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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 18, 2008

“No Child Left Inside” – The 2008 Earth Science Week Theme

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To learn more about this week, ways to become involved; including newsletters, local events, and classroom activities, please go to the Earth Science Week website at http://www.earthsciweek.org.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 20, 2008

AGI Announces Contests for Earth Science Week 2008


All U.S. residents are encouraged to enter “Earth Science Beyond your Front Door” the 2008 photography contest. This contest asks people to explore the geologic world through the camera.

Students grades K-5 who enter the Visual Arts Contest “Studying our Earth” should show themselves as an earth scientist actively studying our planet, through drawing or painting.

The Essay Contest, open to students in grades 6-9, is themed “Earth Connections.” Entrants are asked to discuss the interconnected geologic processes that take place in their community and how those processes in turn affect them.

All entries must be either postmarked or received digitally by 5:00 pm EDT on October 17, 2008. Everyone is encouraged to spend Earth Science Week experiencing earth science in its natural setting and developing entries based on what has been learned during the week.

Earth Science Week is organized annually by AGI with support from a number of other geoscience organizations including the U.S. Geological Survey and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists Foundation. To learn more about these contests, including further information on deadlines and qualifications, please visit http://www.earthsciweek.org/.

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American Geological Institute Press Release
Alexandria, Virginia

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Sept. 10 -- The American Geological Institute issued the following news release:

The key educational support product for Earth Science Week 2008 (October 12-18) is the Toolkit that enables teachers, students, and the public to explore this year's theme "No Child Left Inside." The 2008 edition of this resource is now available through the American Geological Institute (AGI).

The 2008 Toolkit contains several resources developed by AGI, including the new editions of the Earth Science Week Activity Calendar and classroom poster with activities suitable for all ages provided by AGI, its Member Societies and other organizations. In addition to these traditional Toolkit publications, this year AGI's education department teamed with Walden Media to create a "Journey 3-D" educator guide with 3-D glasses to explore where science fact meets science fiction in the movie "Journey to the Center of the Earth 3-D." Several other organizations contributed materials for inclusion in the Toolkits. The U. S. Geological Survey provided a 3-D geosciences poster. NASA supplied a CD-ROM of Earth Observations from Space. NOAA provided climate literacy information while ESRI included a CD-ROM on GIS technology and activities. A field notebook with an activity from Rite in the Rain is also part of each Toolkit.

These items and much more can be found in each Earth Science Week Toolkit aimed at engaging the students and general public in exploring the geosciences. The Toolkits are available for the cost of shipping and handling ($6.95 in the United States). Bulk pricing is available. To order, visit http://www.earthsciweek.org/materials.

Earth Science Week is an annual event held the second week of October to promote an understanding and appreciation of the earth sciences. It is coordinated by the American Geological Institute with generous support from the U.S. Geological Survey, the AAPG Foundation, and the National Park Service. To learn more about this event, please visit http://www.earthsciweek.org/.

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AGI Announces a New, Global Earth Science Week Contest

Alexandria, VA – The American Geological Institute (AGI) is sponsoring a new, fourth contest in conjunction with both Earth Science Week and The International Year of Planet Earth (IYPE).

In addition to the Photo, Essay, and Visual Art contests offered each year as part of Earth Science Week, a new global photography contest, “Exploring Earth Science Around the World” has been developed. This competition is open to anyone worldwide with images eligible from anywhere around the world – all in celebration of IYPE.

Entrants are encouraged to submit images that highlight the beauty and power of the earth processes. Pictures of landforms, bodies of water, weather, and more that depict the geosciences exploration and research that is occurring across the planet as part of IYPE are ideal.

To learn more about this contest, including rules for submissions, deadlines, and prizes, visit http://www.earthsciweek.org/contests/lypemphocontest/.

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Alexandria, Virginia

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Oct. 7 -- The American Geological Institute issued the following news release:

Scientists from the American Geological Institute (AGI) and the U.S. Geological Survey will lead students at Langston Hughes Middle School in Reston, Va., in a hands-on exploration of earth science on No Child Left Inside (NCLI) Day on Oct. 14, 2008.

Department of Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne and USGS Director Mark Myers are expected to participate in the activities at nearby Beaver Pond. The activities will engage students in "learning stations" on topics such as water chemistry and biological diversity.

"No Child Left Inside," has become a rallying cry for a growing movement nationwide. Under the NCLI banner, various agencies and nonprofits, from USGS and the National Park Service to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, have recently conducted activities to help young people experience the benefits of outdoor activity. In addition, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the "No Child Left Inside" Act (HR 3036) on Sept. 18, 2008, authorizing funding improvements in environmental education.

In support of this growing initiative, Earth Science Week (October 12-18, 2008), held annually and organized by the AGI, is celebrating the theme "No Child Left Inside" by participating in NCLI Day.

Inspired in part by Richard Louv's bestseller Last Child in the Woods, NCLI efforts aim to curb what the author calls the rising tide of "nature-deficit disorder" among America's youth.

For information on the school event, contact Geoff Camphire, Earth Science Week Manager, (703) 379-2480, gac@agiweb.org. For related learning activities and resources, see Earth Science Week online at http://www.earthsciweek.org.

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Boonshoft Museum of Discovery Press Release
Dayton, Ohio

2600 DeWeese Parkway
Dayton, OH 45414

A week of fun Earth Science themed activities will be planned for the week of Oct. 12-18, 2008. Come outside and learn about the clouds, weather, erosion, and soil. Become a Mineral Detective and even make your own Volcano!

Be sure to check out times for these special events on our website at www.boonshoftmuseum.org

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Dakota WILD News, March 2008 Press Release
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"NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE" - THE 2008 EARTH SCIENCE WEEK THEME

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NASA Scientists Address 5 Big Questions in Earth Science for Earth Science Week 2008

PRESS RELEASE
Date Released: Monday, October 13, 2008
Source: Goddard Space Flight Center

Log in during Earth Science Week 2008 as scientists from NASA Goddard Space Flight Center answer the five big Earth science questions. Each day a 2-minute video clip of scientists addressing these questions will be featured at http://www.nasa.gov/goddard along with links to additional Earth science educational resources.

Following is the schedule:

1. Introduction and How is the global Earth system changing?
   10/13/08
2. What are the primary forces of the Earth system? 10/14/08
3. How does the Earth system respond to natural and human-induced changes? 10/15/08
4. What are the consequences of change in the Earth system for human civilization? 10/16/08
5. How will the Earth system change in the future? 10/17/08

NASA is a sponsor of Earth Science Week 2008, "No Child Left Inside." For more information on Earth Science Week, visit http://www.earthsciweek.org.
The Green Hunt: An Early Halloween Treat for DC Science Buffs

Release date: 10/17/2008

Contact Information: Melissa Anley-Mills, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, cell: (202) 664-7272; Annie Drinkard, Marian Koshland Science Museum of the National Academy of Sciences, adrinkard@nas.edu, (202) 334-1612 or cell: (202) 281-0521

(10/17/08) As Halloween approaches at the end of the month, Washingtonians and D.C. visitors are in for a treat this Saturday with the first annual eco-scaevenger hunt called "The Green Hunt." Organized by the Marian Koshland Science Museum, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will help staff the event in Washington, D.C.'s Penn Quarter. The Green Hunt will challenge participants to find out how much science is in the city with puzzles and questions. Free to the public, the event honors Earth Science Week 2008 and is designed to inform people about climate and earth science, and show that urban environments provide great learning opportunities for outdoor science activities. The fun begins at 11 a.m. and runs until the clue and puzzle answers are submitted at 5 p.m.

Date:
Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008

Location:
Koshland Science Museum, located at the corner of 6th and E Streets, N.W. in downtown Washington, D.C. (nearest Metro stops: Judiciary Square (red line) or Gallery Place (red, yellow or green lines))

Time:
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost: Free

For more information about the Koshland’s Green Hunt:
http://www.koshland-science-museum.org/events/upcomingevent.jsp?id=310

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Hughes Middle School Students to Explore Earth Science on No Child Left Inside Day

Students at Hughes Middle School will be joined by scientists from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and the American Geological Institute (AGI) for the kickoff of a three-day hands-on exploration of Earth science at nearby Beaver Pond beginning at 8 a.m. on No Child Left Inside Day, Tuesday, October 14. Hughes Middle School is a Fairfax County public school.

No Child Left Inside is the theme of Earth Science Week, October 12-18, when various government agencies and nonprofit organizations offer students the opportunity to participate in outdoor activities. Every seventh grade Hughes student will hike to the nearby pond on October 14 to measure the amount of water flowing in a stream, test the chemistry of the water, take soil samples, identify rocks, learn about organisms found in the streams, and map the area, recording observations in a field notebook. The field notebooks, made possible by contributions from USGA and Rite in the Rain, include all-weather writing paper and charts on types of clouds, soils, and geological map symbols. The students, who are enrolled in Life Science, will complete related activities over a three-day period during Earth Science Week, integrating science with activities in art, English, math, and social studies.

Note: Beaver Pond activities will take place in an area near the corner of Glade Drive and Twin Branches Road in Reston. Visitors can walk down a short asphalt path to the nearest learning station. For more information, contact Hughes principal Aimee Monticchio at 703-715-5800 or aimee.monticchio@fcps.edu or AGI Earth Science Week manager Geoff Campfire at 703-378-2480 or pnc@agweb.org.
Fernbank Museum of Natural History Press Release

Press Release

Celebrate Earth Science Week—October 12-18
with Fernbank Museum of Natural History

ATLANTA—Fernbank Museum of Natural History celebrates Earth Science Week, an initiative of the American Geological Institute (AGI), from October 12-18, 2008, with a series of programs observing the natural beauty, wonder and intrigue of our planet.

This year’s theme for Earth Science Week is “No Child Left Inside,” encouraging young people to learn about the geosciences by turning off the television, the computer, and video games to explore the outdoors.

Fernbank Museum’s mission, to encourage a greater appreciation of our planet and its peoples through dynamic programming, is an obvious match with Earth Science Week and “No Child Left Inside.”

Visitors are encouraged to celebrate nature every day at Fernbank, and especially during Earth Science Week.

Programming highlights for Earth Science Week include:

“Climate Change and the Poles: Penguins, Polar Bears and Georgians” Lecture
Dr. Marshall Shepherd, University of Georgia
October 14 at 7 p.m.
A topic straight from the headlines, this lecture investigates climate change, including how weather and climate in Georgia are connected to extreme changes in the Polar Regions.
Tickets—Free, but reservations are required at 404.929.6400.

“Bugs, Bats & Bones Day”
October 18, 2008, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Discover what’s cool about Halloween with entertainment and hands-on activities investigating bugs, bats and bones. Highlights include Halloween face painting, live insect encounters, a chance to meet the giant costumed spider, “Rantula the Tarantula,” and Spookily-Silly Storytelling by the KSU Tellers.
Tickets—Included with Museum admission: $15 for adults, $14 for students/seniors, $13 for children ages 3-12, and free for museum members and children ages 2 and younger.
Reservations: 404.929.6400.

“Regions of Georgia: Appalachian Region—Track Rock Gap and Brasstown Bald’s Arkaquah Trail”
October 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Join Fernbank educators for a unique excursion combining archaeology and ecology. Hike from Brasstown Bald, Georgia’s highest peak, and search for the Fringed Gentian—a threatened plant. Then explore Track Rock Gap to learn the mystery behind North Georgia’s last intact example of rock art (petroglyphs).
Cost: $25 for adults and $10 for children (or $15 for adult museum members and $5 for children members). To reserve a space, call 404.929.6379.

“Weekend Wonders”
Every Saturday and Sunday in The Naturalist Center
(Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.)
Enjoy a variety of hands-on activities and live animal encounters with Fernbank educators. Topics change regularly, so there’s always something new to discover!

* October 18—In the Dark

Tickets—Included with Museum admission: $15 for adults, $14 for students/seniors, $13 for children ages 3-12, and free for museum members and children ages 2 and younger. Museum tickets: 404.929.6400.
Florida Department of Environmental Protection Press Release
Tallahassee, Florida
http://www.dep.state.fl.us/secretary/news/2008/10/1012_01.htm

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 12, 2008

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Earth Science Week is the Time to Get "In Sink" With State's Unique Geology

--Governor's proclamation promotes environmental learning in The Great Outdoors--

TALLAHASSEE - Recognizing the importance of earth sciences, Florida Governor Charlie Crist and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) are joining states across the nation to recognize October 13-17 as Earth Science Week. Organized by the American Geological Institute, Earth Science Week promotes public awareness of the earth sciences and stewardship of the Earth.

"This year's national theme for Earth Science Week is: No Child Left Inside! In keeping with this theme, we encourage young people to take advantage of opportunities this week to learn about the geosciences by getting away from the television, turning off the computer and heading to a state park or state geological site with their families," said DEP Secretary Michael W. Sole.

DEP's Florida Geological Survey (FGS) – made up of geologists, hydrogeologists and well drillers – investigates and monitors the state's aquifer systems and geology. They study the Earth, its processes, its materials, its history, and its effect on humans and life in general. The FGS, established in 1907, has provided earth science information and interpretive data to governmental agencies, land-use planners, environmental and engineering consultants, mineral owners and exploration companies, industry and the public for more than 100 years. These entities then use this information and geology to protect public health and natural resources, and ensure sound environmental management.

In celebration of Earth Science Week, the Florida Geological Survey will host its annual open house on Monday, featuring...
"No Student Left Inside" During Earth Science Week

TALLAHASSEE - This week is Earth Science Week and in keeping tune with this year’s theme, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has ensured no student is “left inside” by immersing Columbia County children in science and nature with a LIFE (Learning in Florida’s Environment) lesson. DEP’s Ichetucknee Springs State Park hosted approximately 165 students from Fort White High School over the past two days for a LIFE field lab centered on the carbon-oxygen cycle, studying how trees “breathe” in carbon dioxide and “breathe” out oxygen.

"The LIFE program’s mission coincides with Earth Science Week in that they both aim to engage students in outdoor activity that promotes mental and physical well-being while also strengthening environmental stewardship," said DEP’s LIFE Director Greg Ira. “This lab not only addresses the importance of environmental protection, but provides students with hands-on, outdoor learning experiences that stimulate learning as well as personal development.”

During the LIFE field experience, students were split into two groups and asked to examine a log, analyze their observations and collect interesting items found in the logs, like insects and fungus, to observe under a microscope. After completing the field lab, the students were able to identify different decomposing tree habitats, identify how the activities of organisms affect soil formation and understand how the process of decomposition helps create rich soil.

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Tyler Smith, a fifth grader at Claywell Elementary School, recently won first place in the American Geological Institute's visual arts contest.

Tyler created a poster depicting himself as a scientist studying Earth Science using the inquiry approach to answer a question in nature. Tyler drew himself testing the school soil for lead.

He receives $300 and a copy of AGI's Faces of Earth DVD. The visual arts contest involved kindergarten through fifth grade students creating a two-dimensional illustration of the theme, "Studying Our Earth." The AGI contests were part of Earth Science Week activities.

Two of the four other finalists in the visual arts contest are also Claywell students. The artwork of fifth grader Brooke Ferrante-Gennaro and fourth grader Kyle Lawton is also posted on the AGI website: [http://www.earthsciweek.org/contests/2008index.html](http://www.earthsciweek.org/contests/2008index.html).

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Kansas Geological Society Press Release
Lawrence, Kansas
http://www.kgs.ku.edu/General/News/2008/esw_tools.html


KGS Announces Release of 2008 Earth Science Week Toolkits

The Kansas Geological Survey (KGS), in cooperation with the American Geological Institute (AGI), is supporting Earth Science Week activities this October 12-18, 2008, by making available Earth Science Week Toolkits. KGS is distributing the toolkits to individuals and groups interested in holding their own Earth Science Week activities and programs.

The Earth Science Week Toolkit includes information and resources for the public, university, and K-12 students. Examples of toolkit contents include an all-weather Rite in the Rain notebook and field activity; NOAA climate literacy materials; EarthCaching CD-ROM from the Geological Society of America; GPS and GIS lessons for earth science education; National Academy of Sciences observations of Earth from space CD-ROM; wall posters, educational handouts and classroom activities based on National Science Education Standards. Additional resources and activities that complement the toolkits are available from the Earth Science Week website at: http://www.earthsciweek.org.

Earth Science Week is an annual event organized by AGI to help the public gain a better understanding and appreciation for the Earth sciences and to encourage stewardship of the Earth. The theme of this year's Earth Science Week is "No Child Left Inside." The goal is to focus learning about earth sciences in their natural setting--outside. Central to the goal is to get schoolchildren across the nation to turn off the TV and step away from their computers to discover the rocks, soil, watersheds, and weather patterns in their communities.

Earth Science Week 2008 Toolkits can be obtained from either the Kansas Geological Survey, 1930 Constant Ave., Lawrence, KS 66047-3726 (phone 785-864-3963), or the KGS Wichita Well Sample Library, 4150 Monroe St., Wichita, KS 67209 (phone 316-943-2343). A limited supply are available free of charge, plus shipping and handling. After supplies are exhausted, additional copies may be purchased from AGI for $6.95, each, plus shipping and handling. Kansas residents should call for specific sales tax owed. More information about KGS books, maps, and other products is available at the KGS's web site (www.kgs.ku.edu).

Link of interest to this article:
  American Geological Institute's Earth Science Week website

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MTSU GEOSCIENCES CELEBRATES EARTH SCIENCE WEEK
IN OCTOBER

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MTSU GEOSCIENCES CELEBRATES EARTH SCIENCE WEEK IN OCTOBER

Free & Open Events Include Lectures on Global Warming and Petroleum’s Future (MURFREESBORO)—The Department of Geosciences at MTSU will participate in Earth Science Week in October with a series of activities and events that are free and open to the public.

This year’s National Earth Science Week, which is designed to help raise awareness about the many contributions geoscientists make to society, is set for Oct. 12-18. In turn, MTSU’s geosciences faculty will celebrate the week with a number of activities beginning Oct. 12

Dr. Melissa Lobegeier, assistant professor, geosciences, said among the celebration’s MTSU-sponsored highlights will be a guest lecture/brown bag forum 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, by Gerry Calhoun, a surface geochemist consultant at New Paradigm Exploration, whose talk, “Petroleum: Its Past, Its Present, Its Possibilities,” will be held in Room 452 of Kirksey Old Main on the MTSU campus.

Another featured brown-bag forum, “Climate History and Global Warming: Fact and Fiction,” will begin at 12:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, in KOM 452. Led by Lobegeier and Dr. Jim Henry, geosciences professor, the two-hour discussion will include a panel whose members will answer questions about global warming and climate change.

Other on-campus Earth Science Week functions will include the below-listed activities.

• Wednesday, Oct. 15: Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Keathley University Center courtyard. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the MTSU chapter of Sigma Gamma Epsilon.

• Thursday, Oct. 16: Department of Geosciences Open House at 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in KOM 300. Sponsored by Sigma Gamma Epsilon, the event will feature posters and displays on department courses. Refreshments and snacks will be provided by Sigma Gamma Epsilon.

Also, throughout the day faculty and staff will be present to provide information and answer questions on careers in geosciences. Participating faculty will include the following: Dr. Henry (remote sensing, meteorology) at 9-9:45 a.m.; Dr. Melissa Lobegeier (paleontology, climatology) at 9:45-10:30 a.m.; Dr. Warner Cribb (mining/mineralogy, geochemistry) at 10:30-11:15 a.m.; Dr. Albert Ogden (hydrogeology) at 11:15 a.m.-noon; Dr. Mark Abolins and Dr. Pat Boda (geographic information systems) at 12-12:45 p.m.; Dr. Clay Harris (petroleum geology) at 12:45-1:30 p.m.; and Dr. Laura Collins (K-12 earth science education) at 1:30-2 p.m.

For more information about these local Earth Science Week events, please contact MTSU’s geosciences department at by calling (615) 898-2726.
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GOVERNOR BLUNT
PROCLAIMS EARTH SCIENCE WEEK OCT. 12 THROUGH Oct. 18

"No Child Left Inside" theme for 10th annual event

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JEFFERSON CITY MO. OCT. 9, 2008–Governor Matt Blunt has declared the week of Oct. 12 through Oct. 18 as Earth Science Week to bring awareness to the fact that earth sciences are fundamental to the health, safety and welfare of all Missourians.

"No Child Left Inside" was selected by the American Geological Institute as the theme of Earth Science Week 2008 to increase public understanding and appreciation of the earth sciences.

"We are pleased to partner with the American Geological Institute to encourage young people to learn about the geosciences by getting away from the television, off the computer and outdoors," said Joe Gillman, Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Division of Geology and Land Survey director and state geologist. "We encourage our educators to highlight the earth sciences as a career choice and demonstrate the benefits earth sciences bring to the community. We know for certain that learning takes place in the classroom, and parents as well as teachers play a vital role in embracing this year’s "No Child Left Inside" theme.”

Geologists and land surveyors play important roles in society’s use and protection of natural resources. The department has a long history of providing geology and land survey expertise to Missouri. "Earlier this year, our Geology program marked 150 years of service to the citizens of Missouri," Gillman said. Additionally, our Land Survey Program, established in 1970, pre-dates the formation of the department by three years."

Staff members from Gillman’s Rolla office are helping to spread science literacy to benefit Missourians by speaking to students in area classrooms during the week. Additionally, staff will offer some of the division’s most popular books and educational trading cards during the Rolla Downtown Arts and Crafts Festival on Saturday, Oct. 18. These fascinating books and cards continue to be favorites of Missourians and visitors to our great State. They also make great Christmas gifts.

Several contests are under way during Earth Science Week and are open to U.S. residents of any age. They include two photography contests, a visual arts contest and an essay contest. Entries are being taken from across the nation, and the prizes are out of this world!

The department’s Division of Geology and Land Survey offers a wide variety of publications on topics such as rocks, minerals and fossils, fact sheets, maps and educational trading cards. To thank Rolla Middle School student Spencer Gordon for helping announce Earth Science Week, Gillman presented Gordon a set of Missouri Resources Trading Cards. The educational cards cover different general interest topics including caves, ice age animals, rivers, springs, land surveying, rocks, minerals, dams, wells and past state geologists. The cards are suitable for children and adults of all ages.

Visitors are welcome to tour the Ed Clark Museum of Geology, which is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. The publications sales desk, which is located in Rolla, may be reached by calling 573-368-2125 or 800-361-4827 or visit on the Web at http://www.dnr.mo.gov/geo. Additional
AGI Announces Release for 2008 Earth Science Week Kit

AGI ANNOUNCES RELEASE FOR 2008 EARTH SCIENCE WEEK KIT

For Immediate Release
Contact: Geoff Campshire gac@agiweb.org

Alexandria, VA The key educational support product for Earth Science Week 2008 (October 12-18) is the Toolkit that enables teachers, students, and the public to explore this year's theme "No Child Left Inside." The 2008 edition of this resource is now available through the American Geological Institute (AGI).

The 2008 Toolkit contains several resources developed by AGI, including the new editions of the Earth Science Week Activity Calendar and classroom poster with activities suitable for all ages provided by AGI, its Member Societies and other organizations. In addition to these traditional Toolkit publications, this year AGI's education department teamed with Walden Media to create a "Journey 3-D" educator guide with 3-D glasses to explore where science fact meets science fiction in the movie "Journey to the Center of the Earth 3-D."

Several other organizations contributed materials for inclusion in the Toolkits. The U. S. Geological Survey provided a 3-D geosciences poster. NASA supplied a CD-ROM of Earth Observations from Space. NOAA provided climate literacy information while ESRI included a CD-ROM on GIS technology and activities. A field notebook with an activity from Rite in the Rain is also part of each Toolkit.

These items and much more can be found in each Earth Science Week Toolkit aimed at engaging the students and general public in exploring the geosciences. The Toolkits are available for the cost of shipping and handling ($6.50 in the United States). Bulk pricing is available. To order, visit http://www.earthsicweek.org/materials/.

Earth Science Week is an annual event held the second week of October to promote an understanding and appreciation of the earth sciences. It is coordinated by the American Geological Institute with generous support from the U. S. Geological Survey, the AAPG Foundation, and the National Park Service. To learn more about this event, please visit http://www.earthsicweek.org/.

The American Geological Institute is a nonprofit federation of 45 geoscientific and professional associations that represents more than 120,000 geologists, geophysicists and other earth scientists. Founded in 1948, AGI provides information services to geoscientists, serves as a voice of shared interests in the profession, plays a major role in strengthening geoscience education, and strives to increase public awareness of the vital role the geosciences play in society's use of resources, resiliency to natural hazards, and interaction with the environment.
Engineers Create Fix for Broken Jaws

It didn’t start out as an engineering problem. It started as a patient problem. Jon Wagner, a head and neck surgeon at the University of New Mexico Hospital, sees over 400 broken jaws a year. Traditionally Wagner and other trauma surgeons repair jaws using heavy titanium plates, which are bent to bridge the breaks with a combination of heavy tools and brute force. The plates are fixed to the jawbones with screws, usually inserted through the mouth. It is an invasive process and up to 20 percent of the patients have serious enough complications to require a follow-up surgery. The mechanics of the process bothered Wagner so he went across campus to talk to the mechanical engineers.

Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering Tariq Khrasha and his graduate student, Scott Lovdahl, understood that what Wagner needed was smaller, better-designed plates the surgeons could use with confidence, knowing that there was good science behind them. The two ran simple experiments on a computer using a finite element modeling program. They developed new plates and have recently received FDA approval for their new plate designs which are significantly smaller and lighter than the one Wagner uses now in the operating room. More information is online.

Find out more about career paths for mechanical engineers and surgeons...

Contests for Earth Science Week 2008

The American Geological Institute (AGI) is sponsoring three national contests in conjunction with Earth Science Week – October 12-18, 2008. This year’s theme is “No Child Left Inside.” All U.S. residents are encouraged to enter “Earth Science Beyond your Front Door,” the 2008 photography contest. This contest asks people to explore the geologic world through the camera.

Students grades K-5 who enter the Visual Arts Contest “Studying our Earth” should show themselves as an earth scientist actively studying our planet, through drawing or painting. The Essay Contest, open to students in grades 6-8, is themed “Earth
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BREDEN PROCLAIMS OCT. 12-18 EARTH SCIENCE WEEK IN TENNESSEE
EARTH SCIENCE WEEK TOOLKITS AVAILABLE TO TEACHERS ACROSS THE STATE

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Educators interested in receiving an Earth Science Week toolkit may contact Ron Zurawski at Ronald.Zurawski@state.tn.us or (615) 532-1502. The toolkits are free of charge while supplies last.

For more information on Earth Science Week, visit www.earthsciweek.org.
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Distinguished speakers highlight Earth Science Week at The U

VERMILLION, S.D. — The University of South Dakota will welcome two distinguished guests to campus this week during Earth Science Week at The U.

Michael Rowe, Ph.D., of the University of Iowa’s Department of Geoscience, will present a lecture in Akeley-Lawrence Science Center 125 on Thursday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. "Mount St. Helen’s Dacite: Insights into Shallow Crystalization and Volatile Migration." Rowe’s background is in igneous and experimental petrology, and analytical geochemistry.

