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Welcome!

This is the first email newsletter from the Wisconsin Environmental Science Teacher Network. This new initiative from the Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education is targeted at 7th -12th grade educators who teach environmental science, natural resources, ecology, or similar courses. The goal is to help environmental science teachers connect with one another, with resources, and with professional development opportunities.

From the Network Coordinator

As the coordinator of the Wisconsin Environmental Science Teacher Network, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Sunshine Buchholz and I'm an Environmental Education Specialist with the Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education. Along with coordinating this network I also coordinate the Governor's High School Conference on the Environment and am in the process of developing a new environmental education clearinghouse web site for the state of Wisconsin. Prior to my current position I worked with the LEAF Program for nearly five years. I've been in this new position since last October and I look forward to helping this network grow into a valuable resource. If you have questions or comments about the network please contact me: sbuchhol@uwsp.edu.

Resources

Network Web Site

Visit the Wisconsin Environmental Science Teacher Network web site at: www.uwsp.edu/wcee/envsci. You will find the goals of the network, upcoming projects, resources, and school environmental club information. Watch for the site to grow along with the network as new information is added.

Environmental Science Textbook List

Based on teacher requests a list of environmental science textbooks for both regular and AP courses has been compiled. It can be found on this web page: <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/wcee/envsci/texts.htm>. The list contains the author, title, publisher, date, book web site, and a publisher's description for each book. The resource should be useful when choosing a new textbook for your courses. Eventually a list of lab manuals and other environmental science books will be compiled as well.

School Environmental Clubs in Wisconsin

You asked for it - requests for a way in which school environmental clubs can network has prompted the revision of a 2000 publication titled, School Environmental Clubs in Wisconsin. The entire booklet is now

available online at: <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/wcee/envsci/clubs.htm>. Section one provides information on starting or revitalizing a school environmental club; section two gives ideas for environmental involvement in Wisconsin, section three is a list of environmental education resources, and section four is a directory of school environmental clubs in Wisconsin. The directory is currently under revision. Please HELP! If your club is not listed, please submit a listing online: <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/wcee/envsci/ClubForm.htm>.

Events

2007 Governor's High School Conference on the Environment

Students Making a Difference: Citizen Science Monitoring is the theme of this year's High School Conference on the Environment. The event will be held Wednesday, November 14th in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Join 300 high school students and teachers to learn about the many environmental monitoring projects in which you can become involved. Find out how to take the next step with a monitoring project you are already conducting. Students can visit with professionals who use monitoring as part of their careers and discover what high school and university students are doing around the state. This is a great opportunity for students to present an oral or poster presentation on research they are conducting. **The call for student presenters is open until May 25th**. Learn more: <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/wcee/youthconference>

Environmental Science Teacher Summit

In the summer of 2008, an environmental science teacher summit will be held in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. This one day event will feature a keynote speaker, concurrent sessions, and opportunities for environmental science teachers from around the state to network and share ideas. We just received a Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB) grant to hold the event at no cost to participants. A planning committee is being formed – please contact Sunshine (sbuchhol@uwsp.edu) if you would like to help organize this exciting event.

General Information

AP Environmental Science

From the College Board AP Central: "Since the launch of the AP Course Audit in January, tens of thousands of teachers have submitted materials to request authorization to use the "AP" designation on their 2007-08 courses. If you plan to teach an AP course next year but have not yet begun the authorization process, we would like to remind you that the deadline for submitting AP Course Audit materials is June 1, 2007."

AP Course Audit Information: http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/teachers_corner/46361.html

AP Environmental Course Requirements:

http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/teachers_corner/51051.html

AP Environmental Science Course Home Page:

http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/teachers_corner/2128.html

Who Teaches Environmental Science?

I am in the process of learning who in the state teaches environmental science, ecology, natural resources etc. and who is interested in the network. Having a complete list of environmental science teachers will provide a better perspective on the type of resources needed. A database of educators is being created. Those in it will be the first to learn about new resources and professional development opportunities. The network will be driven by teacher input and needs. Please forward this newsletter to anyone you know who might be interested.

Encourage them to go to our web site and sign up for the network:

<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/wcee/envsci/signup.htm>.

Your Email Address is Vital

Most of the communication you will receive from the Wisconsin Environmental Science Teacher Network will be via email. It is vital that you keep your address up to date and ensure messages avoid your spam filter. Don't miss out on great information and resources. If you are switching schools next year, please send me your new address. Provide a secondary (home) email if you have one so you receive messages during the summer months. Send updates to sbuchhol@uwsp.edu. Thanks!

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