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Hello Wisconsin Environmental Science Teacher Network

Here are a few last minute opportunities to be aware of. Have a great summer break.

~ Sunshine

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1. Great Opportunity with Teacher Funding Provided

There is money available for teachers to attend the Midwest environmental education conference in the fall of 2007. You must act now! Funds are limited and first come first served.

Thanks to a charter school dissemination grant awarded to the Wisconsin River Charter School through the Wisconsin DPI, money is available to pay for teacher and administrator registration and up to \$200 for substitute reimbursement. The Midwest Environmental Education Conference is October 18-20, 2007 in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. The theme is "No Child Left Inside" and focuses on ideas, opportunities, and methods to reintroduce the outdoors into your school's curriculum. Keynote speaker, Richard Louv, author of the book "Last Child in the Woods—Saving Our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder" has raised concern for the lack of time today's youth spend in nature and what this means not only to the health of our environment, but also to the health of individuals and society. For more information on the conference and to download an application see <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/waee/Events/fall07.htm>

2. Student Presenters Wanted

High school students are invited to present at the Governor's High School Conference on the Environment in Stevens Point on November 14, 2007. The theme of the conference this year is Students Making a Difference – Citizen Science Monitoring. Student presenters have 10-15 minutes to give an oral presentation on environmental monitoring research they have conducted. It is a great opportunity for them to network with other students and gain valuable presentation skills. To learn more about the conference visit:

<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/wcee/youthconference/>. There is room for one more group of student presenters.

Hurry, you must send your presentation proposals in by the end of the school year. Contact sbuchhol@uwsp.edu if you have any questions.

3. School Environmental Club Information Needed

If you coordinate a school environmental club, please help to update the *School Environmental Clubs in Wisconsin* directory by submitting your club information at: <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/wcee/envsci/clubs.htm>. Be proud and show off what you do! This valuable resource helps clubs network and share ideas with one another. Encourage your students to use the activity ideas and directory of resources when they start meeting in the fall.

Many schools have clubs that we are not even aware of. Let us know you exist by entering your club information online. We believe clubs exist at the following schools but need confirmation (use the form at the link above):

Algoma High School, Ashwaubenon High School, Baraboo Middle School, Belleville High School, Brillion High School, Cedarburg High School, Chilton High School, Clintonville High School, Daniel Webster Middle School, DePere High School, Dodgeville High School, Eagle River Elementary School, Eau Claire Memorial High School, Eau Claire North High School, Ellsworth Sr. High School, FJ Turner High School, Green Bay Preble High, Green Bay Southwest High, Greendale High School, George Nelson Tremper High, Gillett High School, Hawley Environmental School, Heritage Elementary, Homestead High School, Horace Mann Middle School, Kettle Moraine High School, Ladysmith-Hawkins High School, Luxemburg-Casco High School, Madison Memorial High School, Marquette University High School, Mayville Middle School, Middleton High School, Melrose-Mindoro High School, Memorial High School, Menomonee Falls High School, Mosinee High School, Nicolet High School, Onalaska High School, Oostburg High School, Oregon, Ozaukee High School, Port Washington High School, Pardeeville Middle School, Port Washington High School, Poynette High School, Rhinelander High School, Rice Lake High School, River Falls High School, Summit Elementary School, Seymour High School, St. Alphonsus,

Summit Elementary School, Trempealeau Elementary, University School of Milwaukee, Washington Elementary School, Wausau West High School, Weyauwega-Fremont High School, West De Pere High School, Weston Elementary School, Whitehall Memorial High School, Wonewoc-Center High School

4. Preparing High School Students for College-level Natural Resource Courses

There are descriptions, links to syllabi, and lecture notes available for introductory level college courses at UWSP on this web page: <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/wcee/envsci/college.htm>. This information may be useful if you are planning a new course or modifying an old one. Information about natural resource courses at other Wisconsin colleges will be added to this page in the future.