In addition to Rowe, Earth Science Week at USD will feature Timothy Heaton, Ph.D., chair of the earth sciences department at The U. Heaton’s address, "The On Your Knees Cave Excavation and the Retrieval of Its 10,300-year-old Human Remains by Tingit Tribes," is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17 in Akeley-Lawrence Science Center 125. A reception for Heaton will follow in Akeley-Lawrence Science Center 210 at 3 p.m. In 1996, while excavating for Ice Age animal fossils in On Your Knees Cave on Prince of Wales Island, Alaska, Heaton unearthed the remains of a human skull. It turned out that Heaton’s discovery was the oldest genetic sample ever recovered in the Americas and supported the scientific theory that humans first arrived in North America around 15,000 years ago. After more than a decade of scientific evaluation, these remains were returned to the local Native American tribes for burial.

A professor at USD since 1990, Heaton has a well-documented Web site featuring his research in the Alaskan caves at www.usd.edu/esc/alaska/intro.html, including detailed information on how the scientists and researchers maneuvered through the difficult limestone topography as well as results from various finds (www.usd.edu/esc/alaska/research.html).

For more information about Earth Science Week, please contact the Department of Earth Sciences by calling (605) 677-5649 or e-mail esc@usd.edu. This is the 11th annual Earth Science Week at USD since it was declared by Gov. William J. Janklow in 1998.

About The University of South Dakota

Founded in 1862, The University of South Dakota is designated as the only public liberal arts university in the state and is home to a comprehensive College of Arts and Sciences, School of Education, School of Health Sciences, the state’s only School of Law, School of Medicine, the accredited Beaumont School of Business and the College of Fine Arts. It has an enrollment of approximately 9,200 students taught by 400 faculty members. More information is available at www.usd.edu/press/news.

This material is available in an alternate format upon request. Please contact University Relations at 605-677-5759. If you are a person with a disability and need a special accommodation to fully participate in any university activity or event, please contact Disability Services at 605-677-6389 as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the event, so that appropriate arrangements may be made.

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In celebration of Earth Science Week, approximately 1000 students from more than 30 local schools are signed up to visit the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) in Menlo Park on Thursday, Oct. 16, from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., to meet with scientists for hands-on activities, workshops, and demonstrations.

Students will discover Topo Salad Trays, and the Lean, Mean Landslide Machine. They can examine tiny organisms through microscopes, and learn about creeping earthquake faults (they're not just creepy on Halloween!). Marine scientists will be displaying the strange critters and mineral chimneys discovered during mid-ocean ridge exploration, and students will have the opportunity to compare the volcanic eruptions of Mount St. Helens, Yellowstone, and Kilauea, learn about tsunamis (When the World Waves Back), view fluorescent minerals, and much more. A full list of exhibits is at http://volcanoes.usgs.gov/about/edu/essf/exhibits.php

In addition to USGS exhibits, our partners the California Geological Survey and the California Academy of Sciences will be in Menlo Park with their own activities and displays. While the focus is on the students, teachers will not go home empty-handed. A special table with classroom resources is part of the day's event.

Earth Science Week is celebrated this year Oct. 12-18. "No Child Left Inside" was selected as the theme of Earth Science Week 2008 to will encourage young people to learn about the geosciences by getting away from the television, turning off the computer, and being out of doors.

The USGS in Menlo Park is only one venue in the nationwide celebration for Earth Science Week. Earth scientists at universities, government agencies and businesses nationwide are opening their doors to visitors, visiting classrooms, and hosting field trips. Earth Science Week was established in 1998 by the American Geological Institute (AGI) to give students and citizens new opportunities to discover Earth sciences and to encourage stewardship of the Earth. Earth Science Week promotes understanding and appreciation of the value of Earth science research and its applications and relevance to our daily lives. AGI and the USGS are sponsoring national essay, visual arts, and photography contests for school children. More information about USGS Earth Science Week activities is available from http://www.usgs.gov/earthscience/2008 http://www.usgs.gov/earthscience/2008 and information about the national celebration is at http://www.earthsciweek.org http://www.earthsciweek.org.

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Oregon’s Earth Science Week 2008 Kick Off

What: Earth Science Week Meeting. If you plan to participate in ESW 2008 (October 12-18), this is the only meeting you need to attend.

Come to pick up your ESW packet and discuss ideas for ESW presentations, including visual aids. If possible, decide on your school(s) or speaking venues before this meeting.

When: ESW Volunteers (those of you who signed up, want to volunteers, and potential volunteers)

Where: Old Market Pub, 6959
Multnomah, Portland, OR

When: Meet at 5:30 pm before AEG Dinner meeting

Description: Oregon geologists are planning the third annual Kick-Off to celebrate Earth Science Week for this October 12-18. The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, the Association of Engineering Geologists Oregon Section, and others will co-host Earth Science Week (ESW) education activities to occur on the second week in October every year.

Volunteers will receive an Earth Science Week Information Kit(s) at the meeting on October 21st and will share the kit and their first-hand geology knowledge in a classroom(s) of their choice. Each are encouraged to locate a classroom (e.g., your child’s or neighbor’s child’s class) or community organization (e.g., Rotary, neighborhood organization, etc.) to speak to or OGAMI and AEG can assist by providing contacts.

The kits will be supplied by the American Geological Institute (AGI). For more info, check out www.earthsweek.org

If you have questions, please contact Drew Harvey (503-817-7669; andrew.harvey@pbesrv.com) or Bill Burns (971-673-1538; bill.burns@dogami.state.or.us)

Message From The Chair

Welcome back from a long summer break. If your summer and that we will also start looking for our next Treasurer in the members participating. A number of those gave presentations.
AGI Government Affairs Monthly Preview Newsletter
Alexandria, Virginia
July 2008

23. Earth Science Week

AGI leads Earth Science Week annually in cooperation with its sponsors and the geosciences community as a service to the public. Each year, community groups, educators, and interested citizens organize celebratory events. Earth Science Week offers the public opportunities to discover the earth sciences and engage in responsible stewardship of the Earth. The theme of this year's Earth Science Week, October 12-18, will be "No Child Left Inside." Earth Science Week activities and products will encourage students to head outdoors and experience Earth science firsthand.

To learn more about this week, ways to become involved; including newsletters, local events, and classroom activities, please go to the Earth Science Week website at http://www.earthsciweek.org.
The American Oil and Gas Historical Society Newsletter: The Petroleum Age
http://www.aoghs.org/pdf/PetroleumAge-Vol5-No1.pdf

**AOOGHS Partners with IPAA**

Thanks to a new partnership with nation’s largest association of independent oil and natural gas producers, the date of the American Oil & Gas Historical Society 2008 annual energy education conference has been moved from this summer to the fall.

The society’s third annual Energy Education Conference & Field Trip will be held Nov. 12-14, 2008, in Houston, Texas – immediately following the Nov. 10-12 annual meeting of the Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA) at the Westin Galleria.

“IPAA, an organization founded in 1929, has offered to assist the society with registration and other important details of the conference, which continues to grow,” notes Bruce Wells, AOGHS executive director.

State and national experts from Pennsylvania to California will gather to share their latest techniques and workshop strategies for improving energy education, especially about petroleum exploration and production (June 2007 Petroleum Age). Museum directors will share experiences about exhibits, outreach and community events.

“The conference is designed for those professionals who teach the teachers,” Wells explains. “Participation at our 2007 conference in Oklahoma City – including leaders from the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board, the National Energy Foundation, Derricks to Desks, and the state energy education programs – promises an even greater exchange of ideas in Houston, the energy capital.”

A Nov. 14 field trip will feature tours of the Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig & Museum in Galveston and two energy museums in Beaumont. Conference sponsors include IPAA, the American Petroleum Institute (API), and the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers.

For details, call (202) 857-4785 or email bwells@aoghs.org.

**Geologic Journey**

The makers of a feature film, “Journey to the Center of the Earth 3D,” due in theaters July 11, are collaborating with the American Geological Institute (AGI), Alexandria, Va., to create new educational materials linked to the summer release.

Starring Brendan Fraser, the movie “will plunge its characters – and viewers – into the exciting world beneath the earth’s surface,” according to AGI.

Walden Media, which is producing the adaptation of the classic 1864 Jules Verne novel, has invited AGI to help develop a booklet of related geoscience information and activities, using the movie as an opportunity to explore “science fiction and science fact.”

AGI notes that additional details on “Journey 3D” educational opportunities will be made available at www.agi.org. A 1959 movie adaptation (and nominated for three Academy Awards) starred Pat Boone, James Mason and Arlene Dahl.

Separately, AGI announced the theme of Earth Science Week 2008: “No Child Left Inside.” Events for October 12-18, 2008, will encourage young people to learn about the geosciences by getting outdoors. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the first Earth Science Week, supported by the U.S. Geological Survey, NASA, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists Foundation (AAPG), and other leading geoscience groups.

**Magazine Features Oil History**

Houston-based E&P magazine – with more than 40,000 readers worldwide – regularly features an “Oilfield History” column with educational insights about the petroleum industry’s many social and technological accomplishments.

Following a February feature about the history of Shell Oil, the March issue of E&P includes a look at one of the nation’s most dynamic producing areas, the Barnett Shale natural gas field near Fort Worth, Texas. It describes the development of this historic field led by legendary oilman George Mitchell. Former Mitchell employee and award-winning geologist Dan B. Stewart contributed the article.

Many experts believe the Barnett Shale could surpass the giant Hugoton field (discovered in 1929) to become the largest natural gas field in the United States. The Hugoton covers a nine-county area in Kansas and Oklahoma, supplying gas to two-thirds of Kansas homes.

Now with Republic Energy, Stewart received the 2007 Outstanding Explorer Award from the American Association of Petroleum Geologists. At the urging of George Mitchell and many of his fellow geologists, he has written a book, The Barnett Shale Play: Phoenix of the Fort Worth Basin, a History, which is available from the Fort Worth Geological Society and the North Texas Geological Society (see www.fws.org).

The January 2008 history column in Hart’s E&P featured the “Centennial Issue” article from the Petroleum Age December 2007 issue. The magazine has included several other oil patch history articles from the American Oil & Gas Historical Society’s newsletter.
Earth Science Week 2008

Heading back to school? Now is the time to make plans for Earth Science Week 2008. The 11th annual Earth Science Week will celebrate the theme "No Child Left Inside" with a wide range of exciting activities, programs, and resources designed to help young people explore Earth science firsthand.

Pitch in to promote science literacy. Dig up fossil evidence of past life, record observations of cloud patterns, or visit science centers and parks. Conduct activities described on the Earth Science Week website at http://www.earthsciweek.org/forteachers/index.html. For more ideas, see recommendations at http://www.earthsciweek.org/forplanners/index.html.

This year's event is shaping up to reach even more than last year's total estimated audience of over 5 million people. For the past decade, AGI has organized Earth Science Week to foster public and professional awareness of the status of Earth science in education and society. To learn more or to order an Earth Science Week 2008 Toolkit, visit the event website at http://www.earthsciweek.org.
television, off the computer and explore outside. Not a bad ambition but how do you achieve it? Here are some suggestions.

Organise an event!
This could be as simple as
- in class hands on activities with Earth Science content
- in school - outdoors activities with Earth Science content [remembering the theme]
Or it could involve excursions such as
- visits to local museums
- visits to local sites of geological significance
- visits to EarthCache sites [see www.earthcache.org for more information]
Or it could even be an event for a wider group such as
- a school science night with the focus on Earth Science
- a club, group or organisation science event highlighting the Earth Sciences
Your involvement with Earth Science Week is only limited by your imagination!

In recognition of Earth Science Week 2008, Geoscience Australia is hosting the Geologi 08 short film competition. All Australian secondary school students were invited to take part and we look forward to the winners being announced during the week.

If you would like to participate in Earth Science Week 2008, or are an organisation, school or community group hosting an event, please contact earthscienceweek@ga.gov.au to add your activity/event to the website.

Click here to find out more about Earth Science Week.
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"Studying Our Earth" visual arts contest — Open to students grades K - 5, the contest calls for participants to show themselves as an earth scientist actively studying our planet through drawing or painting.

"Earth Connections" essay contest — Contest entrants (students in grades 6-9) are asked to write about the interconnected geologic processes that take place in their community and how these processes in turn affect them.

All entries must be either postmarked or received digitally by 5:00 pm EDT on October 17, 2008. To learn more about these contests, including further information on deadlines and qualifications, visit www.earthsciweek.org.

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National Wildlife Refuge Week

Visit a national wildlife refuge during National Wildlife Refuge Week, which also occurs on October 12-18. Build a nesting box, photograph butterflies, or watch wildlife with your campers as you hike. Visit an online list of National Wildlife Refuge Week events.

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South Dakota Promotes Outdoors With Expo

South Dakota Project WILD Newsletter, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks, May 2008

Pierre, South Dakota

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The SD Outdoor Expo is a free statewide event with a hands-on educational focus. It will be held May 17-18 at the State Fairgrounds in Huron from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The purpose of the expo is to introduce thousands of families and children to outdoor activities. Through interactive exhibits and activities, it teaches an understanding and appreciation for conservation and outdoor recreation and its importance of preserving our outdoor recreation heritage.

SD’s Outdoor Expo will place a premium on a variety of activities to encourage new outdoor participants and enhance the skills of more experienced. This event will create an opportunity for South Dakotans to share abilities and knowledge about their favorite recreational pursuits with fellow outdoor enthusiasts and with those who can be introduced to the world of outdoor adventure.

Earth Science Week Features ‘No Child Left Inside’ Theme

The American Geological Institute (AGI) announced the theme of Earth Science Week 2008: “No Child Left Inside.” Earth Science Week will be held Oct. 12-18 and will encourage young people to learn about the geosciences by getting away from the television and computer and getting out of doors.

AGI hosts Earth Science Week in cooperation with sponsors as a service to the public and the geoscience community. Each year, local groups, educators, and interested individuals organize celebratory events. Earth Science Week offers opportunities to discover the Earth sciences and engage in responsible stewardship of the Earth.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the first Earth Science Week, held in 1998. The program is supported by the U.S. Geological Survey, NASA, the AAPG Foundation, International Polar Year, and other major geoscience groups.

For more information about Earth Science Week, visit http://www.earthscienceweek.org.

New ‘Critter Crate’ Available For ‘No Child Left Inside’

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks offers a variety of resource and learning trunks, otherwise known as Critter Crates, for loan. The organization recently added a new trunk to this program.

The “No Child Left Inside” trunk contains binoculars, bug nets, magnifying glasses, field guides, and more. The trunk provides equipment for group leaders who want to provide an opportunity for youth to experience basic outdoor discovery.

This trunk, along with all of the others available for loan, is free, with a required $75 deposit. Information about all of the crates can be found online at http://www.sdgfp.info/Wildlife/Education/OutdoorCampus/Classes/teachers.htm.

S.D. Grassland Coalition Plans Second Bird Tour

The South Dakota Grassland Coalition’s (SDGC) 2008 bird tour will be held June 6-7 in the northeast part of the state on Darwin Peckham’s ranch near Brule.

The annual tour is held in the spring of the year, when the bird activity is at its best. The tour is held on a working ranch so participants get a better understanding on how the landowners and grass managers maintain and protect wildlife habitat.

The SDGC had their first bird tour in 2007, and the event was a great success. Over 40 participants on the “At Home on the Range” tour saw nearly 60 different species of birds on two ranches near Rapid City and St. Onge in the Black Hills.

Several conservation organizations besides SDGC are involved in the event including South Dakota Department of Game Fish and Parks, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts, Northern Great Plains Joint Venture, and the Tatanka Resource Conservation and Development Council.

For more information or to register for the 2008 tour, visit http://www.sdgrass.org/birdtour.htm.

Importance of Birds

Historically, prairies covered much of North America. The variety of these native grasslands supported a group of bird species adapted to the natural disturbances of this ecosystem: grazing, fire, and drought. Upland sandpipers and lark buntings abounded. These vast seas of grassland bird habitat have since seen a change. Much less of the country’s native grassland habitat remains and the frequency, intensity and duration of disturbances have changed.

The decrease in grassland bird species populations has been well documented. As a species guild (group of similar species), grassland birds have shown the largest, most consistent population declines in North America. Despite this bleak outlook, there is hope.

Western rangelands, lands that have often been deemed too rocky and/or dry to cultivate, now serve as some of the last, best remaining grassland bird habitat. Grassland bird species serve important and varied functions within the rangelands. Each species has adapted to the prairie. Some grassland bird species like tall grass with lots of dead material (litter) for nesting cover. Other species carry out their life cycles in areas with sparse and short grass; their nests are often exposed, while other species require a variety of plant heights and densities.
Darley Primary School Newsletter

Darley Dads

Please keep the 5th November free for our last Darley Dads night. We would really like to extend a warm welcome to all our new dads, granddads, stepdads, uncles etc. to come along and enjoy a fun evening with their children. Look out for a personal invitation in your child’s school bag over the next few weeks.

Anne, Shirley & Kerry

Art Room News

The Arts Club students from Term 3 produced this beautiful mobile for September’s Peace Day Celebrations. It is currently on display at the Bacchus Marsh Public Library.

If anyone has any old PLASTIC TOYS they no longer need, I would love them in the art room for a special project.

Thanks, Miss Gaye

KELLY GANG TENNIS COACHING

- All ages welcome
- Wilson Pee Pee Tennis 5 - 7 years
- Adult coaching
- Enrol now for Term 4
- Free ‘Come and Try’ days available

Coaching Venues:-
Kurunjang Park Tennis Club, Westmelton Tennis Club & Bacchus Marsh Lawn Tennis Club

Contact Steve Kelly
Tennis Australia Club Professional Coach
Mobile: 0409 173 273  Home: 9746 7491

Bacchus Marsh & Melton Poultry Club Inc
8th Annual Bird Day
Saturday 25th October 2008
Entry fees: - Senior $2.00  Junior $1.00
All entries will be taken on the day. Birds to be penned by 10.15am
For more information phone:-
Ron Hutchins on 5367 7981, Joan Jenkins 9743 5705 or 5387 2042
George Rogers

Free Family Fishing Festival at Jubilee Lake (Daylesford)
9am—4pm on Saturday 18th October 2008
Call 136 186 to pre-register. Limited places available.

Triassic Park invites you to visit from 10.30am to around noon on Saturday 18th October during Earth Science Week 2008.
For more information contact Roger Pierson by emailing rogerp@deakin.edu.au or by telephoning 9251 7191 during business hours. Triassic Park is located off Tramway Lane, Darley at Melway Map 333 C-3. Car Parking is in Tramway Lane.

Cast News—Tuning Into Kids

In Term 4 CAST is offering parents a chance to attend a Tuning Into Kids Programme. Tuning Into Kids is a six session programme for parents who want to help their children (of all ages) develop greater emotional intelligence and understanding. The benefits are that families feel more connected to each other, talk more, feel happier at home and see fewer challenging behaviours. Children benefit by being able to identify, articulate and manage their emotions which results in better relationships, less stress, greater resilience, more success at school and ability to control behaviour.

The programme will begin on Monday, October 20th and run for six weeks until November 24th. Each session will run for two hours from 1-3pm. Afternoon tea will be provided. There is no fee to participate and the programme will be held at St. Francis Xavier Primary School, Fortune Street, East Ballarat.

For more information and/or registration please contact Merideth Rothe on 0434656577 or Tina Winzar on 0403603262
Earth Science Week, Oct. 12-18 & ESW Educator Packets

For information about Earth Science Week education ideas, activities taking place, and photography, visual arts, and essay contests for students (deadlines, Oct. 17), see http://www.earthsciweek.org/.

Educators packets, described below, can be ordered for $6.95 from the AGI, or, you can pick one up in person at no charge by asking at the USGS Map Store, Building 810, Denver Federal Center, near 6th Ave. and Kipling St., Lakewood, CO; open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

The key educational support product for Earth Science Week 2008 (October 12-18) is the Toolkit that enables teachers, students, and the public to explore this year’s theme “No Child Left Inside.” The 2008 edition of this resource is now available through the American Geological Institute (AGI).

“The 2008 Toolkit contains several resources developed by AGI, including the new editions of the Earth Science Week Activity Calendar and classroom poster with activities suitable for all ages provided by AGI, its Member Societies and other organizations. In addition to these traditional Toolkit publications, this year AGI’s education department teamed up with Walden Media to create a "Journey 3-D" educator guide with 3-D glasses to explore where science fact meets science fiction in the movie "Journey to the Center of the Earth 3-D."

"Several other organizations contributed materials for inclusion in the Toolkits. The U. S. Geological Survey provided a 3-D geosciences poster. NASA supplied a CD-ROM of Earth Observations from Space. NOAA provided climate literacy information while ESRI included a CD-ROM on GIS technology and activities. A field notebook with an activity from Rite in the Rain is also part of each Toolkit."

"These items and much more can be found in each Earth Science Week Toolkit aimed at engaging the students and general public in exploring the geosciences. The Toolkits are available for the cost of shipping and handling ($6.95 in the United States). Bulk pricing is available. To order, visit http://www.earthsciweek.org/materials/.


"Help us celebrate Earth Science Week by being involved in EarthCaching on the 3rd International EarthCache Day. Visit an EarthCache with friends, create a new Earthcache or run a training session or event about EarthCaching." (And if you don’t know what this is about, the website will explain it!)
May 27—30, 2008: The statewide average ground-water level showed a 1.22-foot decrease from April. When compared with May 2007, the statewide average ground water level decreased 1.67 feet.

If you would like to view historical groundwater data, please go to http://nh.water.usgs.gov/WaterData/2007/dec07gwmmap.htm.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES TO REMEMBER


October 12 - 18, 2008 - Earth Science Week 2008. The theme of this year’s earth science week is “No Child Left Inside”. The goal of this year’s theme is to encourage young people to learn about the geosciences by getting away from the television, off the computer, and out of doors. For more information on Earth Science Week 2008 go to http://www.earthsciweek.org for more information.

EARTH SCIENCE IN THE MOVIES – JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH

Jules Vernes’ classic book Journey to the Center of the Earth (Journey 3D) has been remade in 3D and is coming out this summer – July 11, 2008. This exciting movie adventure stars Brendan Fraser (The Mummy, Crash) as a science professor whose untraditional hypotheses makes him the laughing stock of the academic community. The story revolves around the professor and his nephew who goes to Iceland and makes a discovery that launches them on a thrilling journey deep beneath the earth’s surface. For more information on the Journey to the Center of the Earth go to the website: www.journey3dmovie.com.

GEOLOGIC PHOTOS OF INTEREST

Below is a very large glacial erratic/boulder that has been sculpted with a new texture (a golf ball!) by English artist Peter-Randall Page. This work of art called “Give and Take” is. “made from the largest granite boulder Peter-Randall Page has ever worked from. It was found by chance through a personal friend during an excavation dig in Fort William, Scotland and was buried entirely under the ground. He has worked directly from the natural, weathered shape of this rock, using its bulges, dips and peaks to dictate the composition of the sculpture. These irregular qualities appealed to both the artist’s love of organic forms and interest in the role of chance in the natural world”. There are more photos of this and other pieces by Peter-Randall Page at http://www.sculpture.org.uk/work/000000100368/.
Earth Science Photography Contest

Earth Science Beyond Your Front Door

The American Geological Institute is sponsoring a photography contest to celebrate Earth School Science Week 2008. The photography theme is: Earth Science Beyond Your Front Door. Whether you are a young person yourself or an adult who works with youngsters, you can lead an educational outdoor adventure. When was the last time you climbed a mountain? Hiked a trail? Visited a wetland? Earth Science is all around us, and the best way for young people to experience it is to get outside and look!

The winner will receive a prize of $300, a copy of AGI’s Face of Earth DVD, and his or her photograph will be used on the Earth Science Week Website.

The contest is open to United States residents of any age. All eligible submissions must be received electronically by 5 p.m. EST, Friday, October 17, 2008.

For more information, visit http://www.earthsciweek.org/contests/photography/index.html
Lack of data hits decision-making on water resources in UAE
UAE: Lack of information on water resources in the UAE has posed problems for decision-makers in managing diminishing water reserves.
Even today it remains impossible to make adequate predictions on the effects of climate change in the region due to lack of data, said Dr Rachael McDonnell, a visiting scientist at the International Centre for Biosaline Agriculture, speaking at the Water-Tech 2008 conference going on in Dubai.
SOURCE: http://www.gulfnews.com/

Google maps on map-India mission 7 October 2008
India - An army of amateur online cartographers are embarking on what could prove the most concerted effort to map India since the British Empire tackled the task.
Fed up with getting lost in Bangalore, the sprawling centre of the country’s IT industry, a team of engineers from Google, the largest search engine on the Net, has devised a tool to let web users annotate and amend satellite images to produce useful maps.
Within weeks of its launch, tens of thousands of Indians have filled in details of their cities, towns and villages, many of them previously blank spaces in even the most up-to-date atlases.
The technology, which is being extended to other “information-deficient” regions, such as Africa, is widely viewed as the future of map-making and is on course to be worth billions of dollars for Google in advertising revenues.

“Digital skin” to cover Great Barrier Reef
The Great Barrier Reef is the most monitored reef in the world with the application of a “digital skin” of sensors that will make possible the finest resolution picture ever of the region’s dynamic systems. ... Online data: http://www.aims.gov.au/docs/online-data/online-data.html
SOURCE: Global Ocean Observing System http://www.ioo-ooos.org/content/view/146/48/

Guidelines for Digital Elevation Data released
The Intergovernmental Committee on Surveying and Mapping - ICSM - recently released a new publication titled “ICSM Guidelines for Digital Elevation Data”. This document aims to provide investors, providers and users of elevation data with guidelines and recommendations for acquiring elevation data depicting the earth’s surface based on current best practice.
The Guidelines were prepared by the ICSM Elevation Special Interest Working Group under the auspices of the National Elevation Data Framework: NEDF. NEDF is an initiative to develop a collaborative framework that can be used to increase the quality of elevation data and derived products such as Digital Elevation Models (DEMs) describing Australia’s landform and seabed. The aim is to optimise investment in existing and future data collections and provide access to a wide range of digital elevation data and derived products.
The Guidelines represents a first cut in the preparation of ‘best practice’ guidelines for Australia and has been prepared as an outcome of a review of existing available material from around Australia and selected countries. If you have any questions or comments on the guidelines then please email icsm@ipsa.gov.au.

Satellites Keep Tabs on the Environment
This article is reprinted with permission from environmentalsearchweb.org, a website offering news and analysis of the latest environmental topics around the globe. Designed for scientists, policymakers and campaigners, environmentalsearchweb’s coverage is in depth and wide-ranging, from climate change to biodiversity, from renewable energy to pollution, from economics to environmental legislation, and from health issues to sustainability. All articles are free to read.
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Australia - The winners of the Geolog108 short film competition were announced today to conclude Australian celebrations for Earth Science Week 2008.
4. Borrow an Illinois Tree Trunk from the IDNR Division of Education. The “trunks” contain a variety of materials (posters, activity kits, CD-ROMs, tree cookies, DVDs, models, lumber samples, lessons and activity books), are aligned with ILS for pre-K through grade 10. Go to http://www.dnr.state.il.us/lands/education/CLASSRM/tree.htm.

