
Milwaukee	2012-0067	Energy Exchange Inc.	Hands on Water Management Workshops for Landscape Design Professionals	\$10,000.00
Monona	2013-0072	Aldo Leopold Nature Center, Inc.	Forestry in a Changing Climate	\$10,000.00
Monona	2013-0073	Aldo Leopold Nature Center, Inc.	Phenology through Photography	\$9,971.00
Mosinee	2013-0024	Mosinee School District	Story Book Woods	\$4,970.00
Newburg	2013-0020	Riveredge Nature Center	Evaluating a System Approach to Environmental Education	\$10,000.00
Portage	2013-0012	Portage Community School District	Portage School Forestry Education Plan	\$4,549.00
Schofield	2013-0025	D.C. Everest Area School District	Environmental Connection III: Project FAWN: Fundamental Attitudes in the World o	\$19,987.00
Stevens Point	2013-0074	Wisconsin Environmental Education Foundation	Forestry Education Initiatives	\$33,965.00
Superior	2013-0071	UW-Superior	Lake Superior Rivers2Lake Education Program	\$10,000.00

TOTAL AWARDED \$330,795

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