5. NASA’s Field Trip to the Moon DVD along with five supplementary toolbox kits, is available from the Central Operation of Resources for Educators, or CORE at http://catalog.core.nasa.gov/core.nsf/item/010.5-03D . Educator’s guides of classroom activities, including designing and creating a lunar station, can be found at http://www.nasa.gov/audience/foreducators/topnav/materials/listbytype/Field_Trip_to_the_Moon_Educator_Guide.html.

6. EPA’s monthly newsletter, Go Green! includes information on green activities such as checking your school’s indoor air quality and recycling cell phones. To subscribe, go to www.epa.gov/newsroom/gogreen.

Latest Links

1. Testing the pH of Rain Water activity is designed determine if rain water is acidic. The Illinois State Water Survey sponsored web site, http://nadp.sws.uiuc.edu/earthday provides the structure for students to report their results and, using zip codes, compare them to the average observed pH for rain in their area. Students may print a certificate of completion.

2. The IDNR is offering a “virtual” journey back to the earliest days of the Illinois Territory to learn about history and wildlife conservation. Wild Illinois History includes lesson plans, activities, photos, posters and correlations to ILS. Try it out at http://www.wildillinois.org/.

3. Check out www.kids.gov. It’s the official kid’s site from US government. Links to various government agencies and education organizations geared to learning levels and interests of children.

4. Earth Science Week 2008 is Oct. 12-18? It’s months away, so now is the perfect time to start planning your activities to promote this year’s theme: “No Child Left Inside.” A variety of activities are featured on the Earth Science Week website at http://www.earthe Sciweek.org.

5. Summer is a great time to clean up your chemical storage room. Print “Chemical Disposal,” from Flinn Scientific at: http://www.flinns ci.com/Sections/Safety/Snopes/snopes.asp. While there, click on “Fantastic Freebies” to get Flinn’s weekly lab notes by email – they’re a great resource!


7. 2009 is the year of Astronomy; get info and new ideas at http://astronomy2009.nasa.gov/

8. Latest NASA webcasts; go to http://dln.nasa.gov/dln/content/catalog/details?cid=622 for more info.

Earth Science Week Contests 2008
The American Geological Institute (AGI) is sponsoring three national contests in conjunction with Earth Science Week 2008: No Child Left Inside, October 12-18. All U.S. residents are encouraged to enter Earth Science Beyond your Front Door, the 2008 photography contest, which asks people to explore the geologic world through the camera. Students grades K-5 who enter the Visual Arts Contest Studying our Earth should show themselves as an earth scientist actively studying our planet. The Essay Contest, open to students in grades 6-9, is themed Earth Connections. Entrants are asked to discuss the interconnected geologic processes that take place in their community and how those processes in turn affect them. All entries are due October 17, 2008.
Celebrate World Space Week October 4-10

Join educators and space enthusiasts around the world to celebrate World Space Week, Oct. 4-10, 2008. This international event commemorates the beginning of the Space Age with the launch of Sputnik 1 on Oct. 4, 1957.

During World Space Week, teachers are encouraged to use space-themed activities in the classroom to promote student interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. This year, $500 teacher grants will be awarded for the most creative use of space in the classroom during World Space Week.

World Space Week is the largest public space event in the world, with celebrations in more than 50 nations. To learn more about World Space Week search for events in your area and find educational materials related to the event visit:
http://www.worldspaceweek.org/index.html

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2008 Earth Science Week Contests
The American Geological Institute (AGI), is sponsoring three national contests in conjunction with Earth Science Week 2008, titled "No Child Left Inside," from October 12-18. All U.S. residents are encouraged to enter "Earth Science Beyond your Front Door," the theme for the 2008 photography contest. Students in grades K-5 who enter the Visual Arts Contest, "Studying our Earth," should visually show themselves as an earth scientist actively studying our planet, through drawing or painting. The Essay Contest, open to students in grades 6-9, is themed "Earth Connections." Entrants are asked to discuss the interconnected geologic processes that take place in their community and how those processes in turn affect them. All entries must be either postmarked or received digitally by October 17, 2008. To learn more about these contests, including further information on deadlines, and qualifications, visit [http://www.earthsciweek.org/](http://www.earthsciweek.org/).
UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

(1) NASA Town Hall Meeting at American Astrological Society Meeting (June 2)
(2) GLAST Satellite Targeted for June 3 Launch
(3) Earth’s Water Cycle in a Changing Climate - NASA Presentation Series at the Library of Congress (June 4)
(4) Mars Exploration Rovers: Where Are They Now? NASA/NSTA Web Seminar (June 5)
(5) Climate Discovery Online Courses for Educators (June 20-Aug. 15)
(6) The Earth Then, Earth Now: Our Changing Climate Educator Conference (July 23-24)
(7) NASA Will be Featured Agency in 2008 Smithsonian Folklife Festival (June 25-29 & July 2-6)
(8) Colloquium – Space Science: 50 Years and Counting (June 26)
(9) Send Your Name to the Moon! (Deadline: June 27)
(10) Solar System Ambassadors: Summer Events (June –Aug.)
(11) Total Solar Eclipse: Live Webcast from China (Aug 1)
(13) Polar-Palooza: Coming to a City Near You this Fall

NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE: 2008 EARTH SCIENCE WEEK
Celebrate Earth Science Week from Oct. 12-18, 2008. This year's theme, "No Child Left Inside," will encourage young people to learn about the geosciences by getting away from the television, off the computer, and out of doors.

NASA is a sponsor of Earth Science Week and contributes educational materials to the toolkits. To order a kit or learn more about Earth Science Week and related educational events and contests, visit: http://www.earthsciweek.org
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(1) LIMA II: Student Antarctic Research Challenge, Grades 4-8 (Opening Webcast Oct. 1)
(2) NASA Stardust Capsule Display Opens at Smithsonian (Oct. 1)
(3) The Journey to Palomar – Documentary and Webcast (Oct. 8 and Nov. 10)
(4) Celebrate World Space Week (Oct. 4-10)
(5) Earth Science Week: No Child Left Inside (Oct. 12-18)
(6) Celebrate Solar Week (Oct. 20-24)
(7) NASA’s 50th Anniversary Conference (Oct. 28-29)
(8) Cassini Mission: Scientist for a Day Essay Contest (Grades 5-12) – Deadline Oct. 30
(9) Send Your Name Around the Earth on NASA's Glory Mission – Deadline Nov. 1
(10) NASA Science Education at Upcoming Conferences
(11) The Interstellar Boundary Explorer (IBEX) Planetarium Program
(12) GLOBE Partner Expedition to Antarctica: Looking Back in Time to See the Future
(13) International GLOBE Gathering Kicks off New Student Research Approach

(5) Earth Science Week: NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE (Oct. 12-18)
*The theme for this year's Earth Science Week encourages young people to learn about the geosciences by getting away from the television and off the computer, and going outdoors. The American Geological Institute hosts Earth Science Week, which is supported by NASA, NOAA, the U.S. Geological Survey, the National Park Service, and other geoscience groups. Visit http://www.earthsciweek.org/ for resources to celebrate Earth Science Week, including contests, investigations, curriculum materials and much more.
Oct. 13-17: NASA Scientists Address 5 Big Questions in Earth Science for Teachers and Students

Log in during Earth Science Week 2008 as scientists from NASA Goddard Space Flight Center answer the 5 big Earth science questions. Each day a 2-minute video clip of scientists addressing these questions will be featured at http://www.nasa.gov/goddard, along with links to additional Earth science educational resources.

Following is the schedule:

1. Introduction and How is the global Earth system changing? 10/13/08
2. What are the primary forces of the Earth system? 10/14/08
3. How does the Earth system respond to natural and human-induced changes? 10/15/08
4. What are the consequences of change in the Earth system for human civilization? 10/16/08
5. How will the Earth system change in the future? 10/17/08

National Estuaries Day - September 27
Celebrated on the last Saturday in September, National Estuaries Day is a great opportunity to learn more about these ecosystems and how to protect them. Visit your local estuary or virtually transport yourself to an estuary anywhere in the world via the Internet, and take some time to explore these amazing places. Learn more

MonarchLIVE: A Distance Learning Adventure - Kickoff October 10
Every year, millions of monarchs migrate thousands of miles from Canada and the United States to overwinter in the mountain peaks of Mexico. This journey is dependent on habitat conservation throughout North America. Take your class on FREE live, interactive field trips that follow the migration of monarchs. Upcoming trips are planned, and curricular materials are available online. Learn more or view the promotional telecast.

Earth Science Week 2008 - October 12-18
The American Geological Institute is pleased to announce the theme of Earth Science Week 2008: No Child Left Inside. Encourage young people to learn about the geosciences by getting them away from the television, off the computer, and out of doors. In addition to providing resources for teachers, AGI is also sponsoring several contests for students. Learn more
Earth Science Week 2008

contests: Earth Science Week, sponsored by the American Geological Institute (AGI), is October 12-18, 2008. Contests are a great way to get involved. The photography contest (“Earth Science Beyond Your Front Door”) is open to interested persons of any age and gives entrants an opportunity to showcase their outdoor Earth science adventures. Or, students in grades K-5 can enter the visual arts contest (“Studying Our Earth”) and submit artwork in which they depict themselves as an Earth scientist using the inquiry approach to answer a question in nature. Entrants in the essay contest (“Earth Connections”) are asked to discuss how various natural processes on the Earth are interconnected and how they affect each other where you live; this contest is open to any interested person in grades 6-9. You must be a resident of the United States to enter these three contests.

To celebrate the International Year of Planet Earth and Earth Science Week 2008, AGI is sponsoring a major international photography contest: "Exploring Earth Science Around the World." This photography contest is open to anyone of any age, anywhere around the world.

All eligible submissions for the 2008 contests must be postmarked or received electronically by 5 p.m. EST, Friday, October 17, 2008 (the Friday of Earth Science Week). Entries may be submitted now but participants are encouraged to base entries on Earth science experiences that have been learned during Earth Science week. The first-place prize for each contest is $300 and a copy of AGI's Faces of Earth 2-DVD package.
*House of Representatives Approves No Child Left Inside Act*

Earlier last month the U.S. House of Representatives, by a vote of 293 to 109, passed The No Child Left Inside Act (H.R. 3036). The bill, as approved by the House, would authorize new spending on environmental education and would provide incentives to states to develop environmental literacy plans. The federal funding could also be used by states to train teachers in environmental instruction and to create environmental programs. NSTA and other leading organizations [supported the No Child Left Inside Act](http://science.nsta.org/nstaexpress/NCLI-LetterOfSupport2.pdf). For more information go to [www.fundee.org/campaigns/nclb/](http://www.fundee.org/campaigns/nclb/).

*Teach Outdoors During Earth Science Week 2008*

Encourage students to unplug and study geoscience outdoors. The American Geological Institute (AGI) holds this event to promote public and professional awareness of the status of Earth science in education and society. Classroom activity ideas and resources in conjunction with the 2008 theme, “No Child Left Inside,” are available online [here](http://www.earthsciweek.org/forteachers/index.html).

AGI is sponsoring three national contests and one international competition for Earth Science Week [here](http://www.earthsciweek.org/). Entries must be either postmarked or received digitally by 5 p.m. EDT on October 17.

* K–5 students who enter the Visual Arts Contest, “Studying Our Earth,” should show themselves as an Earth scientist actively studying our planet, through drawing or painting.
* The Essay Contest, open to students in grades 6–9, is themed “Earth Connections.” Students are asked to discuss the interconnected geologic processes that take place in their community and how those processes in turn affect them.
* All U.S. residents are encouraged to enter “Earth Science Beyond Your Front Door,” the 2008 photography contest.
* The international photography contest will mark the International Year of Planet Earth and Earth Science Week. "Exploring Earth Science Around the World" is open to individuals worldwide of any age.
Upcoming Events for Students and Families at Home

24th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day: families are encouraged to participate in this wonderful opportunity to help our ocean and its wildlife. Up to 80 percent of the marine debris on our beaches & oceans comes from a land-based source, and the Pacific Ocean is home to an area of plastic soup spanning the size of the United States known as the “Garbage Patch.” This patch is growing at an alarming rate and is a huge feeding ground for many marine animals. Studies show that there are 46,000 pieces of plastic litter floating on every square mile of the ocean. At last year’s event in San Diego County, 6,212 dedicated volunteers removed 94,758 pounds of trash and recyclables from our local waterways in just three hours. This website will give you great information: http://www.cleanupday.org/

Earth Science Week: the theme of Earth Science Week 2008 is “No Child Left Inside.” Being held October 12-18, Earth Science Week 2008 will encourage young people to learn about the geosciences by getting away from the television, off the computer, and out of doors. I will be celebrating this week in the Lab and giving students information as it draws nearer.
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4. Earth Science Week 2008

Earth Science Week, sponsored by the American Geological Institute, will be held from October 12 - 18 with the theme "No Child Left Inside." This year's theme "... was selected to encourage young people to learn about the geosciences by getting away from the television, off the computer, and out of doors." (ref: Earth Science Week website)

For more information and a list of events, or to order an Earth Science Week Tool Kit, visit the Earth Science Week website.
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Themed Garden Tours - Tryck's Nursery
Doug Tryck of Tryck's Nursery offers Friday evening themed garden tours from 6 - 7:30 pm through September.
Sept 5th- Planting to attract birds to your garden
Sept 12th- Growing fruit and nut trees for human consumption
September 19th- Fall colors - native plants
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NASA to Students: Plant - Ozone Bioindicator Gardens

NASA is launching a new website to help students plant ozone monitoring and bioindicator gardens at their schools or in their backyards. The website expands on the May activity - “Plant an Ozone Monitoring Gar-
taking action within your state and local school systems. The information presented is based on available data collected from numerous sources. Viewers are invited to help update information by contacting AGI at aoe@agmrob.org.

Art Contest Encourages - Learning About Trees
Earth Science Week offers students lots of opportunities to show what they know about geoscience! In addition to traditional essay, photo, and art contests and this year's new International Year of Planet Earth Earth Science Week photo contest (http://www.earthsixweek.org/contest/index.html), the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) has announced an art contest for U.S. students in grades two to four.

Challenging students to explore trees and their importance to the world, the contest encourages early elementary students to use outside and directly observe trees
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*John Muir (1838-1914)* U. S. naturalist, explorer
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http://www.earthsciweek.org/materials/index.html
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– AGI ANNOUNCES CONTESTS FOR EARTH SCIENCE WEEK 2008

Triangle Coalition member, the American Geological Institute (AGI), is sponsoring three national contests in conjunction with Earth Science Week, 2008, titled "No Child Left Inside," from October 12-18. All U.S. residents are encouraged to enter "Earth Science Beyond your Front Door," the theme for the 2008 photography contest. Students in grades K-5 who enter the Visual Arts Contest, "Studying our Earth," should visually show themselves as an earth scientist actively studying our planet, through drawing or painting. The Essay Contest, open to students in grades 6-9, is themed "Earth Connections." Entrants are asked to discuss the interconnected geologic processes that take place in their community and how those processes in turn affect them. All entries must be either postmarked or received digitally by October 17, 2008. Everyone is encouraged to spend Earth Science Week experiencing earth science in its natural setting and developing entries based on what they have learned during the week.

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During Earth Science Week 2008 (Oct. 12-18), students will explore mines and caves, sample groundwater, monitor the weather, visit museums and science centers, prepare science projects, and conduct investigations. Leading them will be teachers who are conducting an Earth science lab activity or using one of the many activities on the Earth Science Week website at www.earthsciweek.org. In addition to other resources on the Earth Science Week website, you can download an educators guide from the makers of the movie, "Journey to the Center of the Earth 3D." Earth Science Week begins again this year with International EarthCache Day on October 12. Whether you're a teacher, a student, or just someone who enjoys Earth science firsthand, EarthCaching provides a great way to kick off the celebration. EarthCaching is a variation of a recreational activity known as geocaching. Typically, a geocache organizer posts latitude and longitude coordinates on the Internet to advertise a "cache," or scavenger-hunt destination, which geocachers locate by using GPS devices. Today, more than 270,000 caches are active in over 200 countries, according to Geocaching.com. The activity has attracted over one million participants worldwide.

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Scientists from Triangle Coalition member, the American Geological Institute (AGI), and the U.S. Geological Survey lead students at Langston Hughes Middle School in Reston, VA, in a hands-on exploration of earth science on No Child Left Inside (NCLI) Day, October 14, 2008. The activities engaged students in “learning stations” on topics such as water chemistry and biological diversity. The event coincided with "Earth Science Week 2008" (October 12-18), a week of special activities designed to encourage young people to learn about the geosciences by getting away from the television, off the computer, and out of doors. Next year, "Earth Science Week" will be held October 11-17, 2009.

“No Child Left Inside,” has become a rallying cry for a growing movement nationwide. Under the NCLI banner, various agencies and nonprofits, from USGS and the National Park Service to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, have recently conducted activities to help young people experience the benefits of outdoor activity. In addition, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the “No Child Left Inside” Act (HR 3036) on September 18, 2008, authorizing funding improvements in environmental education. The American Geological Institute is a nonprofit federation of 45 geoscientific and professional associations that represents more than 120,000 geologists, geophysicists and other earth scientists. AGI provides a wide range of educational resources on their website, including curriculum materials and activities organized by grade level, along with many other resources. Find out more at www.agiweb.org/geoeducation.html.
-- AGI ANNOUNCES RELEASE FOR 2008 EARTH SCIENCE WEEK KIT

The key educational support product for Earth Science Week 2008 (October 12-18) is the Toolkit that enables teachers, students, and the public to explore this year’s theme "No Child Left Inside." The 2008 edition of this resource is now available through Triangle Coalition member, the American Geological Institute (AGI). The 2008 Toolkit contains several resources developed by AGI, including the new editions of the Earth Science Week Activity Calendar and classroom poster with activities suitable for all ages. In addition, this year AGI’s education department teamed with Walden Media to create a "Journey 3-D" educator guide with 3-D glasses to explore where science fact meets science fiction in the movie "Journey to the Center of the Earth 3-D." Several other organizations contributed materials for inclusion in the Toolkits. The U.S. Geological Survey provided a 3-D geosciences poster. Triangle Coalition member, NASA, supplied a CD-ROM of Earth Observations from Space -- and, Triangle Coalition member, NOAA, provided climate literacy information. More information about the kit is available online <http://www.earthsciweek.org/materials>.

Earth Science Week is an annual event held the second week of October to promote an understanding and appreciation of the earth sciences. It is coordinated by the American Geological Institute with generous support from the U.S. Geological Survey, the AAPG Foundation, and the National Park Service. To learn more about this event, visit www.earthsciweek.org <http://www.earthsciweek.org/>. The American Geological Institute is a nonprofit federation of 45 geoscientific and professional associations that represents more than 120,000 geologists, geophysicists, and other earth scientists. More details are at www.agiweb.org <http://www.agiweb.org/>.
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The objectives are simple:
- To engage students in discovering the Earth sciences.
- To remind people that Earth science is all around us.
- To encourage Earth stewardship through understanding.
- To motivate geoscientists to share their knowledge and enthusiasm about the Earth.

So get involved! We have an Earth Science Week Toolkit pack in the main office full of ideas for those who want to celebrate.

Also, visit the homepage for Earth Science Week and learn what you can do to inspire people to care about our planet, and to learn more about what it is we do as geoscientists!

http://www.earthsciweek.org
12 – 18 October: Earth Science Week
Earth Science Week promotes awareness of and an opportunity to celebrate the earth sciences. This year, the theme is ‘Outside science’, engaging in the world of geoscience beyond the classroom and laboratory’ and encourages young people to get away from the television, off the computer and explore outside! Visit [http://www.ga.gov.au/education/facts/](http://www.ga.gov.au/education/facts/) to find out some fabulous facts about Australia and its landscape.

If you would like to participate in Earth Science Week 2008, or are an organisation, school or community group hosting an event, please contact earthscienceweek@ga.gov.au to add your activity/event to the website.

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We welcome feedback and suggestions about the content of this newsletter.
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THE HEAD'S PERSPECTIVE
Earth Science Week, October 12-18, 2008

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UPCOMING MEETINGS
Wednesday, October 15
- EAS Leadership Team, CIVL 2173 (9 a.m.)

Friday, October 17
- ATMS Tea, CIVL 2201 (2:30 p.m.)

EAS SEMINAR
Thursday, October 16, at 3:30 p.m. in CIVL 1252:
"Climate vs. Farming: 100-Year Changes in Water and Carbon Fluxes from Watersheds of the Mississippi." Peter Raymond, Yale University

Refreshments at 3 p.m. in CIVL 2201
For more information, see the EAS online calendar.

RECENT PRESENTATIONS
Gilbert Rochon presented a keynote address on Wednesday, October 8, at the plenary session of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI Korea 2008) Conference at the KINTEX Conference Center at Gyeonggi-Do Province, Korea. His talk was entitled, "Spatial Data Infrastructures (SDI): Origins, Current Status & Future Prospects-National, Regional and Global." The session was also greeted by South Korea's Prime Minister and the Minister of Transport and Land Use.

For a list of presentations given at the 2008 GSA Meeting in Houston, Texas, see the last four pages of this newsletter.

Employment Planning for International Students
Thursday, October 16, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Phys 112
This workshop will present an overview of work authorization requirements and application processes for international graduate students seeking work in the U.S. These include CPT and OPT for off-campus work before graduation, and OPT, J-1 Visa, and H-1B Visa for work after graduation. Information on the new rules for OPT extension will also be presented.

PGSG
Purdue Graduate Student Government
Global Challenge Award - International Earth Science Olympiad

Students now have until June 1 to take a free online assessment that could qualify them for a place on the U.S. team at the International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO) in the Philippines in August 2008. IESO is open to U.S. secondary school students who will not be more than 18 years old on July 1. The competition is organized by an Earth Science Week partner, The Global Challenge Award, which covers selected students travel, lodging, participation, and conference fees. For more information or to take the online assessment, see The Global Challenge Award.

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Call for Presenters – 2008 Governor’s High School Conference on the Environment

High School Students are invited to submit a proposal to present at the 2008 Governor's High School Conference on the Environment. This annual event will be held **Wednesday, November 12, 2008** in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. This year’s theme – **Student Power: Conserving Your Future with Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy** – will provide opportunities for students to share what they are doing in their schools and communities to make energy use more sustainable. There are a variety of student projects worth sharing at conference; following are just a few ideas:

1. Implementing a successful *Bright Idea* Fundraiser program (selling compact fluorescent light bulbs to raise money for a school project)
2. Conducting an energy audit of the school and using the results to promote the need for school energy efficiency
3. Building an energy efficient home or a home that utilizes renewable energy
4. Steps to implement renewable energy in the school
5. Launching a campaign to save energy in the school
6. Promoting a carpooling or Bike-to-School program

Please find an online form for submitting presentation information on the conference web site: [http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/wcaef/youthconference/index.htm](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/wcaef/youthconference/index.htm). For questions, please contact Jennie Lane at jlane@uwsp.edu.

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Earth Science Week

Celebrate October 12-18, 2008

Theme: No Child Left Inside

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ESW 2008, October 12-18, is about giving the natural world your undivided attention—and encouraging your students to do the same. Tune out the TV. Log off the internet. Quit the video game. Hang up the phone and unplug the MP3 player. Instead, focus on our charming atmosphere, our flowing rivers, our shifting landscapes, and consider how human activities affect and are affected by these continually interacting natural systems.

During the 11th annual ESW, millions of people in all 50 states and around the globe will be sampling groundwater, monitoring weather, touring quarries, exploring caves, preparing competition projects, visiting...

Read the full article for free courtesy of your local library.
Earth Science Week: photo, essay, and art contests for all

Thanks to Silver Fox and Geology Joe for reminding me that Earth Science Week starts today. The theme is "No Child Left Inside," so the best way to celebrate would be to take a kid outside (or to donate to one of the classrooms from Maria's Donors Choose challenge). But there are other possibilities, as well.

For kids, there are two contests:

For US kids in kindergarten* - fifth grade, there's an art contest. The kids need to create some kind of visual art work portraying themselves as scientists studying the Earth.

For US kids in sixth - ninth grade, there's an essay contest on "Earth Connections." Contestants should submit an essay about how Earth's natural processes are connected to one another in the place where they live.

And grown-ups can play, too. (That is, if they haven't broken their cameras.)

United States residents of all ages can submit photos to the contest on "Earth Science Beyond Your Front Door". And no matter where in the world you live, you can submit photos for the contest on "Exploring Earth Science Around the World". From skimming the contest descriptions, I think the focus is on people exploring the Earth, rather than on the Earth alone.

The deadline for all the contests is Friday, October 17. (That would be nineteen years after the Loma Prieta earthquake, if you're counting.) Check the official Earth Science Week web page for the details about all of the contests.

*I tried to get my son to draw a picture for this contest. (He's been drawing some wonderful volcanoes lately in his school writing notebook.) Today, however, he said he only wanted to draw a picture of himself as a football player.
Earth Science Week and GIS

We are so tuned in to Geography Awareness Week and Geography Action and GIS Day that perhaps Earth Science Week, this week, gets overlooked. And perhaps its time to remove “Awareness” from the week’s name? I like “just” “Geography Week.”

I did find one reference to a demo day at Eastern Illinois University covered in the Daily Eastern News. Students saw various volcano demos (vinegar + baking soda and mentos + coke) as well as a GIS presentation.

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October 12-18, 2008

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Contests are a great way to get involved in Earth Science Week. All eligible submissions for the 2008 contests must be postmarked or received electronically by 5 p.m. EST, Friday, October 17, 2008 (the Friday of Earth Science Week).

Photography Contest: Earth Science Beyond Your Front Door

Whether you are a young person yourself or an adult who works with youngsters, you can lead an educational outdoor adventure. When was the last time you climbed a mountain? Hiked a trail? Visited a wetland? Earth science is all around us, and the best way for young people to experience it is to get outside and look! Show your outdoor Earth science adventure.

Visual Arts Contest: Studying Our Earth

How do Earth scientists go about answering their questions? They use a system of inquiry in which a question is asked, and answers are proposed, then tested. Show yourself as an Earth scientist using the inquiry approach to answer a question in nature.

Essay Contest: Earth Connections

Earth science is all about the interactions between different natural processes. Shifting tectonic plates can build a mountain. Rain can erode a hillside. Go outside, explore your area, and look for local examples. Discuss how various natural processes on the Earth are interconnected and how they affect each other where you live.

International Year of Planet Earth: Exploring Earth Science Around the World

To celebrate the International Year of Planet Earth and Earth Science Week 2008, the American Geological Institute (AGI) is sponsoring a major international photography contest: "Exploring Earth Science Around the World."

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All entries must be either postmarked or received digitally by 5:00 pm EDT on October 17, 2008. To learn more about these contests, including further information on deadlines and qualifications, visit www.earths sciweek.org.

National Wildlife Refuge Week

Visit a national wildlife refuge during National Wildlife Refuge Week, which also occurs on October 12-18. Build a nesting box, photograph butterflies, or watch wildlife with your campers as you hike. Visit an online list of National Wildlife Refuge Week events.
Friday, October 24, 2008

**Gigapixel panoramas of geology**

Gigapixel panoramas of the Grand Canyon (right top) and other spectacular geology sites, are posted at the GigaPan website.

AGI sent out an email today, describing some of the highlights from Earth Science Week 2008.

The GigaPan website launched a series of collections of GigaPan images of landforms and geologic processes. Each day, a new collection of geoscience-themed GigaPans was featured. You can zoom into selected areas on the panoramas for tremendous detail (right, bottom).

The site allows you to set up a free account where you can log in, take "snapshots" within GigaPans, and annotate them to share your discoveries with other users.

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Celebrate World Space Week -- Oct. 4-10, 2008

Join educators and space enthusiasts around the world to celebrate World Space Week, Oct. 4-10, 2008. This International event commemorates the beginning of the Space Age with the launch of Sputnik 1 on Oct. 4, 1957.

During World Space Week, teachers are encouraged to use space-themed activities in the classroom to promote student interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. This year, $500 teacher grants will be awarded for the most creative use of space in the classroom during World Space Week.

World Space Week is the largest public space event in the world, with celebrations in more than 50 nations. To learn more about World Space Week, search for events in your area and find educational materials related to the event, visit http://www.worldspaceweek.org/index.html.


Earth Science Week 2008 will be celebrated from Oct. 12-18. The theme for this year’s celebration is “No Child Left Inside.” This celebration encourages young people to learn about the geosciences by getting away from the television, off the computer and out of doors.

During Earth Science Week, educators are encouraged to bring some aspect of Earth science into their classrooms, and to take their classrooms outside! Each year, local groups, educators and interested individuals organize celebratory events. Earth Science Week offers opportunities to discover the Earth sciences and engage in responsible stewardship of the Earth.

The American Geological Society hosts Earth Science Week, in cooperation with sponsors, as a service to the public and the geoscience community. The event is supported by NASA, the U.S. Geological Survey, the National Park Service, the AAPG Foundation and other geoscience groups.

For more information, visit http://www.earthsciweek.org/. If you have any questions about this event, please e-mail Info@earthsciweek.org.

David Cottle
UBB Owner & Administrator
Australian Earth Science Week 2008 Events
Canberra, Australia

Education Events

- Earth Science Week (12-18 October 2008)
  This annual event promotes awareness of, and an opportunity, to celebrate the Earth sciences.

- Geologi Short Film Competition
  Secondary students from around Australia took part in the Geologi08 short film competition as part of Earth Science Week.

- International Year of Planet Earth
  The International Year of Planet Earth aims to ensure greater and more effective use by society of the knowledge accumulated by the world’s 400,000 earth scientists.

- Open Day
  Open Day is an excellent opportunity to visit us and learn about what we do. There's so much to see and do, so plan to spend your day with us and get the most out of your visit.

Contact: education@ga.gov.au

Updated: 23 October 2008
Australian Government and Geoscience Australia Announce Earth Science Week 2008
Canberra, Australia
http://www.ga.gov.au/about/event/eswhome.jsp

Earth Science Week 2008 and Open Day

To officially launch Earth Science Week activities in Australia this year, we will be holding our annual Open Day on 12 October 2008. Earth Science Week runs from 12 - 18 October 2008.

Earth Science Week promotes awareness of and an opportunity to celebrate the earth sciences. The 2008 Earth Science Week theme is 'No child left inside' announced by the American Geological Institute. This theme encourages young people to get away from the television, off the computer and explore outside.

Earth Science Week in Australia has interpreted this theme as 'Outside science', engaging in the world of geoscience beyond the classroom and laboratory.

The Geologi Short Film Competition 2008

In recognition of Earth Science Week 2008, Geoscience Australia is hosting the Geologi 08. All Australian secondary school students are invited to take part by submitting a short science film.

Looking for inspiration?

- Search the Earth Science Week archive and find out what events have been held previously.
- Discover more about the history and background of Earth Science Week.
- Earth Science Noticeboard.
- What's happening internationally?

If you would like to participate in Earth Science Week 2008, or are an organisation, school or community group hosting an event, please contact earthscienceweek@ga.gov.au to add your activity/event to our website.
Utah Geological Survey-Teacher Resources-Presented 280614

Jun 15 2008 | By denny99 | Comments (0) | Permalink

We want to share our most recent Talking Hands Honorable Utah Geological Survey-Teacher Resources-Presented 280614

Earth Scienco Week is in October of each year, so the laudation our fourth grader wrote is summer enrichment and getting ready for the next school year. Two of the most delightful adventures for either young or old is taking a leisure walk in the woods or mountains with a furry child or with someone one much older than ourselves, like a grandparent.

Read between the lines of the laudation and let your mind wander along with a fourth grader and a 86 year "young" grandfather. Wish I had been there.
Contests for Earth Science Week 2008

Location: http://www.earthscienceweek.org/contests/

Three national contests will be held in conjunction with Earth Science Week 2008. ‘No Child Left Inside’ The photography, visual arts, and essay contests allow both students and the general public to participate in the contest and compete for prizes. ‘Earth Science Beyond Your Front Door’, the 2008 Photography Contest, is open to all U.S. residents. Students grades K-5 may enter the Visual Arts Contest. ‘Studying our Earth: Earth Connections’ is the Essay Contest for students grades 6-9. Entries may be submitted now but participants are encouraged to base entries on earth science experiences that have been learned during this week. The first-place prize for each contest is $300 and a copy of AGI’s Faces of Earth 2-DVD package.

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EARTH/SPACE

The United States Geological Survey has a wealth of resources for educators from K-12 and beyond. Resources range from teaching with GIS and GPS to obtaining maps for classroom use. The "What's New, What's Happening" section highlights earth science events in the news. Maps, photos, an image gallery and activities and lessons tied to California standards by grade level are available. Most are of little or no cost to educators. Visit http://education.usgs.gov

Earth Science Week (October 12-18) Toolkit promotes an understanding and appreciation of the earth sciences and enables teachers, students, and the public to explore this year's theme "No Child Left Inside." The 2008 Toolkit contains new editions of the Earth Science Week Activity Calendar and classroom poster with activities suitable for all ages provided by AGI, plus a "Journey 3-D" educator guide with 3-D glasses to explore where science fact meets science fiction in the movie "Journey to the Center of the Earth 3-D." A field notebook with an activity from Rite in the Rain is also part of each Toolkit. These items and much more can be found in each Earth Science Week Toolkit aimed at engaging the students and general public in exploring the geosciences. The Toolkits are available for the cost of shipping and handling ($6.95 in the United States). Bulk pricing is available. To order visit http://www.earthsciweek.org/materials/

No Child Left Inside: Earth Science Activity Calendar for the 2008-09 School Year
The Earth Science Week 2008-09 Activity Calendar extends the celebration from one week to the whole school year! Distributed as part of the Earth Science Week 2008 Toolkit, this attractive wall calendar features an exciting classroom activity each month. The publication also provides information about "No Child Left Inside" activities, career opportunities, geoscience happenings, important dates in history, event participation tips, and links to resources on the Web. The calendar is available for download from http://www.earthsciweek.org/calendar/index.html
Earth Science Week Leads Kids Outdoors
American Geological Institute – October 15, 2008

The American Geological Institute (AGI) is pleased to announce that the theme of Earth Science Week 2008 will be “No Child Left Inside.”

“No Child Left Inside” will focus the nation on learning about the earth sciences in their natural setting, outside. Schoolchildren across the nation will turn off the TV and step away from their computers to discover the rocks, soil, watersheds, and weather patterns in their community.

“The best earth science classroom, any geoscientist will tell you, is the outdoors,” says Ann E. Benbow, AGI Director of Education and Outreach. “We’re encouraging students, teachers, and everyone interested in earth science to learn by experiencing it firsthand during Earth Science Week 2008. That means hiking over and digging into the Earth, taking water samples, making cloud observations, and more.”

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Earth Science Week. Since the beginning, the event has grown dramatically, enabling more students to focus on the many aspects of the earth sciences and the various careers within the field.

AGI leads Earth Science Week annually in cooperation with its sponsors and the geosciences community as a service to the public. Each year, community groups, educators, and interested citizens organize celebratory events. Earth Science Week offers the public opportunities to discover the earth sciences and engage in responsible stewardship of the Earth. Earth Science Week is supported by the U.S. Geological Survey, the AAPG Foundation, and many other geoscience organizations.

To learn more about this week, ways to become involved; including newsletters, local events, and classroom activities, please go to the Earth Science Week website at http://www.earthsciweek.org.

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Cleveland Museum of Natural History Hosts “An Earth Science Evening”
Cleveland, Ohio

Cleveland Museum of Natural History

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Earth Science Evening

Friday, October 17, 2008
Exhibits open at 5:30 pm
Lecture is at 7:30 pm
Sponsored by the Cleveland Geological Society in celebration of National Earth Science Week, Sun, Oct 12 – Sun, Oct 18, 2008

This year’s theme is: “No Child Left Inside.” See special exhibits by geologists and other experts in the fields of earth science and paleontology. Among those present will be the Museum’s Micromineral Society and the Museum Invertebrate Paleontology and Paleobotany departments. View the events from Earth Science Evening 2007.

There will also be tours of the Museum’s seismic lab. A number of experts will be available to identify your rocks, minerals and fossils. Also, at 6:30 pm there will be a show in the Shafran Planetarium, “Under the Outside Sky.” Then attend geophysicist Dr. Uri S. ten Brink’s Explorer Series presentation, Peace and Science in the Middle East, co-sponsored by the Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology and the Seismological Society of America. After the lecture, if the sky is clear, Mueller Observatory will be open for stargazing.

The evening’s activities are included in the Explorer Series ticket price:
Members: adults $8; students and seniors $7
Nonmembers: adults $10; students and seniors $9

Please call (216) 231-1177 or 800-317-9155, ext. 3279, or purchase at the door.

The Blue Planet Cafe will be open from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

“Please Touch” Exhibit.

Bob Danielson
Long-time volunteer with Museum’s Invertebrate Paleontology Department.
Cogito.org Announces Earth Science Week 2008
http://www.cogito.org/calendar/CalendarDetail.aspx?ContentID=16903

Earth Science Week
Organization: American Geological Institute
Date: From: 10.14.08 To: 10.20.08

The theme of Earth Science Week 2008 is "No Child Left Inside." Learn about the geosciences by getting away from the television, off the computer, and out of doors!

Earth Science Week also includes several photography and essay contests.

http://www.earthsciweek.org/whatisesw/missionandth...
Colorado Council on the Arts Earth Science Week Events

Events Calendar - Details
Earth Science Week
October 11, 2008

Location Address: 201 S. Fairview St, Woodland Park, CO 80863
Starting Time: 09:00 AM
End Time: 06:00 AM
Description: October 11th starts off our Earth Science Week. Start off your week with Inspector Magic! Shows are at 11:00am and 1:00pm. A fun and entertaining program "It's Magic Naturally!" is captivating and captivates the children's attention while educating, informing, and motivating the audience to make proper choices with regard to protecting our natural resources, pollution control and reduction. The magic show includes messages, stories, puppetry and magic tricks which demonstrates how we can protect our natural resources.

Region: Front Range
Activity Types: Family outings, Learn a lot
EIMatch Types: Children's Activities, Museum-Science and Nature
Cost: Normal admission to the dinosaur museum includes all Earth Science Activities

Organization Profile: Rocky Mountain Dinosaur Resource Center
Organization Web Site: www.rmdrc.com
Address: 201 S. Fairview St, Woodland Park, CO 80863
Contact Name: Alan Patton / Gen LeBold
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**AGI Announces Contests for Earth Science Week 2008** The American Geological Institute (AGI) is sponsoring three national contests in conjunction with Earth Science Week 2008 – “No Child Left Inside”, October 12-18. All U.S. residents are encouraged to enter “Earth Science Beyond your Front Door” the 2008 photography contest. This contest asks people to explore the geologic world through the camera. Students grades K-5 who enter the Visual Arts Contest “Studying our Earth” should show themselves as an Earth scientist actively studying our planet, through drawing or painting. The Essay Contest, open to students in grades 6-9, is themed “Earth Connections.” Entrants are asked to discuss the interconnected geologic processes that take place in their community and how those processes in turn affect them. All entries must be either postmarked or received digitally by 5:00 pm EDT on October 17, 2008 (Steven Veatch, chair of Pebble Pups and Junior program, will facilitate the electronic submissions).

**Contact information:**
steven.veatch@gmail.com
Earth Science Week Toolkit - No Child Left Inside

Posted July 30th, 2008 by admin in K-12 Resources

http://www.earthsciweek.org/materials/index.html

The 2008 Earth Science Week Toolkit includes:

- A 12-month school-year activity calendar, suitable for hanging
- The new Earth Science Week poster, including an activity
- A geological poster with 3D glasses from USGS
- A 3D postcard on polar geoscience from NASA
- A CD of Earth Observations from Space from NASA
- A “Journey 3D” Educator Guide with 3D glasses
- A National Park Service poster on caves nationwide
- Climate literacy materials provided by NOAA
- A genuine field notebook, with an activity, by Rite in the Rain

Spectacular Saturn: Images from the Cassini-Huygens Mission Exhibition
An exhibition of spectacular photographs will open at the Cornell Johnson Museum of Art on September 20. Check out our Saturn Science & Art page for field trip and professional development opportunities.
Craters of the Moon Earth Science Week Hike
Arco, Idaho
http://www.visitsouthidaho.com/cake/events/details/182

Craters of the Moon - Earth Science Week Hike
Date and Time
Saturday October 18th, 2008
9:00am - 3:00pm
Details
For all of you Earth Science enthusiasts. Join up with the park geologist for a presentation at the Visitor Center followed by a 4 mile hike to observe volcanic features in the field.

Reservations are available by email at crmo_information@nps.gov.

For more information
Please contact the Visitor Center at 208 627 1338

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A few of the many resources available include:

- The makers of *Journey to the Center of the Earth 3D* have collaborated with Earth Science Week to create an [Educator Guide](http://www.educatorguide.com) using the movie to explore where "science fact meets science fiction."

- 2008 Earth Science Week kits are now available!

- Check out the latest edition of our e-newsletter, *The Earth Science Week Update.*

- Sign up to receive free Earth Science Week Updates via email!

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Events Dates:
Discovery Teachers: May 2008
Pierre, South Dakota

Discovery Teachers
Earth Science Week 2008: October 12 - 18

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If you missed your opportunity to plan an outdoors activity for Earth Day, start planning now for Earth Science Week 2008!

To sign up for a teacher toolkit, plan an event or request materials go to http://www.earthsclweek.org/
Earth Gauge
http://www.earthgauge.net/kids-october2008/do

Get outdoors to explore Earth science!

**Celebrate Earth Science Week!**

**October 12-18, 2008**

Participate in an Earth Science Week activity near you, learn more about the Earth, and get outdoors to explore!

No event near you? Start your own! Or try these fun things instead:

- Start a field notebook. Record your observations of weather, soil, rocks, and landforms in your neighborhood. Or draw a map of what you find instead.
- Watch the sky! Water is cycling all around you — inside the clouds, coming down in rain, and floating through the air.
- Dig in the dirt! Search for rocks and fossils and examine soil. Planting a garden is also a fun way to learn more about soil.
- Start a Geology Club and organize a field trip to a local science museum, nature center, park, or rock store nearby.

Visit [www.earthsciweek.org](http://www.earthsciweek.org)!

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**Enter an Earth Science Week 2008 Contest!**

Participate in the celebration, learn about Earth science, compete for prizes, and have fun!

Send in your photograph, essay, or artwork to the Earth Science Week 2008 Contests by **October 17, 2008**. Click here to find out how.

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**Participate in**

**International EarthCache Day**

**October 12, 2008**

Participate in the **International EarthCache Day** on October 12, 2008. As a part of geocaching — an adventure game for Global Positioning System (GPS) users to “cache” and find locations with actual hidden items — an EarthCache adventure is treasure hunting for the caches that the Earth has stored. EarthCache sites do
Earth Science Week at the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science
Durham, North Carolina
http://www.ncmls.org/visit/events/earthscienceweek

Visit | Earth Science Week at the Museum

Earth Science Week: Schedule of Activities
October 12-18, 2008

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| Monday, Oct. 13 | Museum is closed on Mondays through December 15 |
| Science at Home | Get outside! The Earth is made of a variety of rocks. The minerals that combine to form these rocks have different characteristics. Go on a rock hunt around your yard or local park. Search for rocks that are interesting to you. How many rocks can you find? In what ways are the rocks alike or different? You can use a clean, empty egg carton to collect your rocks in and make labels to display where the rocks were found. Bring them to the Museum for our classification activities on Wednesday! |

| Tuesday, Oct. 13 | Story time "Diary of a Worm" by Doreen Cronin (Ages 4 and up) |
| 10:30 a.m. | Children and adults alike will enjoy this silly and unique perspective on life from a creature that spends much of his life underground. This is a book we use and recommend frequently in one of our early childhood educator workshops. |

| Special Program: Vermicomposting | Mercury Meeting Room |
| 11:00-11:45 a.m. | (Ages 5 and up) |
| Rhonda Sherman, Extension Solid Waste Specialist, UNC-Chapel Hill, Fertilizer & Agricultural Engineering Department at North Carolina State University, will host this activity. Get ready to turn your food scraps into rich compost for your garden and houseplants. Learn how to set up and maintain a worm bin to recycle your food scraps and used paper. Vermicomposting allows you to compost inside, year-round without any odors. |

| F.B.I.: Fungi, Bacteria and Invertebrates: Members Only (Ages 6 and up) | Picnic Grove, South Side |
| 1:00-2:00 p.m. | Have you ever heard of the FBI hiding in the woods? Join Environmental Educator Jessica Friesen from the Durham Parks and Recreation Environmental Education Department for an informer trek as we explore some of the hiding places of fungus, bacteria and invertebrates. Closed-toe shoes, long pants and long sleeve t-shirts are recommended. |

| 99 | *Pre-registration is required. Limit 20 children. (1 adult is welcome with each child) |
| 1 | Please contact (919) 229-5429 x302 to register |

| Wormal! (Ages 5 and up) | Kidlab |
| 2:30-4:00 p.m. | The use of live worms is a unique way to enrich children's knowledge of soil components and gain a better understanding of how these creatures help plants grow. Interacting with worms is also a means of introducing children to live animal care and observation. Come join us in Kidlab to observe these helpful creatures up close. This is a drop-in session; each experience lasts about 15 minutes. Space is limited. |

Wednesday, Oct. 15

| 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Rock Sort (ages 4 and up) |
| There are limitless ways to sort and classify rocks. Join us to explore some of the ways geologists sort! |

| Geology Wing |

| 2:30 - 3:00 p.m. | The Geology of Explore the Wild (ages 7 and up) |
| Did you know that Explore the Wild used to be a quarry? Join freelance science writer Mary-Russell Robinson to learn more about the geologic history of the area that houses our bears, wolves and wetlands. Mary-Russell is the co-author of Exploring the Geology of the Bear Overlook, Explore the Wild |

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Earth Space and Aviation Sciences at Palomar College
San Marcos, California
http://www.palomar.edu/earthscience/

Follow the progress of the construction of the new planetarium for Palomar College!

Earth Science Week:
October 13th - 17th 2008

Guest Speaker Program

Lunchtime Movie of the Week:
(UNS: 12:30p-1:30p)

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Catalina Island, March 21 - 24, 2009
Education Network Australia
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Earth Science Week

Earth Science Week is an international event, and its aim is to help people develop an understanding of the importance, and impacts, of earth science to every day life, as well as encouraging a sense of responsibility for the use and protection of our natural resources and the environment. It is held annually in the second full week of October.

http://www.ga.gov.au/about/event/eswhome.jsp

Dates
Start Date: 12 October 2008
End Date: 18 October 2008
Duration: 1 week

Details
Event Type: International Week
Subject (SCIS): Earth sciences
Country: Australia
Audience: teacher/lecturer
Sector: school

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Environmental Education in Georgia Announces Earth Science Week 2008
http://eeingeorgia.org/net/calendar/details.aspx?c=35967&s=50464.0.0.4863

Earth Science Week
Saturday, Oct 18, 2008

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Event Link: http://www.earthsciweek.org/
Environmental Education in Kentucky
http://www.eeinkentucky.org/net/calendar/details.aspx?c=35965&s=50464.0.0.37933

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Environmental Education in Mississippi Announces Earth Science Week 2008
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Earth Science Week
**Wednesday, Oct 15, 2008**

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**Event Link:** http://www.earthsciweek.org/
Environmental Education in South Carolina Announces Earth Science Week 2008
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The American Geological Institute Earth Science Week Contests

The American Geological Institute is sponsoring the following contests for students to get involved in Earth Science Week.

- Earth Science Beyond your Front Door Photography Contest. The photography contest is open to interested persons of any age. Your photograph should focus on the topic “Earth Science Beyond Your Front Door.”
- Studying Our Earth Visual Arts Contest. The visual arts contest is open to any interested person in grades K-5. Entries must be two-dimensional (flat) visual arts projects no larger than 24 x 36 inches, dealing with the topic “Studying Our Earth.”
- Earth Connections Essay Contest. The essay contest is open to any interested person in grades 6-9. Your essay should focus on the topic “Earth Connections.” and be no more than 300 words in length.

The winner of each contest will win $500 and a copy of AGI's Faces of Earth DVD. All finalists' entries will be posted to the Earth Science Week Website.

The deadline for entry is 5 P.M. October 17, 2008.

Complete Details

Resource Types: Contest/Award
Audience Served: General Public
Age Groups: All Ages
Environmental Focus: Creative Arts, Geology, Habitats/Ecosystems, Soil, Water
Academic Focus: Arts - Visual, Interdisciplinary, Science
Earth Science Week

Monday, Oct 13, 2008

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Event Link: http://www.earthsciweek.org/
ESRI Announces Earth Science Week 2008

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**Earth Science Week**

- **Dates:** October 12, 2008 - October 18, 2008
- **Location:** Everywhere, USA
- **Event Provider:** American Geological Institute
- **Event Type:** Other
- **Website:** [http://www.earthsciweek.org](http://www.earthsciweek.org)

**Description:** AGI is pleased to announce the theme of Earth Science Week 2008: "No Child Left Inside." Being held October 12-18, Earth Science Week 2008 will encourage young people to learn about the geosciences by getting away from the TV, off the computer, and out of doors. Learn how to get a great packet of materials!
No Child Left Inside- Earth Science Week 2008

When
Nov 13, 2008 10:00 am (Thursday) to
Nov 17, 2008 11:00 am (Monday)

Where
MOSI Tampa Museum of Science and Industry (map)
4801 East Fowler Avenue
Tampa, FL 33617

Who
No performers specified

What
Join MOSI explorers for the 10th anniversary of Earth Science Week. At No Child Left Inside,® will focus the national's attention on learning about the earth sciences and how it impacts us.

More event details

Related Categories
Family Fun, Kids
Museums, Zoos, Attractions

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ExperienceColumbus.com
http://www.experiencecolumbus.com/event-detail.cfm?id=18847

Earth Science Week Fossil Tour
Dates: October 16
Location: Ohio Statehouse
Hours: Friday noon
Admission: Free
Address: High Street at State Street, Columbus
Phone: 888-OHIO-123, 614-752-9777
Web: www.earthsciweek.org

Join us for Earth Science Week and a Statehouse Fossils Tour, a Geology tour of the Statehouse. Ohio State University experts will discuss the "Building Stones of Capitol Square."

Please note: Information for the calendar of events is gathered from multiple community sources. Experience Columbus is not responsible for the accuracy and content of information. Times, dates and locations are subject to change.
Earth Science Week on Facebook

Earth Science Week
Global

Basic Info
Type: Common Interest - Science
Description: Since October 1998, the American Geological Institute has organized this national and international event to help the public gain a better understanding and appreciation for the Earth Sciences and to encourage stewardship of the Earth.

Earth Science Week aims to:

* Engage students in discovering the Earth sciences.
* Remind people that Earth science is all around us.
* Encourage Earth stewardship through understanding.
* Motivate geoscientists to share their knowledge and enthusiasm about the Earth.

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Earth Science Week 2008

The 11th annual Earth Science Week will be observed from October 12 through October 18, 2008 and will celebrate the theme "The Pulse of Earth Science." Visit the Earth Science Week website at http://www.earthsciweek.org/ for information about Earth Science, teaching materials, contests, activity calendar, newsletter, free toolkit and more.

Click Here to read the entire article...
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October 12-18
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  Job Interview: What Not To Do
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Orionids meteor shower expected to peak. Visit www.imo.net/calendar/2008
Earth Science Week 2008 Contest Winners

The Earth Science Week Essay contest was judged by six members of the Undergraduate Geology Club at FIU. Their decision is:

- Grand winner overall & first place for 9th grade: Miguel Flores, Young Men’s Preparatory Academy
- Second place overall & first place for 7th grade: Sheyla Tendero, Ponce de Leon Middle School
- Third place overall & first place for 6th grade: Diego Mora, Rockaway Middle School

Thanks to all who participated! All participants will receive prizes by mail in care of their teachers at their respective schools.
Get Ready for Earth Science Week

Earth Science Week is coming up next week. In preparation for Earth Science Week I thought it would be appropriate to share some resources that teachers might find useful. The theme of this year's Earth Science Week is "no child left inside." Earth Science Week is sponsored by the American Geological Institute. The "for teachers" page of Earth Science Week has some good lesson plan resources, but you may want to look at some other resources for getting kids outside and learning about Earth Science.

The Global Environmental and Outdoor Education Council has lesson plans that are appropriate for students in grades K through 12. Some of these lessons will get kids outside.

The Science Spot offers lesson plans that will get kids outdoors. Some of the lesson plans on the Science Spot were designed with a specific geographical area in mind, so you may need to adapt the lesson to meet your local geography.

NASA is contributing to Earth Science Week by offering lesson plan resources that are appropriate for use in grades K through 12.

Cynthia Danner-Kuhn said...

WOW, what a wonderful resource. Can't wait to share with my students. I work with education majors teaching Educational Technology for Teaching and Learning.

Thanks for sharing the wealth!!
Cynthia Danner-Kuhn
Kansas State University
cynthia@kstate.edu
OCTOBER 9, 2008 9:47 AM
Geolismus.de Blog (German blog)


« “Der blau Planet in unserer Hand” - Öffentliche Vortragsreihe an der Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main
Der “Tag der Steine in der Stadt” in Leipzig »

“Earth Science Week” in den USA - Ein Vorbild für Deutschland?

In den USA findet seit gestern die “Earth Science Week” (Woche der Geowissenschaften) statt, die vom American Geological Institute (AGI) ausgerichtet wird. Die diesjährige Woche steht unter dem Motto “No child left inside”, also frei übersetzt: Kinder, raus in die Natur! Ziel ist es, Kinder innerhalb dieser Woche für die Geowissenschaften zu begeistern, sie aus ihren Zimmern, von ihren Computer- und Fernsehbildschirmen loszureißen und ihnen zu zeigen, was Geowissenschaft ist. Doch nicht nur die Kinder sind die Zielgruppe. Die Organisatoren der Earth Science Week haben sich folgende Ziele gesteckt:

- Schüler begeistern, die Geowissenschaften zu entdecken
- den Menschen zeigen, dass die Geowissenschaften sie überall im Alltag begleiten
- Verantwortungsgefühl für die Erde durch das Verstehen geowissenschaftlicher Zusammenhänge fördern
- Geowissenschaftler ermutigen und begeistern, ihr Wissen mit anderen Menschen zu teilen


Besonders das letzte genannte Ziel der Earth Science Week ist ein ganz wesentliches. Wenn es niemanden gibt, der hinaus in die Öffentlichkeit tritt und über die Geowissenschaften erzählt, werden die Geowissenschaften in der Breite auch nicht an Bekanntheit gewinnen.


Die Möglichkeiten, Aktivitäten wie die Earth Science Week auch auf Deutschland zu übertragen, dafür neue Medien effizient und sogar besser und innovativer zu nutzen, als es derzeit zum Beispiel in den USA der Fall ist, sind fast unbegrenzt. Es gibt nur zwei grundlegende Probleme. Das ist erstens die wenig ausgeprägte Einsicht, Geo-Öffentlichkeitsarbeit betreiben zu müssen, und zwar nicht nebenebei, sondern gezielt. Und zweitens, wie eingangs schon erwähnt, liegt oft ein unüberwindbarer Weg zwischen der Erkenntnis und der Umsetzung.

Die Titelfrage dieses Artikels kann also uneingeschränkt mit “ja” beantwortet werden. Deutschland kann nur lernen. Von den USA. Und auch von anderen, europäischen Ländern. Österreich zum Beispiel.

(via GeologyJoe, Silver Fox und Tuff Cookie)
Earth Science Week

This week is EARTH SCIENCE WEEK.

pass it on to your kids science teacher.

Posted by GeologyJoe at 10/12/2008 08:56:00 AM

Labels: earth, earth science week, Geology, science
Geology.com Announces Earth Science Week 2008
Earth Science Week 2008

This year Earth Science Week will be celebrated from 12 - 18 October 2008. This annual event promotes awareness of and an opportunity to celebrate the earth sciences.

The Geologi Short Film Competition 2008

In recognition of Earth Science Week 2008, Geoscience Australia is hosting the Geologi 08. All Australian secondary school students are invited to take part by submitting a short science film.

Find out more about the history and background of Earth Science Week.
Looking for inspiration? Find out what events have been held previously.
Earth Science Noticeboard.
What's happening internationally?

For more information, please contact Earth Science Week - Australia.
Friday, August 29, 2008

Earth Science Week Update

EARTH SCIENCE WEEK UPDATE
American Geological Institute
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Earth Science Week 2008
Coming Soon: Get Ready
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Global Effort Offers
Unique Teaching Resources
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Educators internationally are contributing to a new online resource called Earth Learning Idea (ELI). ELI offers a wide variety of Earth science instruction ideas, all designed to provide practical tools for teachers and teacher-trainers.
Geoscience Australia announces its Annual Open Day

21 August 2008
Geoscience Australia’s annual Open Day will be held on 12 October this year, to coincide with Earth Science Week.

Previously we have had our Open Day during Science Week, and we apologise for any inconvenience caused by the late change of dates.

Open Day 2008 will offer a diverse program of displays, tours and talks that will showcase our latest activities. There will be something on offer for the whole family, with specialised children’s activities available.

AGI Announces Contests for Earth Science Week 2008

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All U.S. residents are encouraged to enter “Earth Science Beyond your Front Door” the 2008 photography contest. This contest asks people to explore the geologic world through the camera.

Students grades K-5 who enter the Visual Arts Contest “Studying our Earth” should show themselves as an earth scientist actively studying our planet, through drawing or painting.

The Essay Contest, open to students in grades 6-9, is themed “Earth Connections.” Entrants are asked to discuss the interconnected geologic processes that take place in their community and how those processes in turn affect them.

All entries must be either postmarked or received digitally by 5:00 pm EDT on October 17, 2008. Everyone is encouraged to spend Earth Science Week experiencing earth science in its natural setting and developing entries based on what has been learned during the week.

Earth Science Week is organized annually by AGI with support from a number of other geoscience organizations including the U.S. Geological Survey and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists Foundation. To learn more about these contests, including further information on deadlines and qualifications, please visit http://www.earthsciweek.org/

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Geospectrum: AGI Announces Release of 2008 Earth Science Week Kit
Alexandria, Virginia

AGI Announces Release of 2008 Earth Science Week Kit

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The key educational support product for Earth Science Week 2008 (October 12-18) is the Toolkit that enables teachers, students, and the public to explore this year’s theme “No Child Left Inside.” The 2008 edition of this resource is now available through the American Geological Institute (AGI).

The 2008 Toolkit contains several resources developed by AGI, including the new editions of the Earth Science Week Activity Calendar and classroom poster with activities suitable for all ages provided by AGI, its Member Societies and other organizations. In addition to these traditional Toolkit publications, this year AGI’s education department teamed with Walden Media to create a “Journey 3-D” educator guide with 3-D glasses to explore where science fact meets science fiction in the movie “Journey to the Center of the Earth 3-D.”

Several other organizations contributed materials for inclusion in the Toolkits. The U.S. Geological Survey provided a 3-D geosciences poster. NASA supplied a CD-ROM of Earth Observations from Space. NOAA provided climate literacy information while ESRI included a CD-ROM on GIS technology and activities. A field notebook with an activity from Rite in the Rain is also part of each Toolkit.

These items and much more can be found in each Earth Science Week Toolkit aimed at engaging the students and general public in exploring the geosciences. The Toolkits are available for the cost of shipping and handling ($6.95 in the United States). Bulk pricing is available. To order, visit http://www.earthsiceweek.org/materials/.

Earth Science Week is an annual event held the second week of October to promote an understanding and appreciation of the earth sciences. It is coordinated by the American Geological Institute with generous support from the U.S. Geological Survey, the AAPG Foundation, and the National Park Service. To learn more about this event, please visit http://www.earthsiceweek.org/.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2008

Earth Science continues!

There has been so much appreciation of Ron Schott's excellent collections of geological curated gigapans that even though Earth Science Week ended a week ago, we continue to feature new sets from Ron on the front page of gigapan.org. Today is Coastal & Shorelines, and there will be two more themes before we are all done: Yosemite National Park; and Sediment, Rocks, Roadcuts & Outcrops.

This has been a wonderful guest curation experience. I encourage everyone to consider creating collections of Gigapan panoramas that we will be happy to feature on the front page. If you have a collection and you are ready to share it, contact me by email with your list at illah at cs.cmu.edu.

POSTED BY ILLAH AT 6:14 AM
Earth Science Week

Keep your eyes glued to the Goddard Web site through the week of October 12 for daily videos that answer several questions about our home planet. The videos are all part of Earth Science Week, 2008, themed "No Child Left Inside."

Earth Science Week Introduction

Goddard's Dr. Blanché Meeson introduces questions that will be answered in short videos released throughout Earth Science Week.

For complete transcript, click here.

Duration: 1.4 minutes

Available formats:
- 640x480 (29.97 fps) MPEG-4 16 MB
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- 640x480 (30 fps) QUICKTIME 17 MB
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How to play our movies:

How is the Global Earth System Changing?

Goddard's Dr. Claire Parkinson discusses this question in the above video. Earth is currently in a period of warming. Over the last century, Earth's average temperature rose about 1.1 F (0.6C). In the last two decades, the rate of our world's warming accelerated. Scientists predict that the globe will continue to warm over the course of the 21st century. Is this warming trend a reason for concern? After all, our world has witnessed extreme warm periods before, such as during the time of the dinosaurs. Earth has also seen numerous ice ages on roughly 11,000-year cycles for at least the last million years. So, change is perhaps the only constant in Earth's 4.5-billion-year history.

For complete transcript, click here.

Duration: 1.5 minutes

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What the Heck is Out There?

By: Editor | October 15, 2008 | Category: General

Today, in celebration of Earth Science Week 2008, we welcome Dave Hebert as our guest blogger. Dave writes from the U.S. Geological Survey's Office of Communications, where he also works on social media and web content.

What if you worked with people who sailed through Arctic ice, climbed to the edge of lava-spewing volcanoes, or came face-to-face with grizzly bears?

Well, I have the privilege of working with people like those here at the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). My co-workers are doing exciting and important research in energy, climate change, ecosystems, natural hazards, and much more.

Of course, these scientists couldn’t do that work if they didn’t like being outside, and considering the interest in climate change, energy, and other environmental topics, most Americans must want to be outside, too, right?

Maybe not; here’s an excerpt from a recent National Academy of Sciences study: “...all major lines of evidence point to an ongoing and fundamental shift away from nature-based recreation.”

To me, that’s both puzzling and disappointing, and it’s a big reason that the theme for Earth Science Week (ESW) 2008 (Oct. 12-18) is “No Child Left Inside.”

You don’t have to go the ends of the earth to find excitement outside. The USGS has teamed up with the American Geological Institute, sponsor of ESW, and its partners to offer some great tips and ideas on how to explore the great
Earth Science Week 2008, October 13 - 17

Date: October 2, 2008

Earth Science Week 2008, October 13 - 17

Special Lecture Series

Monday Oct 13, 2008

1 - 1:50 PM, Manitou 107

"Landscape response to megadroughts in the western U.S. in the past 2000 years: Potential land-atmosphere-ocean connections."

Dr. Steve Forman
Dept. of Earth and Environmental Sciences
Univ. of Illinois at Chicago

4-4:50pm, LTT 101

"Twenty years, four continents, and twelve jobs: Insights into finding a career in geology."

Dr. Steve Mattey
Department of Geology
Grand Valley State University

Tuesday Oct 14, 2008

1 - 1:50 PM, Loutit 103

"Underground Sequestration of Coal-fired Power Plant Carbon Dioxide Emissions."

Judy Visscher and Dan Nally
Holland Board of Public Works
Holland, Michigan
GSA Alabama Fossil Field Trip Flier
http://www.gsa.state.al.us/documents/misc_gsa/Announce%20WEB%20VERSION%20linked.pdf

Science Teachers:

Collect Fossils * * * Learn about the Earth * * * Make your own Fossil Kits

Fossils of the Black Belt –

A Hands-On Field Workshop

Part of Earth Science Week 2008

Space is Limited!

Visit and collect fossils at some of Alabama’s most famous fossil localities!

Where: University of West Alabama (UWA) in Livingston and vicinity.
When: Tuesday, October 21, 2008, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm.
Cost: $15 (preregistration required)

What you get: A certificate of participation (8 CEUs), a field guidebook, Lost Worlds in Alabama Rocks ($25 value), 3 Discovering Alabama DVDs (Geologic History of Alabama, Tracks Across Time, and Black Belt Part I, a $60 value), a geologic map of Alabama, field sheets on Alabama fossils, box lunch, a fossil kit you will make as part of the workshop, and more, including an opportunity to win prizes! You must be present at the workshop to receive these materials.

Who should attend: In-service and pre-service science teachers who will be teaching earth science or other science courses with components of earth-science, life science, biology, and environmental science.

Contact: Dr. David C. Kopaska-Merkel, Geological Survey of Alabama, P.O. Box 869999, Tuscaloosa AL 35486-6999. Phone: (205) 247-3695 (office) or (205) 246-9346 (cell). Fax: (205) 349-2861. Email: davidkm@gsa.state.al.us.

Workshop Leaders

Dr. David C. Kopaska-Merkel is head of the Petroleum Systems and Technology Section at the Geological Survey of Alabama. He has studied trilobites and other fossils and has led workshops and field trips for teachers, children, and others. Dr. Kopaska-Merkel has written many educational publications.

Dr. Andrew K. Rindsberg has been studying the paleontology of Alabama since 1989 and currently teaches at The University of West Alabama. He is a specialist in marine invertebrate paleoecology. Dr. Rindsberg has written numerous reports on Alabama geology, including field trip guidebooks and educational publications on fossils.

Dr. Doug Wymer is an environmental scientist at The University of West Alabama. Dr. Wymer has co-led other geological and biological workshops for teachers, children, and the general public. His main interests lie in ecological restoration, particularly Blackland Prairie restoration. A visit to his prairie restoration project is part of the workshop.

Dr. John C. Hall is Curator of the Black Belt Museum at The University of West Alabama. He is the retired chief naturalist at The University of Alabama Museum of Natural History. He has led archaeological and paleontological programs throughout Alabama since 1979 and has published on Alabama meteorites and famed naturalist William Bartram.
Earth Science Week
12–18 October 2008

"NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE"

2008 marks the eleventh annual Earth Science Week — Earth Science Week 2008 will encourage young people to learn about the geosciences by getting away from the television, off the computer, and out-of-doors. Learn more at the official AGI Earth Science Week Web site.

No Child Left Inside Weekend at Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument,
4–5 October 2008. All children who participate in the Saturday’s (4 Oct.) activities will receive a Junior Ranger Booklet, badge, and patch. The first 150 children to sign-in will receive a free t-shirt designed especially for the event, and the children will have the opportunity to personalize the t-shirt with their own handprint. On Sunday (5 Oct.), the Monument will be providing ranger-guided programs throughout the day.

12–8 October Earth Science Week fun kicks off on Sunday, 12 October, with the 3rd International EarthCache Day.

What is Earth Science Week?

Earth Science Week, the second full week in October, is an annual celebration of the contributions geoscience makes to society. The resolution to establish Earth Science Week was initiated by the Association of American State Geologists and was read into the Congressional Record in July 1998 by Senator Ron Wyden of Oregon.

Read the message from President Clinton (2000) encouraging all Americans to participate in Earth Science Week activities.

GSA urges each of you to set aside at least one day during Earth Science Week to reach out to your community and promote the creation of a conscious society committed to the responsible use of Earth and its resources. Write to your Elected Officials! GSA member participation in Earth Science Week activities will help implement GSA’s goal to support geoscience in the service of society.

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Earth Science Week (ESW) 2008 encourages people around the globe to open doors and investigate new opportunities. This year's theme, "No Child Left Inside," is a call to explore our natural environments. The celebration urges everyone--especially young people--to venture outdoors and experience Earth science firsthand.

ESW 2008, October 12-18, is about giving the natural world your undivided attention--and encouraging your students to do the same. Tune out the TV. Log off the internet. Quit the video game. Hang up the phone and unplug the MP3 player. Instead, focus on our churning atmosphere, our flowing rivers, our shifting landscapes, and consider how human activities ...
Earth Science Week

Submitted by WestCoastMom on October 16, 2008 - 22:19.

The theme for this year's Earth Science Week is "No Child Left Inside." If you've read Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children From Nature-Deficit Disorder, or read about it, then you might be looking for more ways to incorporate unstructured time outside. The USGS, one of the Earth Science Week (ESW) sponsors, has a web site with links to outdoor perks and activities around the country. Even if there isn't an activity listed for your area, it doesn't take too much effort to help your child connect with nature. Start with a walk at your child's pace. You may only get to the end of the block but your child will appreciate the time you spend looking at the things that interest them. I find ants much more
Hot Springs National Park Offers Earth Science Week Geology Talks
Hot Springs, Arkansas

Hot Springs National Park
Park to Offer Earth Science Week Geology Talks

Park Ranger Joe Herron talks to visitors about how the hot springs form.

Date: September 30, 2008
Contact: Gail Sears, 501-620-6701
Contact: Mark Blaue, 501-620-6704

Hot Springs National Park Natural Resources Program Manager Steve Rudd will be leading guided walks on Oct. 15, 16, and 18 at 10 a.m. leaving from the Hot Springs National Park Visitor Center, the historic Fordyce Bathhouse. These walks will last 1-1.5 hours and Mr. Rudd will talk about how the hot spring water gets hot, why it is unique, how much water flows from the springs, and how it is collected, as well as answer questions regarding the hot springs. He can also answer questions about the importance of earth science research and careers. At 2:30, Park Ranger Mark Blaue will lead “Discovering the Waters” tours, also leaving from the park visitor center.

The theme of Earth Science Week 2008 is “No Child Left Inside” and encourages young people to get outside and learn about the geosciences. Teachers interested in bringing a class to tour are asked to call ahead for a reservation.

These walks will be held weather-permitting. For more information please call the Hot Springs National Park Visitor Center at 501-620-6701.
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Houston Geological Society Message Board
Houston, Texas

2008 Earth Science Week Annual Family Energy Festival @ HMNS

Author
GeoGirl

Message
Post subject: 2008 Earth Science Week Annual Family Energy Festival @ HMNS
Posted: Thu Aug 21, 2008 2:19 am

Houston Geological Society's Earth Science Week and International Year of Planet Earth Activities

October 11, 2008
Annual Family Energy Festival
Houston Museum of Natural Science
11:30am-4:00pm

Join us for the annual Family Energy Festival at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. The festival will include the Energy Passport Contest, an Earth Science themed Cake Contest, hands-on demonstrations, Scout badge activities, and other great programs. Please join us and bring your family and friends!

Cost: Activities in the museum are included in the price of the regular museum admissions ticket.

Volunteers: please contact Martha McRae at esw@hgs.org.

Family festivities will begin at the museum at 11:30am Sat, with the Energy Passport Contest and Planet Earth Cake Contest. Many different hands-on demonstrations and activities will be open throughout the main museum halls. After the participants have collected enough "stamps" to fill out their Energy Passports, they can turn it in for great prizes to take home.

The American Geological Institute's Earth Science Week is a national program to help the public gain a better understanding and appreciation for the Earth Sciences and to encourage stewardship of the Earth. Earth Science Week annual celebration is the second week in October.
Houston Geological Society: Family Energy Festival at the Houston Museum of Natural Science
Houston, Texas
http://www.hgs.org/en/cev/?918

ESW and IYPE - Family Energy Festival at HMNS!
Sponsored by HGS - Earth Science Week and IYPE
Sat 11-Oct-08 11:00 AM - to - 4:000 PM CDT

Houston Museum of Natural Science
One Hermann Cirle Drive
Houston TX 77030
Phone: (713) 639-4629 Google Maps | Hotels Near | Yahoo! Maps | Weather Forecast

Details on "ESW and IYPE - Family Energy Festival at HMNS"

Houston Geological Society

Earth Science Week and International Year of Planet Earth Act
October 11, 2008

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Family festivities will begin at the museum at 11:00 with a local bakery cake contest featuring cakes representing the best of Earth sciences: volcanoes, dinosaurs, planet Earth, and mor...
Houston Geological Society: Public Geology Field Trip to High Island, Texas
Houston, Texas
http://www.hgs.org/en/cev/?919

Earth Science Week: Public Geology Field Trip to High Island
Sponsored by Earth Science Week Committee
Sat 18-Oct-08 10:00 AM - to - 3:00 PM CDT

No Registration for this Event
High Island, TX

Details on "Earth Science Week: Public Geology Field Trip to High Island"

Earth Science Week - Public Field Trip:
High Island, TX Saturday, October 18, 2008 10:00am-3:00pm
Visit our site any time between 10 and 3 to learn about salt domes, oil, beach processes, and ice age fossils.

Where: Come to the beach where Hwy 87 and Hwy 124 intersect just south of the town of High Island, and east of Galveston. The pavement and look for my Red Honda CR-V with a sign saying "Earth Science Week".

What to See: We will discuss how High Island got to be 50 ft above everything else and look at a seismic line showing the dome pushing it up. That uplift process also makes this beach the best places to find ice age fossils and I will show you where. If you are extremely lucky, you might even find an Indian point.

Shelling: The McFadden beach in the wildlife preserve is a place to look for shells.

Bidders: This is a great place to bird watch and we will have expert to help. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Fossiling: Our location is 50 feet off the road. The best fossil found more than a mile down the beach.
Houston Geological Society Forms Earth Science Week Committee
Houston, Texas
http://www.hgs.org/en/cmt/?15

Committee: Earth Science Week
For more information about our sponsoring organization AGI and ESW history, click here.
For information on the national 2008 Earth Science Week activities, click here.

Earth Science Week Toolkit are available at:
http://www.earthsiceweek.org/materials/index.html
Still Available: 2007 Highlights Toolkit!

Mission Statement
Earth Science Week, observed annually in the United States, Canada and, increasingly, in other countries, is an opportunity to understand the impact of the earth sciences in our daily lives. The Houston Geological Society is honored to join in the celebration each year. As geologists, we hope to

- Give people, particularly students, special opportunities to learn about the Earth sciences
- Increase awareness that Earth science is all around us
- Encourage stewardship of the Earth, and share our knowledge
- Enthusiasm about the Earth

We need additional volunteers so please contact Martha McRae if you can help out.
Urbana-Champaign, Illinois
September 2008
http://www.isgs.uiuc.edu/education/earth-sci-wk.shtml

Earth Science Week 2008

"No Child Left Inside" is the theme of this year's Earth Science Week, to be held October 12-18, 2008. The week stresses the importance of the earth sciences, especially geology, in finding, developing, and conserving the water, mineral, and energy resources our modern society needs. Increased understanding of the earth sciences encourages good stewardship of earth resources.

Earth Science Week offers a great opportunity for everyone, especially children, to go outside and participate in earth science activities. The Illinois State Geological Survey recommends a visit to one of Illinois' beautiful state parks and surrounding areas. For many of these parks, ISGS field trip guidebooks are available that contain easy-to-understand information about the natural, cultural, and geological features of these locations.

For more information about Earth Science Week and suggestions for ways to get involved, visit http://www.earthsciweek.org. Movies, contests, and articles are some the site's general interest features. Also available are earth science materials for teachers to use in their classrooms.

Earth Science Week is hosted annually by the American Geological Institute (AGI), a nonprofit federation of 45 scientific and professional associations. AGI represents more than 100,000 geologists, geophysicists, and other earth and environmental scientists.

Proclamation of Earth Science Week in Illinois
International Action on Global Warming (IGLO): AGI Earth Science Week Activities
http://www.astc.org/iglo/?p=117

What's New at IGLO

In May 2008, ASTC issued a call for science centers to submit earth science-related activities to be featured in a special calendar celebrating the American Geological Institute’s Earth Science Week (ESW). One of the submissions would be chosen as a featured activity of the month. A gold-panning activity from Chabot Space & Science Center, Oakland, California, will be featured in the ESW 2008-2009 calendar during the month of May. This history-meets-science demonstration is appropriate for kindergarten through ninth grade students.

The Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, San Diego, California, also submitted an activity that helps students explore “the other CO2 problem” - ocean acidification - and its potential impacts on marine life and ecosystems. This can be found in the IGLO Toolkit under “Hands-On Activities.”

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Title Earth Science Week 2008

Description Earth science Week has been organised by the American Geological Institute since October 1998. It is a national and international event to help the public gain a better understanding and appreciation for the earth sciences and encourage stewardship of the Earth. The Web Site for Earth science week contains more information on this year’s theme, an events locator, a look at what went on during past Earth science weeks as well as related projects. The theme for 2008 will be ‘No child left inside’.

Keywords North America, United Staets, Science - Exhibitions, Earth sciences

Website http://www.earthsciweek.org/whatiseaw/futurethemes.html

Start date 12 Oct 2008

End date 18 Oct 2008

Duration 1 week

Charging policy See contact details below.

Contact name Earth Science Week

Email info@earthsciweek.org

Phone -

Fax -

Location USA.
Laura Law’s Blog on Glacier National Park’s Website
Glacier National Park, Montana
http://www.nps.gov/glac/parknews/blogs_law.htm

October 8, 2008

It’s been an exciting fall with a packed calendar of school groups visiting Glacier. The final day for fall field trips is October 23, 2008 and there are no more openings for fall ranger-led trips. However, the same programs are also offered in spring (May), so call or email if you are interested (the link on the right explains how to schedule a field trip).

There are some exciting new events and materials this October available for teachers. The National Park Service is a partner with the American Geological Institute (AGI) in celebrating Earth Science Week, Oct. 12-18, 2008. The theme this year is "No Child Left Inside!" Check out the free 10 minute YouTube video "Why Earth Science?" to help students learn the answer to that question or visit the American Geological Institute's earthsciweek.org website to order an Earth Science Week Toolkit.

Another exciting October event is the upcoming Project Learning Tree (PLT) Workshop on Oct. 25, 2008 in Columbia Falls, MT. This one day workshop introduces K-8 teachers, youth group leaders and other educators to the NEW K-8 Project Learning Tree Activity Guide. It includes hands-on, in-depth exploration of four activities, with a visit to a forested site and participants will bring home a copy of the new PLT activity guide which includes 96 activities that help children learn about their natural environment. Six OPI credits are available and the cost of the class is $25 and includes the PLT activity guide. Class size is limited to 20 participants. More information about the workshop and how to register can also be found at the Flathead Community of Resource Educators (CORE) website.
Earth Science Week Student Contests

Filed Under [Student Opportunities] by lksdscience on 03-09-2008

Do you have some great photos, pictures, or essays? Earth Science week is looking for photos, original artwork and essays from students. The Earth is all around you. Share your outdoor adventures by entering one of these contests. You can find out more information by clicking on this Earth Science Contest Link.
Today is Earth Day, and so I’m giving you some pictures of the rising sun and an early-morning sun dog -- the atmosphere and atmospheric phenomena are part of the earth and part of our everyday experience.

I remember the excitement and hoopla that attended the first Earth Day back in 1970, when I was still in high school. People were optimistic about what they could do, and yet much pessimism was focused on the way things were. I’d like to remind everyone that a lot of good has been accomplished since those days: rivers on the east coast are much cleaner, and you can see the mountains that surround L.A., which was rare in the early 1970's. The air we breathe today is cleaner in many places than it was on the first Earth Day in 1970. Look up. Enjoy the view.

I occasionally participate in Earth Day clean-up programs, but what I really have enjoyed over the years is participating in Earth Science Week field trips - field trips which are designed to introduce geology to the general public, including children of all ages. These field trips are run every year by the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology I think in conjunction with the Geological Society of Nevada). Here is an example of an Earth Science Week field trip program.

I like what Julian has suggested about remembring and honoring the brown places, because I have been a desert person for several decades. And I like Andrew’s suggestion to read science fiction in order to become familiar with envisioning alternative futures. Andrew also summaries several other good Accretionary Wedge #8 posts.

Posted by Silver Fox at 6:12 PM
Labels: atmosphere, carnivals, earth, environment, geology, sunrise
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2008

Did You Miss Earth Science Week?

Well, so did I. Not to worry, though. The earth is still out there, and you can make every week earth science week. And when the weather is too cold, you can make models, watch movies, and even follow a free online guide to the film Journey to the Center of the Earth.

Now, those of you expecting Walden Media to have kept to the original Verne text might not be too happy with the 3-D big screen adaptation, but there is some entertainment value. So use the free 20 page pdf to go along with it. Purists will prefer the book, and for care rides, nothing beats the audio adaptation from Alien Voices.

Some other great videos for earth science include:
- Living Rock
- Ring of Fire
- Volcanoes of the Deep Sea

Amazing Caves
Eyewitness Rocks and Minerals

Have fun with earth science!

POSTED BY MACBETH DERHAM AT 11:59 AM
LABELS: EARTH SCIENCE, GEOLOGY
Magma Cum Laude Blog
http://magmacumlaude.blogspot.com/2008/10/happy-earth-science-week.html

Monday, October 13, 2008

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Maine Science Listserve
http://fc.sad57.k12.me.us/~cia/gle/MDOE%20Assessment%20Listerves/FOV1-0001639C/I009259FB?ShowInternetHeader=1

Celebrate Earth Science Week!

October 12-18, 2008

To kick off your study take a few minutes to watch Why Earth Science? video available at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxbIJ4fTYo

Also watch the Earth System Science clip available at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cIv6Uaeobxk&nr=1

What is unique about this year's theme, No Child Left Inside, is that it ties the national push of Leaving No Child Left Inside with top quality earth science education. What a winning combination!

To learn more about this year’s Earth Science Week order a kit from: http://www.earthsciweek.org

A few items included in the kit:

- a calendar - each month highlights something your students can do to study the Earth.
- a sample “All Weather Mini-Notebook”. The paper of this notebook is designed to be used outdoors in the rain. http://www.riteintherain.com/
Free Family Weekend: Green Hunt 2008

Date: Saturday, October 18, 2008
Location: Koshland Science Museum
Time: 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Cost: Free

Explore Penn Quarter and test your scientific mettle with a free family day on October 18th. Find out how much science is in the city, get outdoors, and have fun. With this program, you can play on your own, as a pair, or in teams, as long as you complete your puzzles by 5 PM! On Sunday, see the start of the Science for Society & the Public’s national, science-focused Middle School Program 2008.

Saturday October 18th

As part of Earth Science Week and No Child Left Inside, the Koshland Science Museum presents a free family day that explores the science hidden in the Penn Quarter neighborhood of Washington, DC. Challenge yourself as you come across clues and activities, all with a scientific angle. Play on your own, as a pair, or in teams, as long as you complete your puzzles by 5 PM.

The rules are simple:
1) Pick up your clues and map, and have your time card filled out at the museum.
2) Go to town and answer as many questions as you can in any order.
3) Bring your answers and time card back, and once verified we will enter your final time.
4) The person/pair/team with the shortest completion time and all correct answers gets bragging rights and a little something extra.

Sunday October 19th

Continuing the free family weekend, Sunday marks the start of the Science for Society & the Public’s Middle School Program 2008. Visitors to the museum will see first-hand exhibits and presentations from 30 of the US’s top middle school students. Visitors can meet the students from Noon – 3PM.

Admission to the museum is free all weekend.*

*Please note: the museum will be open regular hours on Saturday October 18th. The museum will be open at Noon to 3PM on October 19th to accommodate judging for the competition.

Museum Location

Located at the corner of 6th and E Streets, NW in downtown Washington, DC the Marian Koshland Science Museum is within walking distance of the National Mall, two Metro stations, the Verizon Center, and several other museums and attractions.
Maryland Department of Natural Resources Announces Earth Science Week 2008
Annapolis, Maryland
http://www.dnr.state.md.us/education/

"Inspiring a Stewardship Ethic for All Marylanders"

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The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is committed to enhancing the natural resources stewardship ethic of all Maryland citizens. That is why we offer a variety of services for K-12 students, teachers, and other Maryland residents:

- Our professional development opportunities for teachers provide them with cutting-edge scientific information and teacher-tested lesson plans.
- Many of the educator materials and services are free or low-cost.
- Educational literature and workshops for adults help all Maryland citizens improve the environment in which they live.
- Our summer camps and special events teach youth about the environment and what they can do to protect it.

Feature Story

Earth Science Week 2008

The Earth Science Week 2008 theme, "No Child Left Inside," encourage young people to learn about the geosciences by getting away from the television, off the computer, and out of doors.

What is "Earth science"? Very broadly, Earth science means sciences related to planet Earth. Earth sciences include geology, soil science, oceanography, and meteorology, which focus on earth systems, rock and mineral types, natural hazards, weather, water resources, and energy.

"No Child Left Inside" will focus the nation on learning about the earth sciences in their natural setting, outside. Schoolchildren across the nation will turn off the TV and step away from their computers to discover the rocks, soil, watersheds, and weather patterns in their community. "The best earth science classroom, any geoscientist will tell you, is the outdoors," says Ann E. Benbow, AGI Director of
Maryland Geological Survey Announces Earth Science Week 2008
Baltimore, Maryland
http://www.mgs.md.gov/esic/esweek08.html

Maryland Geological Survey (MGS) and Earth Science Week 2008

"No Child Left Inside"

The purpose of Earth Science Week is to promote understanding and appreciation for the Earth Sciences and its relevance to our daily lives. Earth Science Week gives the public new opportunities to discover and learn about the Earth Sciences and stewardship of the Earth.

Each year Earth Science Week has a new theme. "No Child Left Inside," the theme of Earth Science Week 2008, will encourage young people to learn about the geosciences by getting away from the television, off the computer, and out of doors.

Students, teachers, parents and organizations can use the 2008 Earth Science Week resources to plan outdoor events which showcase our planet and the endless opportunities that are available for everyone to explore.

Explore the Outdoors with Maryland Geological Survey

MGS offers a host of materials and information for outdoor activities:

- Natural wonders of Maryland
- Day trips for outdoor explorations
- Facts and information about Maryland geology
- Educational resources
- Popular publications about Maryland
- Maps
- Lots more! Visit http://www.mgs.md.gov

Even on rainy days you can find out about:

- Earthquakes
- Dinosaurs
- Caves
- Fossils
- Panning for gold
- Shark teeth
- Hundreds of other topics

How to get involved in Earth Science Week

One way to get involved is to visit the Maryland Department of Natural Resources web site at http://www.dnr.state.md.us and click on "Outdoor Activities/ Volunteering" and / or "Kids and Outdoors / Education." Your involvement does not have to end when Earth Science Week ends, but can continue indefinitely. "Volunteering" can open vistas in environmental education, fisheries, tree-planting, and more. "Education" links to activities for teachers, students, and adults.
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Celebrating Earth Science Week

Recently Added Database Links
- Drug Information Association (DIA)
- MasterControl Inc.
- International Journal of Navigation and Observation
- EURASIP Journal on Advances in Signal Processing
- The International Journal of Analytical Chemistry
- Texture, Stress, and Microstructure
- The International Journal of Biomedical Imaging

The Complete Handbook of Science Fair Projects - Detailed, illustrated guidelines for putting together any of over 50 award-winning science fair projects.

MeasurementMedia.com NEWS

News: Earth Science Week

Coming October 12-18, 2008 - You can help!

Arlington, VA, USA -- The American Geological Institute hosts Earth Science Week in cooperation with sponsors as a service to the public and the geoscience community.

Each year, local groups, educators, and interested individuals organize celebratory events. Earth Science Week offers opportunities to discover the Earth sciences and engage in responsible stewardship of the Earth.

The program is supported by the U.S. Geological Survey, NASA, the National Park Service, the AAPG Foundation, and other geoscience groups.

The AGI Outreach and Communications Program, established in 2000, focuses on increasing understanding of the important contributions the earth sciences make in the lives of people throughout the world.

The Outreach Program also works to improve the flow of geoscience information to the news media, policy-makers, AGI Member Societies, and the geoscience community.

Click here to find links to the 2008 AGI press releases related to Earth Science Week.

Posted by adminnp362 on Wednesday, August 06, 2008 (239 Reads)
Media NewsTime

Media buzz that you don’t want to miss!

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Earth is currently in a period of warming. Over the last century, Earth’s average temperature rose about 1.1 F (0.6C). In the last two decades, the rate of our world’s warming accelerated. Scientists predict that the globe will continue to warm over the course of the 21st century. Is this warming trend a reason for concern? After all, our world has witnessed extreme warm periods before, such as during the time of the dinosaurs. Earth has also seen numerous ice ages on roughly 11,000-year cycles for at least the last million years. So, change is perhaps the only constant in Earth’s 4.5-billion-year history.
Metro Parks Holds Earth Science Day Event
Lewis Center, Ohio
http://reservations.metroparks.net/programs/6660/658505.62240/

Choose a Program
Title: EARTH SCIENCE DAY
Description: Enjoy an afternoon of fun and learning in celebration of Earth Science Week. Ongoing activities include hikes, displays and demonstrations. Representatives from several state and federal agencies will be on hand exploring fossils, global satellite mapping, water resources and bedrock geology. For students, teachers and geology buffs of all ages.
Location: Highbanks
Meeting Place: Nature Center
9466 Columbus Pike
Lewis Center OH 43035
Program Date: 10/12/08
Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Price: $0.00
Age Range: All Ages
Maximum # of people: N/A
Openings: N/R
Registration Closes: N/A
Accessibility: Fully Wheelchair Accessible

For off-line registrations or further information, please call (614) 508-8111, unless another number is given in the program description.
Earth Science Week 2008
Essay Contest
for the students of
Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Celebrate Earth Science Week
October 12-18, 2008

The American Geological Institute ran three national contests for elementary, middle and high school students. The theme of Earth Science Week 2008: "No Child Left Inside." Held October 12-18, Earth Science Week 2008 aimed to encourage young people to learn about the geosciences by getting away from the television, off the computer, and out of doors.

The Earth and Atmospheric Science Department at Florida International University is running a parallel contest. We challenged Miami Dade County Public School students of all ages (K-12) to write an essay that capture the theme:
Describe a place of geologic interest that you have visited in Florida
Any place of Earth Science (rocks, ocean, water, atmosphere) in South Florida was a fair shot.

...And here is the list of places submitted by our contestants:

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Essay Contest for Earth Science Week
Theme: No Child Left Inside

Topic: Describe a place of geologic interest that you have visited in Florida

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Erie, PA
http://www.mtsd.org/teachers/moreland/?p=44

- Upcoming Events
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**LS Earth Science Week of Oct. 27-31, 2008**

Friday, Oct 24, 2008

**NOTE: CI EARTH SCIENCE STUDENTS-REFER TO MS. DUNBAR’S POST FOR HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS**

LS Science:

- Tues-Check & Apply questions from textbook p. 233 #1-7

- Thu-1. Study for Unit 11 Test: Air and the Atmosphere
  2. Vocab. sheet due on Mon.

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Missouri Celebrates Earth Science Week
Oct. 12 through Oct. 18

"No Child Left Inside" theme for 10th annual event

School children learn about rocks, minerals, fossils and topographic maps
The Mojave Environmental Education Consortium Announces Earth Science Week 2008
California

Earth Science Week 2008
September 17th, 2008

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October 12-18, 2008 EARTH SCIENCE WEEK 2008
The American Geological Institute (AGI) is pleased to announce the theme of Earth Science Week 2008: No Child Left Inside. Earth Science Week will encourage young people to learn about the geosciences by getting them away from the television, off the computer, and out of doors. In addition to providing resources for teachers to participate in Earth Science Week, AGI is also sponsoring several contests for students. Learn more by going to http://www.earthsciweek.org. Earth Science Week 2008
Celebrate Earth Science Week 2008

Earth Science Week 2008 will be celebrated from Oct. 12-16, with the theme "No Child Left Inside." Educators are encouraged to bring some aspect of Earth science into their classrooms, and to take their classrooms outside! Earth Science Week offers opportunities to discover the Earth sciences and engage in responsible stewardship of the Earth. Various celebratory events are organized each year. This event is hosted by the American Geological Society and is co-sponsored by NASA.
National Science Digital Library Announce Earth Science Week 2008

Earth Science Week, October 12-18, 2008

Written by Kimberly Lightle

Now in its eleventh year, Earth Science Week is designed to promote awareness of the importance of the earth sciences. The theme of Earth Science Week 2008 is “No Child Left Inside.” Being held October 12-18, Earth Science Week 2008 will encourage young people to learn about the geosciences by getting away from the television, off the computer, and out of doors. Here are some great resources you will find useful in raising student awareness of the earth sciences.

Earth Science Week 2008
Go to the Earth Science Week web page for more details and plenty of resources including an Educator Guide to the 3D movie Journey to the Center of the Earth. The Educator Guide, in the form of a comic book, uses the movie to explore where “science fact meets science fiction.” The 2008 Earth Science Week Toolkit is available and can be purchased for the price of shipping. The navigation bar provides links to activities and research projects for teachers and students, contests, publicity ideas, a 12-month activity calendar, posters, and CD-ROMs.
“No Child Left Inside”
2008 Earth Science Week Field Trip
October 18 or 19, 2008
Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology

In keeping with the national 2008 Earth Science Week theme of “No Child Left Inside,” we have planned a field trip this year to appeal to children of all ages, to the “inner child,” or life-long learner who never tires of collecting interesting rocks and finding out about local geologic history! Sign up to attend on either Saturday, Oct 18th or Sunday, Oct 19th (same trip repeated on two consecutive days). You must sign up online prior to the trip and sign a waiver form (links below). Register for your choice of field trip date online at this site. (link at left). Required waiver form at this site: (link at left). Please print out a paper copy, sign and date, and submit prior to the field trip at the field trip meeting place.

We will visit several sites associated with ancient volcanoes and lakes located mainly between Reno and the Fallon area – all of which have interesting rocks to collect. There will be several geologists along on the trip to help answer your questions about geology and identify a variety of rocks. There will also be an opportunity to learn more about Geocaching and Earthcaching - a high-tech treasure hunting game using GPS devices. If you have a hand-held GPS unit, bring it, so you can find the Geocaches and Earthcaches located near some stops.

Planned stops are:

- A young basalt flow at Mustang exit off I-80
- A nearby flow-banded rhyolite at Martin Marietta construction materials pit
- A Tertiary Cascade-type dacite volcanic area off USA Parkway
- Recent Soda Lake volcanic near Fallon to collect basaltic bombs with crystals of plagioclase, feldspar and peridot (olivine)
- Gravel pit near Grimes Point east of Fallon to collect polished Nevada wonderstone pebbles from shoreline of ancient Lake Lahontan
- Historic lime kiln on US Hwy 95 a few miles south of I-80 to collect Pliocene fossiliferous freshwater limestone, tufa, and conglomurate
- One last stop (for any hardy souls who want more on the return trip to Reno) at a petrified pit with Apache tears (obsidian pebbles) at the chilled margin of a lava flow (near the Patrick Exit off I-80).
New Jersey Geological Survey
Trenton, New Jersey
http://www.state.nj.us/dep/njgs/whatsnew/index.htm

What's New

Earth Science Week

The Earth Science Week site contains Tips for Participants, Student Activities, Education Standards, Proclamations, Press Releases, Links and other information.

Governor Corzine's 2008 Proclamation.
American Geological Society offers 2008 Earth Science Week Kit

AGI announces release of 2008 Earth Science Week Kit

For Immediate Release
Contact: David Campisi david.campisi@agisnet.org

Alexandria, VA ? The key educational support product for Earth Science Week 2008 (October 12-18) is the Toolkit that enables teachers, students, and families to learn about the earth.

The 2008 Toolkit contains several resources developed by AGI, including the new edition of the Earth Science Week Activity Calendar and classroom posters. Several other organizations contributed materials for inclusion in the Toolkit. The U.S. Geological Survey provided a 3-D geosciences poster. NASA

These items and much more can be found in each Earth Science Week Toolkit aimed at engaging the students and general public in exploring the geosciences. Earth Science Week is an annual event held the second week of October to promote an understanding and appreciation of the earth sciences. It is co-sponsored by the American Geological Institute is a nonprofit federation of 45 geoscientific and professional associations that represents more than 120,000 geoscientists.

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**Upcoming Events**

**Event**

- **Title:** Earth Science Week
- **When:** Oct. 12, 2008 - Oct. 18, 2008
- **Category:** Other

**Description**

Celebrate Earth Science Week by planning an event or classroom activity.

Visit [www.earthsicweek.org](http://www.earthsicweek.org) to download earth science lessons or a copy of the proclamation signed by Governor Richardson declaring the week of October 12-18, 2009 as Earth Science Week in New Mexico. You can also order a very cool ESW planning kit for $5.00.

EventList powered by schlu.net
EARTH MATTERS: FIELD NOTES ON THE GEOLOGY OF NEW MEXICO'S ENCHANTING LANDSCAPES

This week-long series of stories on the geology of New Mexico was created in celebration of Earth Science Week, October 12-18, 2008. These stories will be posted after they air on KUNM (89.9 FM) weekdays at 12:04 pm.

Find out more about Earth Science Week at www.earthsciweek.org [http://www.earthsciweek.org].

Podcasts and scripts of Earth Matters 2008

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New South Wales Office for Science and Medical Research

**NSW making headlines**

*The in-vitro evolution revolution* (The Australian)
A Sydney researcher is pioneering the development of a new generation of biological drugs based on human antibodies that will target diseases ranging from cancer to arthritis.

*Aussie technology to beam Mars landing* (ABC Science)
When humans set foot on the planet Mars, the world will be treated to a live televising of stunning clarity and colour – a far cry from the blurry, grainy images of the first lunar landing four decades ago.

*‘Eve Knows’ roosters are chick magnets* (ABC Science)
A male’s actions in the face of danger are the key to his sexual success ... at least as far as chickens are concerned, an Australian scientist says.

*Brainwave keeps vital signs in circulation* (The Herald)
A Hunter researcher has been recognised for his work on brain circulation within the first few hours of stroke.

*Set the body clock - and sleep* (The Sydney Morning Herald)
Sleep patterns are being disrupted by modern living but there are new ways to get a decent rest.

**Research News**

*Royal opening for new research institute facility*  
Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute

*New way to help schizophrenia sufferers’ social skills*  
Hunter Medical Research Institute

*Saltwater solution to save crops*  
University of NSW

*UltraBattery goes global in the auto sector*  
CSIRO

*Discovery provides model for Alzheimer’s breakthrough*  
The University of Sydney

*Calculating how breast cancers will respond to tamoxifen*  
Garvan Institute

**World leading solar expert is NSW Scientist of the Year**

Professor Martin Green has been named the inaugural 2008 New South Wales Scientist of the Year.

Professor Green and his research group have improved the performance of silicon solar cells by over 50 percent and currently hold a number of world records on solar cell performance. His third

**Calendar of Events**

20 Sep – 4 Nov  
Climate Change Forums and Workshops

12 – 18 Oct  
Earth Science Week 2008

23 – 24 Oct  
Science EXPOsed 2008
New York Teacher Article, April 4, 2008: “It’s OK to go out and roll in the dirt”
http://www.nysut.org/cps/rde/xchg/nysut/hs.xsl/newyorkteacher_9823.htm

It’s OK to go out and roll in the dirt
New York Teacher - April 4, 2008

The key to popularizing an academic subject is to get a catchy theme. That is well understood by the American Geological Society, which offers earth science teachers their “No Child Left Inside” theme for Earth Science Week, Oct. 12-18.

The celebration encourages students to learn about the geosciences by getting away from their televisions and computers and going outside to explore their world.

Started by the American Geological Society and encouraged by hundreds of educators, Earth Science Week offers opportunities to expand classroom discussions and engage in responsible stewardship of the earth. NASA and other geoscience organizations are co-sponsors.

For more information and materials, go to http://www.earthsciweek.org/. The site offers resources to help earth science teachers plan activities.

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No Child Left Inside Coalition Webpage Sponsored by Chesapeake Bay Foundation
http://www.cbf.org/site/PageServer?pagename=act_sub_actioncenter_federal_NCLB

Healthier Kids, A Healthier World - No Child Left Inside

House of Representatives Approves NCLI Act
A Grassroots Victory for Environmental Education

We are pleased to report that environmental education won a major boost on Friday, September 19th when the U.S. House of Representatives approved the No Child Left Inside Act of 2008. To see details from the Coalition, visit our Progress page.

We'll be in touch soon with information about next steps. For now, enjoy a victory that will one day pay great dividends for our kids and our environment. Continue to spread the word about No Child Left Inside!

Click to see a map of the House vote

Developing a State Environmental Literacy Plan
"Developing State Environmental Literacy Plans" is a new framework produced by NAAEE to guide states in creating robust plans to ensure that all of their students graduate environmentally literate. You can access the pdf file here.

Spread the News about the "Get 'Em Outside" Video
Earth Science Week
Oct 12, 2008 until Oct 18, 2008

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Event Link: http://www.earthsciweek.org/index.html
Australia’s free online network for NRM professionals

Earth Science Week
Date: 12 October 2008 – 18 October 2008
This annual event promotes awareness of and an opportunity to celebrate the earth sciences. In recognition of Earth Science Week 2008, Geoscience Australia is hosting the Geologi 08. All Australian secondary school students are invited to take part by submitting a short science film.
Type of event: Awareness day/week
Location: various
Ohio Geological Survey Announces Earth Science Week 2008

Ohio CELEBRATES
EARTH SCIENCE WEEK
October 12-18, 2008

"The earth holds the water we drink, the coal we use for electricity, and the oil and gas that we use in our cars and houses. It also produces powerful natural hazards in Ohio, such as landslides, earthquakes, and coastal erosion."

- Larry Wickstrom, State Geologist of Ohio

The earth sciences are important to all Ohioans - what are you going to do during Earth Science Week?

CLICK ON THE LINKS BELOW FOR:
Governor Strickland's recognition of Earth Science Week

Ohio activities for educators, students and the public:

- Earth Science Day at Highbanks Metro Park near Columbus
  Sunday, October 12

- Earth Science Evening at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History,
  Friday, October 17, exhibits open at 5:30 p.m. and lecture begins at 7:30 p.m.
  1 Wade Oval Drive Cleveland
  (call 1.800.317.9155, ext. 3279 for tickets or purchase at door)

- Celebrate Earth Science Week
  at the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery
  Sunday, October 12 - Saturday, October 18
  Activities such as becoming a mineral detective and making your own volcano
  2000 Deaver Parkway, Dayton

The Ohio Geological Survey

offers a variety of EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, such as a field trip planning guide and hands-on activity sheets.

Order Your FREE Earth Science Week tool kit from the:
Ohio Geological Survey
614.265.6576
geo.survey@dnr.state.oh.us

The official Earth Science Week website sponsored by the American Geological Institute

What does geology mean to me TODAY?

THIRD INTERNATIONAL EARTHCACHE DAY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2008
www.earthcache.org

INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEARS
2007 - 2009
www.ipy.org

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PLANET EARTH
2008 - 2009
www.esfis.org
Ontario Science Center
Ontario, Canada
http://www.ontariosciencecentre.ca/school/curriculum/schoolprogram.asp?grade_level_cr_ID=2

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Descriptions

Junior/Intermediate Level (grades 4 to 8)

For more 45-minute programs, see our Earth Science Week Programs (Grades 4-12) October 20-24, 2008 - A great opportunity for your students to learn from Canadian scientists and other professionals working in the exciting field of earth science.

And our Super Mondays Programs (Grades 4-12) October 27, 2008 - April 27, 2009 - A series of themed programs offered one Monday each month, starting with a haunting look at the science of Halloween.

Action Earth! (4-8)

NEW!

Explore the human effect on the environment by investigating electricity use, water systems and biodiversity. Use our audience response system to actively choose your best "green" practices and separate fact from fiction. Discover which choices push the Earth out of balance and which actions lead to a more sustainable future!

Related Imax Film:

- Mysteries of the Great Lakes

  Grades: 4 to 8
  Duration: 45 Minutes
  Format: Auditorium Science Show
  Times: 10:15-11:00, 11:15-12:00, 12:15-1:00, 1:15-2:00, 2:15-3:00 and 3:15-4:00
  Frequency: Monday to Friday, 6 times a day
  Capacity: 15 to 400 students at a time
  Price: $10/student
  Language: English

Curriculum Connections: specific expectations

- Habitats and Communities (4)
- Water Systems (8)
- Heat in the Environment (7)
- Biodiversity (6)
- Interactions in the Environment (7)
- Conservation of Energy and Resources (5)

Book this program now!

Body Works (4-8)

Explore the respiratory, circulatory and digestive systems of the human body by observing real organs and working models. Inflate a real pair of pig lungs and listen to the sound of a student's beating heart.

Grades: 4 to 8
Duration: 45 Minutes

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CELEBRATE EARTH SCIENCE WEEK - OCT. 12-18, 2008

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Earth science education event in October of each year. Web site features educational activities, geology questions and answers, and links to other geologic education resources.

Source: www.earthschweek.org

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The Pacific Museum of the Earth
at the Department of Earth and Ocean Sciences

2008 Fall Program

Come join us to celebrate National Earth Science Week.

On Saturday, October 18th, the Pacific Museum of the Earth will host a museum openhouse

Explore Your Planet

Openhouse: 10am - 5pm
Online Experts and Organizations

- [Ask An Earth Scientist](http://www.k12science.org/PISA/earth_science.htm) - University of Hawaii
- [Ask Dr. Soho](http://www.k12science.org/PISA/earth_science.htm) NASA site
- [Ask A Geologist](http://www.k12science.org/PISA/earth_science.htm)
- [Mineral Resource Specialists](http://www.k12science.org/PISA/earth_science.htm)
- [American Geological Institute](http://www.k12science.org/PISA/earth_science.htm) - Activities for Earth Science Week and much more
Planet Earth: Earth Sciences for Society (IYPE)
http://yearofplanetearth.org/index.html

News

- AGI announces release for 2008 Earth Science Week Kit
- African Launch Event
- Welcome Cabo Verde as the 73rd nation that established an IYPE National Committee
- IYPE Calendar at the International Geological Congress in Lillestrøm (Oslo), Norway
- The last country (no. 72, at this moment) with a National Committee is Uruguay
- Also Ukraine has a National Committee (no. 71)
- Welcome to Croatia as the 70th nation that has established an IYPE National Committee
- Costa Rica also issues IYPE stamps
Planet Earth: Earth Sciences for Society

Science Tunnel
A fascinating journey through science
The Science Tunnel is a unique multimedia exhibition of the Max Planck Society.
On a surface of 1,000 square metres, you can come in contact with the latest scientific discoveries and the technologies of tomorrow. Fascinating images, video clips and interactive exhibits take you on a journey from microscopically small particles to far-away galaxies.
You can visit the Science Tunnel from 23 August up to and including 10 October 2006 in the Studio of the Ehren Arena in Hasselt.
After Tokyo, Singapore, Shanghai, Dresden and Berlin, this unique and spectacular multimedia show will take place in Hasselt. The exhibition has been developed by the famous Max Planck Society.
Besides the Science Tunnel, you can also get an idea of a number of research themes in which Hasselt University plays an international role.
The Science Tunnel guides its visitors through the recent evolutions in science, from the smallest elements to the largest structures of our universe, by means of unique pictures, video material and interactive exhibits.
Because Hasselt University considers this event a sensitization activity, the entrance will be free. We advise groups (from 10 persons) to register in advance.
You can find more information on the following website: www.scientunnel.be

IYPE & Earth Science Week Photo contest
To celebrate the International Year of Planet Earth and Earth Science Week, the American Geological Institute is sponsoring a major international photography contest, “Exploring Earth Science Around the World.” No matter where in the world you live, Earth science is all around you. Just step outdoors, and you find it in rivers and lakes, in the sky above you, and in the ground under your feet. Earth science includes geology, oceanography, meteorology, hydrology, paleontology, and other geosciences.
Your photograph should focus on “Exploring Earth Science Around the World.” Show people engaged in Earth science exploration in the natural environment of your part of the world.
The contest is open to anyone of any age, anywhere around the world. All eligible submissions must be received email by the close of Earth Science Week (www.earthsciweek.org) on October 17, 2008.
The winner will receive a prize of $500 cash (US currency or equivalent), a “Faces of Earth” DVD set, and photo placement on the International Year of Planet Earth and Earth Sciences Week website. The second place winner will receive $300, and the third place winner will receive $100.
For details see: www.earthsciweek.org/contest
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Regional Ministry of Education and Science

November, 10th 2008

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Oviedo. The Regional Vice-Minister of Science and Technology, Hervínio Sastre, gives a press conference to provide information on the activities of the Earth Science Week 2008. The Director of the Foundation for the Promotion of Applied Scientific Research and Technology in Asturias (FICYT), Ángeles Álvarez, is also attending. Regional Ministry's press room (Hermanos Pita), 7-9.

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No Child Left Inside: Earth Science Week!

I want to encourage all of you to make the outdoors accessible to a child this year. In honor of Earth Science Week, October 12-18 (official site here) What a great theme! It is true in my neck of the woods, and probably most other...
Journey to the center of the Earth

Well, I might be making my submission to the Accretionary Wedge a bit early. I just received an e-mail from Earth Science Week (AGI) and they are advertising for a movie called 'Journey to the Center of the Earth - 3D.' It is a remake of the Jules Verne classic starring Brandon Fraser. While the book may be good for entertainment purposes, I'm not sure this movie will have much relation to geoscience education (i.e. reality). AGI says they will be developing a booklet of geoscience information and activities and will use the movie to explore "science fiction and science fact." If the booklet is done well this could be a great learning opportunity, assuming the booklet is widely distributed and people read it. The skeptic in me says most people going to see the movie will not read the pamphlet, but the optimist hopes they will. I have not been impressed with the Earth Science Toolkit they sell for Earth Science Week (all fluff, no activities - the website is infinitely more helpful), but hopefully this pamphlet will address specific points about what the center of the Earth is actually like. Maybe they can even try and correct the geologic misconception that the mantle is liquid. I guess we'll have to wait and see when the movie and pamphlet comes out mid-July.

Posted by Mel at 7:35 AM

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Earth Science Week GigaPans

26th October 2008

Earth Science Week GigaPans

posted in FHSU, Field Trip, Geology, GigaPan

For the past two weeks (beginning with the Monday of Earth Science Week) the GigaPan.org website has been featuring a bunch of Earth Science themed collections on their front page. There are still another couple of collections in the hopper, so you’ve still got a chance to see some of the “Geological GigaPan Goodness” on the GigaPan front page before it all disappears.

I’m working on compiling the full list of GigaPans featured in these sets. I wish I had a way of duplicating the random zooming image like you see on the GigaPan front page. Until then, here’s one from my recent Mineralogy class field trip to the Black Hills...


I should have posted about this two weeks ago when they were just starting up, but better late than never. (Besides I need a post tonight to keep my “streak” alive.)

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Earth Science Week (Oct. 6-12)
10/13/2008

The theme for the American Geological Institute’s Earth Science Week is “No Child Left Inside.” Attend events during this week to find out the value of earth sciences around you. Get outside.

Get more information about this event from The CBET—your place to find helpful ideas, grant and award opportunities and action-oriented websites.
October 17, 2008

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Sci-Bono Museum in South Africa

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Science Collaboration: Immersion, Inquiry, Innovation
http://www.paec-sc-iii.org/websites_for_teachers.html

• **Documentary on Cancer Biology**
  The CancerQuest Video Series includes animations describing the biological processes that are involved with cancer. This interface takes a serial approach for adequately describing all the complicated cancer biology. Step through each selectable topic on the left side of the interface and watch the associated animation/video.
  http://cancerquest.org/index.cfm?page=3102

• **EarthCaching — An Educator's Guide**
  The Geological Society of America has taken one of the fastest growing outdoor activities of our day, Geocaching [pronounced “geo-cashing”], and developed an exciting educational activity that engages students in learning about Earth and its processes. It is called EarthCaching. By combining GPS technology with outdoor field experiences, students experience the wonders of Earth in an entirely new way.

  Visit the site at:
  http://www.geosociety.org/earthcache/

  Download the book at:
  http://www.geosociety.org/earthcache/teacherGuide.htm

• **Earth Science Web Site**
  A nice Earth Science web site by Mr. Science Guy.
  http://www.mrsciguy.com/

• **Earth Science Week 2008**
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The American Geological Society hosts Earth Science Week, in cooperation with sponsors, as a service to the public and the geoscience community. The event is supported by NASA, the U.S. Geological Survey, the National Park Service, the AAPG Foundation and other geoscience groups.

For more information, visit http://www.earthsciweek.org/
(http://www.earthsciweek.org/) If you have any questions about this event, please e-mail info@earthsciweek.org (mailto:info@earthsciweek.org)
Seismological Society of America Announces Earth Science Week 2008
El Cerrito, California

2008 Earth Science Week Theme—“No Child Left Inside”

9 May 2008

The American Geological Institute (AGI) has announced that the theme of Earth Science Week 2008 (October 12-18, 2008) will be “No Child Left Inside,” to focus the nation on teaching students about the earth sciences in the great outdoors.

“The best earth science classroom, any geoscientist will tell you, is the outdoors,” says Ann E. Benbow, AGI Director of Education and Outreach. “We’re encouraging students, teachers, and everyone interested in earth science to learn by experiencing it firsthand during Earth Science Week 2008.”

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Earth Science Week. AGI leads Earth Science Week annually in cooperation with its sponsors and the geosciences community as a service to the public. Each year, community groups, educators, and interested citizens organize celebratory events. Earth Science Week offers the public opportunities to discover the earth sciences and engage in responsible stewardship of the Earth. Earth Science Week is supported by the U.S. Geological Survey, the AAPG Foundation, and many other geoscience organizations.

To learn more about this week, ways to become involved; including newsletters, local events, and classroom activities, please go to the Earth Science Week Web site at http://www.earthsciweek.org.
The SEG website will be down from 5:00 to 7:00 PM CST on 21 November 2006 due to network maintenance.

Calendar of Events

Geoscience Center

For more information about any event, contact Susan Hanley at +1 916.497.5565 or the contact listed below.

- Earth Science Week 2006, Tulsa, OK, USA
  University of Tulsa
  12–18 October 2006
  For more information, visit the Earth Science Week Website.
  7-9 a.m. Wednesday, 15 October. SEG Geoscience Center will be at the University of Tulsa as part of an Earth Science Week celebration that includes a talk of 7:30 "The great Bronze Age eruption of Santorini volcano, Greece: Impacts on the people of the Eastern Mediterranean," by Steven Carey of the University of Rhode Island.

  Before and after the talk SEG AAPG and other geotechnology career, scholarship, and educational materials will be available plus rock, fossils, and minerals on display and giveaways for middle–high school students.

- 2006 E3 Education Symposium for grades 8–12—5th year in Tulsa, sponsored by SEG, Tulsa Geological Society, and Geophysical Society of Tulsa Exploration of Geoscience Careers
  There will be presentations by geoscientists to acquaint students with career options, salary ranges, and scholarship opportunities.
  February 2006
  Time and place TBD
  More information will be posted in December 2006 and January 2007!

- American Oil & Gas Historical Society: 3rd annual conference, Houston, TX, USA
  Washin Gallery
  November 2006
  Click here for more information.

- 6th Annual Energy Days, Bartlesville, OK, USA
  Community Center
  March 27–29
  5th Grade
  By reservation only
  Contact: Bosky House

QUESTIONS?
For more information contact:
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Society of Exploration Geophysicists Geoscience Center
# Stargate Event Calendar for October 2008

## Thornton, Colorado

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StarrySkies.net blog Announces Earth Science Week 2008
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Earth Science Week - Oct. 12-18

Attention, Teachers! Earth Science Week Wants You

During Earth Science Week 2008 (Oct. 12-18), students will explore mines and caves, sample groundwater, monitor the weather, visit museums and science centers, prepare science projects, and conduct investigations. Leading them will be teachers like you.

You are encouraged to lead your own celebration. Conduct an Earth science lab activity, using one of the many activities on the Earth Science Week website at http://www.earthsciweek.org. In the process, you can heighten awareness of the importance of Earth science education to students’ informed decision making, responsible citizenship, and career success.

Remember, you need not work alone. Talk with your school’s guidance counselor about how a schoolwide celebration can promote science literacy. Work with your science supervisor, coordinator, and fellow teachers to develop activities. Communicate to your principal, superintendent, school board members, and PTA representative the importance of Earth science. And collaborate with a nearby museum, science center, geoscience company, or civic group to organize local events.

For more ideas, go to http://www.earthsciweek.org. Or order your Earth Science Week Toolkit, which includes a geoscience activity calendar, posters, brochures, bookmarks, CDs and more. To order, visit http://www.earthsciweek.org/materials/index.html.

Field Notebook for Students Featured in 2008 Toolkit

Just one of dozens of educational materials in the Earth Science Week 2008 Toolkit - from posters and calendars to activity books and CDs - is the "No Child Left Inside" Field Notebook. But the Field Notebook, made possible by contributions from USGS and Rite in the Rain, is a special part of this year’s celebration.

Rite in the Rain, which manufactures full-size notebooks for fieldwork by professional geoscientists, has created this miniature Field Notebook - with "all-weather writing paper" and charts on types of clouds, soils, and geological map symbols - for Earth Science Week 2008 (October 12-18). By recording their observations and conclusions here, students get a taste of the work performed by professional geoscientists.

"No Child Left Inside," the theme of Earth Science Week 2008, has become a rallying cry for a growing movement. Efforts by government agencies and nonprofit groups - from USGS to the National Park Service - are helping young people experience the joys of outdoor activity. Inspired by Richard Louv’s bestseller "Last Child in the Woods," these activities aim to curb what the author calls "nature-deficit disorder" among America’s youth. Most recently, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the "No Child Left Inside" Act (HR 3036) on September 18, funding efforts to strengthen environmental education.

For Earth Science Week 2008 Toolkit ordering, special shipping, bulk orders, and more information, visit http://www.earthsciweek.org/materials/index.html.

Kick Off the Fun on International EarthCache Day

Earth Science Week begins again this year with International EarthCache Day on Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008. Whether you’re a teacher, a student, or just someone who enjoys Earth science firsthand, EarthCaching provides a great way to kick off the celebration.

EarthCaching is a variation of a recreational activity known as geocaching. Typically, a geocache organizer posts latitude and longitude coordinates on the Internet to advertise a "cache," or scavenger hunt destination, which geocachers locate by using GPS devices. Today, more than 270,000 caches are active in over 200 countries, according to Geocaching.com. The activity has attracted over one million participants worldwide.

EarthCachers have added an educational dimension to the activity. When you visit an EarthCache, you learn something special about Earth science, the geology of the location, or how the Earth’s resources and environment are managed there. EarthCaching has been developed by the Geological Society of America - a major Earth Science Week partner - in association with Groundspeak, Inc., and the geocaching community.

You are invited to visit or establish an EarthCache in your area on the second annual International EarthCache Day, Oct. 14. To learn more, visit http://www.earthcache.org/.

Only a Short Time Left to Enter Earth Science Week Contests

With entries due near the end of Earth Science Week - Friday, October 17 - science students and enthusiasts across the country are busy completing submissions for the Earth Science Week 2008 essay, visual arts, and photography contests. Send yours today!

The photography contest, open to all ages, focuses on "Earth Science Beyond Your Front Door." Whether you are a young person yourself or an adult who works with youngsters, you can lead an educational outdoor adventure. Show your geoscience excursion.

The visual arts contest is titled "Studying Our Earth." Students in grades K-5 are encouraged to draw, paint, or create a poster. Artwork entries should be two-dimensional and no larger than 24-
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The USGS and Science Education

The U.S. Geological Survey provides scientific information intended to help educate the public about natural resources, natural hazards, geospatial data, and issues that affect our quality of life. Discover selected online resources, including lessons, data, maps, and more, to support teaching, learning, education (K-12), and university-level inquiry and research.

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Earth Science Week
October 12 - 18, 2009

Turn off the computer, step away from the television, head for the out-of-doors!

The evidence is growing. Americans spend less and less time outdoors in nature. That's why, during Earth Science Week, we are encouraging everyone to step outside and enjoy the natural beauty and wonder of our amazing planet.

Scientists at the USGS explore the out-of-doors, studying the earth and biological resources of our natural surroundings and discovering more and more the way our planet operates. The more we learn, the more our science contributes to the health, safety, well-being, and economic vitality of our people and our Nation. To learn about where USGS science is headed in the next decade, see http://2010VISION.USGS.gov/earth

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is proud to partner with the American Geophysical Union and its member societies in sponsoring this annual international event. We invite you to explore the USGS Earth Science Week Web site and learn about special activities in your state and cities to visit in your area.

Let's join together to celebrate Earth Science Week and have a Child@Earth2009!

Learn more at http://www.earthscienceweek.org/

-- Mark Myers, Director, USGS
USGS Menlo Park Earth Science Week Activities
http://volcanoes.usgs.gov/about/edu/eds/

Volcano Hazards Program

USGS Menlo Park Science Center Earth Science Day 2008

The USGS Menlo Park Science Center will celebrate Earth Science Week 2008 (October 12-18) "No Child Left Inside" by inviting 1,000 Bay Area school children in grades 2-6 to attend an Earth Science Day event on campus Thursday, October 16, from 9:00a - 2:30p. USGS is pleased to host this event that gives students and teachers the opportunity to talk with scientists and learn about the Earth through interactive displays and presentations. Activities and exhibits will be suitable for elementary and middle school students grades (2-6).

Invitational emails were sent to over 400 local teachers and the response was overwhelming. We met our limit of 1,000 students within hours. We are sorry we can not accommodate more students.

Earth Science Day 2008 Information

- View the Exhibit List
- View the Exhibit Map
- View the Driving Directions.
- View the Parking Map online or download the the parking map as a pdf file.
- Explore Like a Scientist Activity

Please also see the USGS Earth Science Week site for more activities and information.

Please see EarthSciWeek.org for additional resources including the 2008-2009 Activity Calendar and the Journey to the Center of the Earth Educator Guide. Robert Ridky, the USGS National Education Coordinator, came up with the theme for this year's event and the USGS is the primary financial sponsor of ESW.

The 2008 Earth Science Week planning committee includes: Christy Ryan, Liz Colvard, Diane Garcia, Dina Venezky, Helen Gibbons, Carol Reiss, Phil Stoffer, Anne Rosinski, Susan Garcia

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USGS Outreach Activities

Earth Smart

The New York Water Science Center has developed a collection of Earth Science materials available on loan for use by teachers and adults within the Albany Capital District. A brief list of items available for loan includes the ground water model; rock, fossil, mineral, and sand collections; landform display, water cycle model, contour mapping tools; a variety of books, posters, videos, and maps. Email askny@usgs.gov for more details if interested.

Frost Valley YMCA

www.frostvalley.org

The NYWSC maintains a Scientific Research Partnership with the Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, NY. Science related classes in Acid Rain, Forest Ecology, Freshwater Ecology, Geology and Watersheds incorporate the USGS research done onsite. A real-time surface water gaging station is maintained here as part of our outreach program. This YMCA was established in 1901 as one of the nation’s first summer camps. It now provides four seasons of outdoor, experiential and educational opportunities on its 6,000 acre site. The YMCA is internationally known as a leader in environmental research, practice and education. The centerpiece of their environmental education efforts is their residential school program, which helps 14,000 students and teachers each year learn to become responsible stewards of the natural world.

Earth Day (April)

The NYWSC participates in the annual Earth Day Celebration held at the New York State Museum in Albany. In past years we have played the Water Cycle Game developed by Project WET (described below), made miniature aquifers and/or presented the ground-water model. A wide variety of literature is also available.

Earth Science Week (mid-October) www.earthsclweek.org

Earth Science Week is sponsored by the American Geological Institute (AGI) and its Member Societies on behalf of the geoscience community. The U.S. Geological is one of those sponsors. Each year a "toolkit" is distributed by AGI upon request. This packet contains a variety of literature appropriate for all levels of students, as well as the general public. Additional resources are available online.

Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) www.ProjectWET.org

This program is designed for educators of K-12 students. The goal of this program is to facilitate and promote the awareness, appreciation, knowledge, and stewardship of water resources through the development and dissemination of classroom ready teaching aids... Topics include physical and chemical properties of water, water as essential for life, water connects all earth systems, water as a natural resources, water management, and cultural and social contexts of water. The NYWSC uses some of these activities in various outreach activities.
USGS Lists Earth Science Week Activities by State

Earth Science Week

State Activities

This list will continue to be updated...

Arizona

The Flagstaff field center is participating in the 19th annual Flagstaff Festival of Science, September 26 through October 5. As part of the festival, several USGS scientists will be available at exhibits and activities at Science in the Park on September 27. As well, Ken Herkenhoff from the Astrogeology group will give a talk on October 2 titled, "Zooming into Mars with the Microscopic Imagers on Spirit and Opportunity." On October 3, Biologist Jut Wynne will speak on "Caves on Earth and Mars: The Search for Life," and Laszlo Keszthelyi, volcanologist, will give a talk titled, "Zooming in on Mars from Orbit: Updates from the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter." Laszlo is also giving 4 in-school presentations on Volcanoes in our Solar System.

Please visit the Festival Web site for more information, or contact Sue Priest (Telephone 928-556-7149).

California

As part of the Earth Science Week 2008 "No Child Left Inside" celebration, the USGS Menlo Park Science Center in Menlo Park, California, will host an Earth Science Day event for local school groups on Thursday, October 16th, from 9:00am to 2:30pm. USGS is pleased to host this event that gives students and teachers the opportunity to talk with scientists and learn about the Earth through interactive displays and presentations. Registration for this event has been closed; but if you would like your school to be placed on a wait list, please contact Liz Colvard. (Christy Ryan, Phone 650-329-4356)
Earth Science Week 2008 -
October 12-18, 2008

Earth Science Week is a national project jointly sponsored by the Vermont Geological Society, Vermont Geological Survey at the Agency of Natural Resources, and the American Geological Institute. Numerous other individuals, organizations and businesses also sponsor activities during the week. Click in the left menu to see photos from previous years.

The annual Earth Science Week festivities usually include Geologists-in-the-Parks, a quarry open house at CMYA’s Middlebury site, a poster contest, and other local events hosted by the Vermont Geological Society, North Branch Nature Center and Vermont colleges/universities. For a list of classroom activities and a planning kit, contact " Geo Coordinates," 4220 King St., Alexandria, VA 22302. AGI sponsors national art, photography and essay contests for grades K-12 and for adults.

Please browse through Earth Science Week posters from past years using the links on the left menu. Activities for 2008 will be posted online in the summer of 2008.

Geology books recommended by the Vermont Geological Society members.

Earth Science Week
October 12-18, 2008
Poster Contest Information, Rules, & Release Form

The contest is sponsored by Omya Inc., the Vermont Geological Survey, the Vermont Geological Society, and the Vermont Marble Museum.

Please read the following poster contest rules carefully, as only posters that meet the contest guidelines will be considered.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: October 3, 2008

ELIGIBILITY: All Vermont public, private, or home-schooled school students, grades K - 12.

THEME: Your artwork should focus on the topic "Studying Our Earth."

How do Earth scientists go about answering their questions? They use a system of inquiry in which a question is asked, and answers are proposed, and then tested. Show yourself as an Earth scientist using the inquiry approach to answer a question in nature.

For more information and ideas, visit: www.earthsciweek.org and www.earthscienceworld.org
These websites are full of theme-based online resources.

PRIZE STRUCTURE:
- There will be three winners (First, Second, and Third) in each of the following categories: Grades K - 3; Grades 4 - 6; Grades 7 - 9; and Grades 10 - 12.
- An additional winner will be chosen in the "People's Choice" category. This winner will be chosen by popular vote from visitors to the Vermont Marble Museum between October 6 and October 13, 2008.

PRIZES:
The following awards will be presented:
- First Place in each category: $50 cash, a trophy, and a mineral or fossil specimen
- Second Place in each category: $30 cash, a trophy, and a mineral or fossil specimen
- Third Place in each category: $20 cash, a trophy and a mineral or fossil specimen
- People's Choice Winner: a trophy and a mineral or fossil specimen

POSTER REQUIREMENTS:
Posters created by students must be their own original artwork. No copyrighted characters, clip art, or photographs will be accepted.

Materials: Posters should be submitted on white tag board or white art paper. Students may use a variety of media, such as watercolor, crayon, chalk, markers, etc. All artwork will be on public display and should be easy to see and read. Keep in mind that bright colors are better–light pencil marks won't show up. Size: Minimum 8 ½” x 11”; Maximum 11” x 17”.
EARTH SCIENCE WEEK 2008

EARTH SCIENCE WEEK
October 12-18, 2008
No Child Left Inside!

The official, national webpage for Earth Science Week is http://www.earthsciweek.org/

Since October 1998, the American Geological Institute has organized this national and international event to help the public gain a better understanding and appreciation for the Earth Sciences and to encourage stewardship of the Earth.

EARTHCACHING

A great earth science activity to do outside is EarthCaching. Get more information at http://www.earthcache.org/. As a part of geocaching — a geographical adventure game for Global Positioning System (GPS) users to cache and find locations with actual hidden items — an EarthCaching adventure is treasure hunting for the geological “cached” that the Earth has deposited. EarthCache sites do not use stored containers; their treasure is the geoscience lessons people learn about our planet when they visit the sites.

- EarthCaching: An educator’s guide: http://www.geosociety.org/EarthcacheWebBookEarthCaching_EducatorsGuide.pdf

GEOLOGY AND EARTH RESOURCES DIVISION EVENTS

- Oct. 8: Rock Auction (silent auction of rocks, minerals, crystals, and fossils)
  Approximately 150 specimens will be auctioned, from agates, petoskey stones, galena, turquoise, and rose quartz to hematite and pyrrhotite. A co-worker is leasing his African meteorite as an exhibit during the auction. The funds raised will go to the American Geological Institute (AGI) and the Mineral Information Institute (MII) for their exceptional geoscience education work.
  Money also going to AGI and MII. The event is open to the public, from 9 AM to 4:30 PM daily.
- During Earth Science Week: Donation of Geoscience Book
  The Geology and Earth Resources Division will donate a geoscience book to the Science Director at the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Director of the Timberland Regional Library, and the State Librarian. This year’s selection will be the field trip guidebook: Pringle, Patrick T. 2008, Roadside geology of Mount Rainier National Park and vicinity, Washington Division of Geology and Earth Resources Information Circular 107. 190 p.
Earth Science Week

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

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What is Earth Science Week?

Since October 1998, the American Geological Institute (AGI) has organized this national and international event to help the public gain a better understanding and appreciation for the Earth Sciences and to encourage stewardship of the Earth. Traditionally held in the second full week of October, Earth Science Week encourages the understanding and promotion of earth science at local, state, national and international levels.

2007 marked the tenth annual Earth Science Week. Each year, AGI organizes Earth Science Week as a service to its member societies, with generous help from major partners which provide funding, donated materials, organize events and publicize the celebration. Continuing partners include the United States Geological Survey (USGS), the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) Foundation, the National Park Service (NPS), NASA, and NOAA.

People in all 50 states and in more than five countries have participated in Earth Science Week events and activities, ranging from educators teaching Earth science activities in their classrooms to open houses held at major USGS field stations. State geological surveys are also key participants, and are responsible for having official proclamations issued by their state’s governor.

Earth Science Week Objectives

- To engage students in discovering the Earth sciences.
- To remind people that Earth science is all around us.
- To encourage Earth stewardship through understanding.
- To motivate geoscientists to share their knowledge and enthusiasm about the Earth.
Blogs about: Earth Science Week


Earth Science Week 2008 will be celebrated from Oct. 12-18. The theme for this year's celebration is "No Child Left Inside." This celebration encourages young people to learn about STEM.

Tags: K-12, Science, STEM

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Celebration of Planet Earth Gets Underway In Houston Next Week

The city of Houston, Texas, well known for its role in space launches, will soon be the site of another kind of launch: the official United States kick-off of International Year of Planet Earth (IYPE). The celebration begins 5-9 October at the George R. Brown Convention Center at a joint meeting of five major geoscience societies, hosted by the Houston Geological Society.

You don't need a Ph.D. to be a scientist. You don't even need a sophisticated laboratory. You can be a scientist at any time -- at school or in your own backyard.

We are all citizens of
Earth Science Week Activities Reach 10 Million People Globally

An estimated 10 million people worldwide learned about earth science through program promotions, education efforts and media coverage during Earth Science Week held in October, according to the American Geological Institute.

With a theme of “No Child Left Inside,” a number of outreach events were held, from individual teachers and classes conducting playground science projects to open houses at major U.S. Geological Survey field stations.

AGI said Earth Science Week activities were promoted and covered by scores of newspapers, television stations, Web sites and other media outlets worldwide. AAPG Foundation support included the distribution of promotional posters via the EXPLORER and the Association providing information for the teaching packets that included activities throughout the year.
Preparations Begin for ESW

It’s time to get prepared for the eleventh annual Earth Science Week, which will be celebrated Oct. 14-20.

“No Child Left Inside,” the theme of Earth Science Week 2008, will encourage young people to learn about the geosciences by getting away from the television, off the computer and out the doors.

The objectives are:

- To engage students in discovering the Earth sciences.
- To remind people that earth science is all around us.
- To encourage earth stewardship through understanding.
- To motivate geoscientists to share their knowledge and enthusiasm about the Earth.

The American Geological Institute organizes the event for the geosciences community and publicizes the event, distributes materials and provides guidance to those interested in participating in Earth Science Week.

Earth Science Week is a “grass roots” effort that depends on local geosciences and education groups to plan those events.

To promote the celebrations, a poster about the event is inserted in North American issues of this EXPLORER, courtesy of the AAPG Foundation. It can be found inserted between pages 16-17.

Members are asked to post or share the posters appropriately.

To become involved in Earth Science Week see the Web site.
Earth Day? How About Earth Life?
By Andrew Alden, About.com

By now, long after the first Earth Day in 1970, the moral war has been won. Everyone knows that being kinder to Earth is the right thing to do. Now we need to move on to the real work: doing the right things, hundreds and thousands of them. This challenge is bigger than one Earth Day can handle—it will take an entire Earth Year, and after that an ongoing, permanent Earth Life.

That doesn’t mean it is wrong to keep celebrating Earth Day. Some things are simple enough for children to understand. We should continue the litter pickups and recycling demos on the 22nd of April. We should keep fighting pollution and waste. But there are larger matters to consider, and the mayor’s proclamation will give us little guidance.

In fact, the mayor needs to hear from us more than we need to hear from the mayor. The next few decades will be as wrenching as any period in human history as the world emerges from poverty and learns sustainable ways. Some facts have the weight of the planet behind them: At some point, we won’t be able to burn more things to make electricity. At some point, atmospheric carbon dioxide will make the ocean too acidic to support coral reefs. At some point, we will need to manage the sea in its complexity like a farmer’s field. At some point, there will be no new soil for planting. At some point, the human population will stop growing. At some point, our mines will run short. None of this is in the Earth Day proclamations.

The future that will follow “some point” must first be imagined; all of us need to imagine it to take our part in making it happen. The usual “low-hanging” advice for reducing global warming won’t get us there. Long-term visions are needed, as ambitious as a child’s career dreams. Then the visions must be turned to programs, as focused as an adult’s retirement planning.

I recommend reading more science fiction, especially the “hard” kind, to help in envisioning alternative futures. (This isn’t just my idea; the Washington Post’s Joel Achenbach has said so too.) Consider the late writer Arthur C. Clarke, who popularized geostationary satellites 20 years before the first one took orbit. He didn’t originate or design it, but he helped the rest of us understand and welcome it. And Isaac Asimov envisioned, in detail, how electronic intelligence might interact with human beings. Today their successors are looking even farther ahead.

Then appropriate technologies will need to be imagined, then devised, commercialized and adopted. Geothermal energy, carbon sequestration, advanced conservation, photovoltaics, alternative fuels, genetic engineering, nanotech and more are all fine, but more ideas are needed. The new ideas will come from tomorrow’s engineers and scientists. Tomorrow’s political leaders will need to administer that work, funding and monitoring the researchers—and all of these people are today’s children. All of these people and efforts will be guided by what the geophere permits.

The wonderful thing about this coming time is that if we act well there will be little or no bloodshed. Yes there will be conflict among nations and within communities; there will be displacements, adjustments, species extinctions. But cooperation will be demanded, and rewarded, just as if aliens had descended from spaceships and ordered us to get ourselves together and become climaters. And the scientific and technical advances to come will seem just as marvelous and unexpected.

At the opposite end of the calendar from Earth Day in mid-October, a group of geological organizations has sponsored Earth Science Week for the last 10 years. But as I said, an entire Earth Year is needed. It just so happens that the International Year of Planet Earth is in progress right now. UNESCO and the International Union of Geological Sciences are behind that. I hope you will celebrate that year in learning and in teaching today’s children, so that a great collective Earth Life may follow.
Why Earth Science? [updated]
Sunday, June 29, 2008

A six-minute video on YouTube answers, "because we live on Earth." The American Geological Institute (AGI) is moving into video for its educational outreach, and "Why Earth Science?" is aimed at the classroom, especially the coming school year. 2008-2009 is the International Year of Planet Earth, and Earth Science Week 2008, coming October 12-18, has the theme "No Child Left Inside." Any geologist giving presentations at primary schools would make good use of the video, which AGI will soon have available on DVD. Teachers planning their next classes should visit AGI's education page for these and more resources. But watch the video—it's very well done.

UPDATE: Word has been passed along to me that "copies of the 'Why Earth Science' video are currently available for free. Their address is American Geological Institute, 4230 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302-1502." The video is meant for schools and teachers, so if you aren't one of those just watch it on YouTube. A lot of schools can't access YouTube, so they need it.
You may have noticed, as I did a few years ago, that Earth Day has precious little Earth science in it. Professional societies for geologists noticed that too, so they created their own Earth event. In 2008 the week of October 12–18 is it—Earth Science Week. Look around and see if you like it.

Why a Whole Week?

Why do we need an Earth Science Week when we have an Earth Day? If you ask me, the reasons for both events are the same—our lives, and just as important, our societies depend on the wealth that this planet provides. But here are two reasons for having a separate event.

First, the proponents of Earth Day have settled on a consciousness-raising program centered around the plants and animals. They have kept things simple, at the level of poppies and puppies. Endangered species, threatened habitat, pollution control and international laws to save the whales are absolutely worthy of this effort. And that message is plenty for one day. Earth Day works for what it needs to do, but it’s not enough time for what Earth Science Week needs to do.

Because, second, saving the whales will not save us. If you think of the human race living on Earth like a family living in a house, Earth Day is about cleaning house. But our house needs more than a spring cleaning—it needs fixing up. It needs repairs, new furnishings for the new tenants, and better appliances to serve their needs.

That work is not like picking up trash from the beach, which anyone can do. It calls for professionals, scientists and technicians who know how the house is constructed. They must learn ways to run a mine properly, find the right waste disposal site, fix ruined ground, locate clean water, and restore worn-out soil.

Turning young people on to a career in Earth science, and keeping others reasonably informed about it, takes at least a week, and in fact there are events during most of October.

Earth Science Week’s Roots and Goals

Earth Day began in 1970 as a political event, aimed at affecting public policy. Earth Science Week began in 1998 as part of the American Geological Institute’s 50th anniversary. But it has a public policy goal, too—to raise awareness of the value of Earth resources. Behind that is a desire to strengthen science teaching in public schools and halt the erosion of public funding for geological research. I think it’s necessary, not just desirable, to teach and fund more Earth science, so I really hope you’ll check out Earth Science Week.

If you’re touched by some part of Earth Science Week, whether it’s cookie mining or visiting the Salt Institute’s frequently asked questions page, then drop me a note to say so. Because this is my contribution to the event—to get you there.

PS: Some people don’t confine their work to just one week, because there are groups that actively oppose Earth science all year. I’m thinking of the National Center for Science Education, which fights creationists who are trying to hijack the public schools. Give their site a visit this week, too.
Sul Ross update

Marathon rocks

Patricia Wood Dickerson, a University of Texas at Austin faculty member, will deliver a lecture at 2 p.m. Wednesday (Oct. 15) in Warnock Science Building room 101 at Sul Ross as part of National Earth Science Week (Oct. 12-18).

Dickerson, of the American Geological Institute and UT’s Jackson School of Geosciences, will address “The Tobosa and Marathon Basins and The Great American Carbonate Bank Robbery.” The lecture is free and the public is invited.

The similarities of rocks in the Marathon area and those of Argentina will be presented along with evidence that part of Argentina originated in West Texas. Dickerson is conducting geological field research in the Big Bend region, NASA astronaut field training in New Mexico and Mars science exploration strategy.
Middle school pupils begin recycling effort

Paper trail

By Charmain Z. Brackett | Correspondent

Sunday, October 12, 2008

Because of a community service project in his gifted and talented science class, Josh West has become more aware of the habits of fellow pupils.

"All day, people are cleaning out their binders and throwing paper away," said Josh, an eighth grader at Paul Knox Middle School. He hopes those pupils will start putting those papers in specially marked recycle bins instead of trash cans.

Tiffany Vining's class will be recycling paper as part of a year-long service project.

"There was nothing at Paul Knox for recycling," said Ms. Vining. "The class had to have a community service project."

Boxes have been placed in most classrooms. Teachers are encouraged but not required to participate.

Tuesday, the students painted their boxes green to make them stand out. They will be labeled with recycling symbols.

Ms. Vining has worked with the City of North Augusta to arrange for pickup of the paper.

Jake Nelson said he thinks the project is a good idea. "It's saving the environment and stuff," he said.

Ms. Vining said next week is earth science week and lessons will focus on what happens to the paper after it leaves the recycling bins outside the school.

She said she hopes the paper is just the start of the recycling effort.

Students are writing a grant to the Coca-Cola Co. to obtain recycling bins for plastic bottles. Also, they are writing grants to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in hopes of receiving bins for recycling paper.

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From the Sunday, October 12, 2008 edition of the Augusta Chronicle.

Reader Comments

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By Melissa Snyder

With a lot of creativity, a little bit of time and a few supplies, students at Arnold Elementary School are learning how the earth works through Science in a fun and educational way. “We really know how to have fun with it,” said 4th grade teacher Danielle DeBusk.

Earth Science Week, recognized last week, is a national week focusing on the study of earth science. Many schools hosted demonstrations in a variety of ways. Since the volcano demos are one of the more exciting ones, Mrs. DeBusk invited guests to come see what was spewing, bubbling and erupting in her classroom at Arnold Elementary School.

Get the full story (and more photos) in next week’s Bradley News Weekly!

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Dig It: It's Earth Science Week

Oct. 15, 2008 ? Led by the American Geological Institute, AGI, this week?S theme for Earth Science Week is ?No Child Left Inside.? 

THE WEEK will focus the nation on learning about earth sciences in their natural setting, outside. Students across the nation will discover rocks, soil, watersheds and weather patterns in their community, according to an Earth Science Week press release. But the week is also an opportunity for community groups and interested citizens to organize celebratory events to support a mission to discover the earth sciences and engage in responsible stewardship of the Earth.

?The best earth science classroom, any geoscientist will tell you, is the outdoors,? Ann E. Benbow, AGI Director of Education and Outreach, said. ?We?re encouraging students, teachers, and everyone interested in earth science to learn by experiencing it firsthand during Earth Science Week 2008. That means hiking over and digging into the Earth, taking water samples, making cloud observations, and more.? 

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Earth Science Week. Since the beginning, the event has grown dramatically, enabling more students to focus on the many aspects of the earth sciences and the various careers within the field.

According to AGI, the American Geological Institute is a nonprofit federation of 44 geoscientific and professional associations that represents more than 120,000 geologists, geophysicists and other earth scientists. Founded in 1948, AGI provides information services to geoscientists, serves as a voice of shared interests in the profession, plays a major role in strengthening geoscience education, and strives to increase public
Bredesen names Oct. 12-18 Earth Science Week

THE DAILY NEWS JOURNAL - OCTOBER 6, 2008

Gov. Phil Bredesen has proclaimed Oct. 12-18 as Earth Science Week in Tennessee to recognize the importance of the earth sciences to Tennessee's safety, health, welfare and economy.

As part of Earth Science Week, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's Division of Geology, in partnership with the American Geological Institute, has a limited number of Earth Science Week toolkits to distribute to earth science teachers across the state.

"Earth sciences are integral to finding and conserving mineral, energy and water resources important to our state's continuing prosperity," said Bredesen. "I'm pleased we're able to help provide educational tools for earth science teachers and awareness for all Tennesseans."

The toolkits include posters, reading materials and several CDs with information on earth observations from space, GIS technology and activities, EarthCaching and our national parks.

The state's Environment and Conservation's Division of Geology will work one-on-one with middle and high school students and teachers at the University of Tennessee's Ninth Annual Earth Science Fair on Oct. 10. The Division of Geology's exhibit covers the natural hazards and mineral resources of Tennessee. The Division also will take part in an exhibit on gold panning.

Educators interested in receiving an Earth Science Week toolkit can contact Ron Zurawski at Ronald.Zurawski@state.tn.us or (615) 522-1502. The toolkits are first come, first served.

For more information on Earth Science Week, visit www.earthsiceweek.org.
Five things to do with your kids: Oct. 17-23

By Michelle | Friday, October 17, 2008, 11:39 AM

Looking for something fun to do this weekend? Look no further:

1. Last chance to go to the Renaissance Festival: Grab the kids and head to Harveysburg for the final weekend of the Ohio Renaissance Festival. This weekend’s theme? Pleasures and Treasures Weekend. Craftsmen will demonstrate and feature unique items, including stone carving. And of course, there will be the usual mix of jousting, knights, danes and trimester-free food (perfect and perfectly fun for the little ones). Tickets are $19.99 for adults and $9.99 for children ages 3-12. Discount tickets are available online.

2. Earth Science week at the Boonshoft: Earth Science week continues through Saturday, Sept. 18, at Dayton’s Boonshoft Museum of Discovery. The museum is offering a series of programs focused on helping children actively explore the world around them. This year’s theme of “No Child Left Inside” features programs that emphasize the geosciences, including programs about clouds, weather, erosion and soil. Plus, enjoy the usual Boonshoft activities such as the Wild Ohio Zoo, pretend play areas including a grocery store, courtroom, recycling center and veterinarian, as well as play areas complete with a gravel pit, water table and large slide. The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. General admission is $7 for ages 2-12 (children under 2 are free); $8.50 for adults; $9 for seniors; and free for museum members.
Earth Science Week celebrated with demonstrations

Volcano fizzes using Mentos candy, soda

Matt Draus/Staff Reporter

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Earth Science Week is a national week for the study of earth science.

The geology/geography department hosted demonstrations Wednesday afternoon to show a little bit of what earth science is.

The demonstrations were done outside of the Physical Science Building.

The main demonstration was a miniature volcano. This was shown by putting Mentos candy in a two-liter bottle of soda. After Mentos was put into the bottle, the soda instantly started fizzing out like lava out of a volcano.

Another demonstration was breaking open sedimentary rocks to show what was inside of a rock that is millions of years old. The Geology Science Club in Guthrie found the rocks.

Geodes are sedimentary rocks that have crystal formations, usually made of quartz, inside.

The sedimentary rocks were available for people to purchase as souvenirs.

David Viertel, a geology and geography professor, showed how a Geographic Information System works.

"A GIS system is a broad tool for geography to show where and how things are connected to the earth," Viertel said.

The event also had a game for people to play. It dealt with guessing how many dinosaur eggs were in the container.

At the end of the demonstrations, the person with the closest answer to the correct number won a T-shirt.

Student T.J. Longtin said the demonstration of the volcano reminded him of his days in grade school science when the teachers would do a volcano eruption demonstration.

This was the first time the department hosted demonstrations.

Geology professor Diane Burns said her purpose was to give interest to students about earth science.

"The department is hoping to make the demonstrations an annual thing," Burns said. "For the first one, the turnout was promising."

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on activities from the kit, many added other activities, forums, presentations, movies, and exhibits. The Queens Library in New York held a lecture and created a book display with more than 30 titles on nano. The Discovery Center Museum in Rockford, Illinois, and the University of Wisconsin Nanoscale Science and Engineering Center held live demonstrations with NanoMan and NanoBoy. The Museum of Science, Boston, showcased all their nano-related work in one big lock-off day, with events such as the Amazing Nano Brothers Juggling Show and two tallo from nano pioneer Don Eigler.

of the participating ISIs, 70 percent reported having research center, university, or industry partners. For example, the ScienceCenter in Ithaca, New York, used NanoDays as a chance to build its partnership with Cornell University's NanoScale Facility. The Da Vinci Discovery Center of Science and Technology in Allentown, Pennsylvania, partnered with Lehigh University materials science students and said the collaboration "was truly the reason our event was so successful. Having college students teaching the public... was an incredible experience for everyone."

Looking ahead to NanoDays 2009
The evaluation team is now gleaning lessons learned from the online reports, but the NanoDays team, headed up at the Science Museum of Minnesota, St. Paul, is already diving into planning for second NanoDays, scheduled for March 28 to April 5, 2009. There will be an updated NanoDays kit for new participants. Institutions that hosted NanoDays last year will get extra materials and a new planning guide, which incorporates some lessons learned. This year, we'll also have a slew of new, in-depth programs, including interpretative carts and stage demonstrations, available through www.nisnet.org.

We're looking forward to seeing how NanoDays develops in future years. But mostly we're pleased that we were able to help ISIs tackle subjects that may have seemed intimidating at first and help researchers discover new tools for communicating their work.

Vrileena Oloey is assistant project manager of the NISE Net at the Museum of Science, Boston. Karen Pollard is senior exhibit developer at the Science Museum of Minnesota, St. Paul, and leads the NanoDays work of the NISE Net.

ESW 2008 trumpeted the theme “No Child Left Inside,” a rallying cry to draw young people outdoors to explore our changing atmosphere, flowing rivers, and shifting landscape. The celebration urged everyone to explore informal education opportunities, examine museum and science center exhibits, and experience Earth science firsthand. This event is organized each year by the American Geological Institute (AGI) to encourage better understanding of the geosciences and stewardship of the planet.

Events for the earth
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SUMMARY:

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No Child Left Inside ..... 

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The goal of this week is to understand that most of our children have a nature-deficit and to take some proactive steps to address their need for outdoor experiences. As the American Geological Institute states: “Tune out the TV. Log off the Internet. Quit the video game. Hang up the phone and unplug the MP3 player.” Earth Science Week 2008 is about giving the natural world your undivided attention.” Rather than electronic distractions, the focus should be on our atmosphere, our flowing rivers, our shifting landscapes - and to consider how humans interact with and impact their natural environment.

This is such a beautiful time of year on Cape Cod, and the natural world is available and uncrowded. Your child may be interested in rocks, marshes, vernal pools, weather patterns, birds, animals, national parks, or some other aspect of nature. The beauty is that most of this is free - it just takes time together to make it an important learning experience.
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Science Wednesday: On the Green Hunt

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About the Author: As the news director for EPA’s Office of Research and Development, Melissa-Anley Mills is always on the hunt for good science stories. She joined the Agency in 1998 as a National Urban Fellow.

Oh boy, it’s Sunday night, and I can’t wait to get to work tomorrow and tell my co-workers that this weekend I met The Raging Blue Robots, Saturnalia, Nuts for Squirrels and the Taco Buddahs. Now these aren’t the names of the latest bands to hit the DC music scene who hope to win legions of adoring fans, these are folks with an entirely different focus: winning the Marian Koshland Science Museum’s first annual eco-scavenger hunt called “The Green Hunt.”

You see, on Saturday, I helped staff The Green Hunt for the U.S. EPA. Free to the public, the event honored Earth Science Week 2008 and was designed to inform people about climate and earth science, and show that urban environments provide great learning opportunities for outdoor science activities.

As we neared the start time, we were anxious to see who’d burst through the Koshland doors proclaiming “We’re here for the Hunt!” From 11 until about 4:30 a diverse set of teams arrived, all ready to run around the neighborhood, looking for science clues. Teams of friends, teams of big sister/mentors, teams of college students on a homework mission, mom-headed teams, dad-headed teams, mom-and-dad-headed teams, abuela y padres headed teams.
'Curious George' is going green
by Gazette Staff Reports
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The all-new third season of "Curious George," currently airing on PBS, finds America's favorite monkey "going green" and introducing preschoolers to earth science concepts such as recycling, solar power and agriculture.

The newest episode of the Emmy Award-winning series premieres Monday as Earth Science Week kicks off. During the episode, George has his picture taken for Bird Watchers magazine.

Earth Science Week runs Monday through Friday with a theme of "No Child Left Inside." It encourages young people to learn about the geosciences by getting away from the television, off the computer and outdoors. For more information, go online to www.eathesciwork.org.

The "Curious George" episode airs at 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday on PBS.

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NASA Celebrates Educational Benefits of Earth Science Week

NASA by Gretchen Cook-Anderson, Elvia Thompson

Image left: Sea surface temperatures taken by the Advanced Microwave Scanning Radiometer.

NASA, the American Geological Institute (AGI), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and AGI's member societies will celebrate Earth Science Week October 12-18. The agencies are participating in activities to enhance national Earth science literacy among students, educators and the public.

Earth Science Week focuses on the Earth, its resources, processes and hazards. The theme for Earth Science Week 2003 is "Eyes on Planet Earth: Monitoring our Changing World."

Observation of Earth, from the most detailed microscopic levels to satellite imagery, illustrates the interconnectedness of and within the planet. "Satellites provide us the eyes to predict and monitor climate change, weather and natural hazards, and we continue to make strides to better understand and protect our home planet," said Dr. Ghassem Asrar, NASA's Associate Administrator for Earth Science.

NASA and others collaborated to produce Earth Science Week educational packets. The packets, available from AGI, contain informative posters, bookmarks, NASA lithographs and interactive CD-ROM's, including a digital atlas of North America that is a part of the Global Geographic Information Systems hosted by USGS and AGI.

The educational packet is intended to give students, teachers and the public innovative ideas about how to celebrate Earth Science Week 2003. Approximately 12,000 have been distributed to teachers and schools nationwide. The content helps individuals appreciate our natural environment, as well as gain familiarity with analytical tools for spatial analysis.

"During Earth Science Week and thereafter, NASA and its partners hope students, teachers, and people from all walks of life will take a look around and notice what's happening on Earth," said Dr. Adena Williams Loston, NASA's Associate Administrator for Education. "We seek through our celebration of Earth Science Week another valuable opportunity to inspire and motivate the next generation of explorers to learn more about our home planet."

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Earth science resources, such as this cloud chart, are available for teachers in the Earth Science Week educator kit. Image Credit: NASA

Textbooks and computers are full of information about Earth. So much information makes it easy to forget an important part of learning about our home planet: getting outside and exploring the natural world.

Thus, the theme of this year's Earth Science Week -- "No Child Left Inside" -- urges young people to experience Earth science firsthand by venturing outdoors. Earth Science Week takes place Oct. 12-18, and is hosted annually by the American Geological Institute in cooperation with various sponsors. The week encourages understanding and appreciation for the Earth sciences and stewardship of Earth.

NASA has contributed the following items to an educator kit designed to help teachers engage students in Earth science before, during and after this special week:

--GLOBE Cloud Watch Activity -- Over a five-day period, students look at clouds and write down what they see. They also record weather observations and then look for patterns that can be used to predict the weather. GLOBE is an international program in which K-12 students measure the environment, share data with each other, and use the data to conduct science projects and research.

--NASA/NOAA Cloud Chart -- A glossy, two-sided color chart shows different cloud types and the altitudes at which different clouds form. The chart can be used in conjunction with the GLOBE Cloud Watch activity and also includes an illustration of Earth's water cycle.

--Plant an Ozone-Monitoring Garden -- This NASA activity for grades 6-9 appears in the Earth Science Week 2008 Earth Science Activity Calendar. Students start by observing ozone damage to plants in their neighborhood. Then they plant their own garden with ozone-sensitive plants, similar to the ozone-monitoring gardens at several NASA centers.

--Polar Pastimes Postcard -- A lenticular card features images of the McMurdo area in Antarctica on the front. The back lists Internet resources for polar exploration, and includes a treasure hunt that challenges students to match Web site descriptions with the resources listed.

--Earth Observations From Space CD -- At the request of NASA, the National Academies published a 2008 report -- "Earth Observations From Space: The First 50 Years of Scientific Achievements" -- that describes how satellites have revolutionized the Earth sciences. The CD contains the full report. It provides animations and images that highlight the scientific achievements made possible by satellites. For information, and to order an educator kit, visit the Earth Science Week Web site: http://www.earthsciweek.org/ →

Dan Stillman, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies
THERE'S A NEW STUDY OUT THAT SUGGESTS THAT BOTTLED WATER MAY BE NO MORE PURE THAN TAP WATER. THE ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP BASED HERE IN WASHINGTON TESTED TEN POPULAR BRANDS OF BOTTLED WATER. THE GROUP SAYS THAT WATER CONTAINED MIXTURES OF 38 DIFFERENT POLLUTANTS, INCLUDING BACTERIA, FERTILIZER, TYLENOL AND INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS. THE TESTING INCLUDED BOTTLED WATER FROM D. MARYLAND, AND VIRGINIA. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE WATER CONTAINED MANY CONTAMINANT CONTAMINANTS AT THE SAME LEVELS THAT ARE ROUTINELY FOUND IN TAP WATER. AND IN SOME CASES, THE POLLUTANTS WERE FOUND AT LEVELS THAT EXCEED THE VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES THE BOTTLED WATER INDUSTRY SET FOR ITSELF. THE GROUP SAYS CONSUMERS MAY BE MISLED INTO BUYING WATER THAT IS NO CLEANER THAN TAP WATER AT 1900 TIMES THE PRICE. WOW. SO NEXT TIME THAT WAITER ASKS IF YOU WANT BOTTLED OR TAP. THAT'S RIGHT, GO FOR THE TAP WATER. SOME OF THE CITIES HAVE THE BEST WATER IN THE WHOLE WIDE WATER FOR MANY AREAS. I KNOW. AND SPEAKING OF WATER, EARTH SCIENCE WEEK. THIS IS EARTH SCIENCE WEEK AND YESTERDAY THIS WAS A GROUP OF STUDENTS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL IN RESTON, ALONG WITH SCIENTISTS FROM AMERICAN GEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE IN THE US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. THEY WERE OUT DOING SOME PROGRAMS, LOOKING AT THAT'S A BEAVER POND, AND THE THEME IS NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE. THAT'S A GREAT THEME. ISN'T THAT A GREAT THEME? GET THEM OUTSIDE AND ALSO IT'S EXPERIMENTS LOOKING AT WATER CHEMISTRY, NOT FROM BOTTLED WATER, BUT FROM THE BEAVER POND AND ALSO STREAM FLOW, HISTORY, AND ART. ALL SORTS OF GREAT THINGS. LOVE THE ART SCIENCE, THIS WAS MY FAVORITE BASIC SCIENCE IN SCHOOL. LOOK AT THE FOLIAGE WE HAVE, TALK ABOUT EARTH SCIENCE. BEAUTIFUL SCENES OUT IN OUR NECK OF THE WOODS. OUR TEMPERATURE TODAY RIGHT NOW IS 75 AFTER ANOTHER 80 PLUS DAY. I THINK WE MAY SEE ONE MORE 80 PLUS AND TOMORROW COULD BE, COULD BE OUR LAST 80-DEGREE DAY OF THE YEAR. 75 RIGHT NOW BECAUSE LOOK AT THE TEMPERATURES OUT TO OUR WEST. WHILE WE'RE AT 75, DETROIT, 62, THERE'S MINNEAPOLIS, 53 DEGREES. SO WE GOT SOME COOL AIR, IT'S GOING TO TAKE ITS TIME GETTING HERE. NOT ONLY HAS IT BEEN WARM, BUT IT HAS BEEN A BIT ON THE HUMID SIDE. WE'RE GETTING MORE SOUTHWESTERLY WINDS NOW. THERE'S THAT WEATHER FRONT STILL A LONG WAY AWAY. NOTHING ON US AROUND DOPPLER, NOR WILL IT EVEN TOMORROW MORNING. BY TOMORROW AFTERNOON, THERE'S A CHANCE THAT SOME OF THESE STRAGGLERS STRAGGLERS, LEFTOVER SHOWERS COULD BE COMING OUR WAY. 4/100 INCH OF RAIN IS ALL WE'VE HAD. DOWN TO CENTRAL PARTS OF ILLINOIS, THEY'VE BEEN GETTING SOME NICE RAIN, CHICAGO, OVER AN INCH OF RAIN. TEMPERATURE THERE, WITH A NORTHERLY WIND YOU CAN SEE THAT WEATHER FRONT THROUGH THERE, 53 DEGREES, IN WICHITA, KANSAS, ANOTHER HALF INCH OF RAIN. THEY ARE NOW HAVING THE WETTEST YEAR THEY'VE EVER HAD AND THERE'S STILL A COUPLE OF MONTHS TO GO. 54 INCHES OF RAIN IN WICHITA THIS YEAR RIGHT HERE IN WASHINGTON WE'VE HAD 40 INCHES OF RAIN. THIS IS UP IN THE SOUTHERN TIER OF NEW YORK STATE WHERE THE TEMPERATURE'S 62. WE'RE NOT DONE WITH THE TROPICS. THERE'S THE TROPICAL DEPRESSION OFF CENTRAL AMERICA. BUT THIS IS NOW AN INCREASING NASTY OMAR. WINDS ARE NOW UP TO OVER 90 MILES AN HOUR. SO IT'S A CATEGORY TWO HURRICANE THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, TONIGHT WILL BE MOVING THROUGH THE ISLANDS, HURRICANE WARNINGS OUT FOR ST. MARTIN, THE US AND BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS AND OTHER AREAS THERE. AND THERE COULD BE WARNINGS GOING OUT INTO PUERTO RICO. THE GOOD NEWS IS, ONCE IT GETS THROUGH THE ISLANDS TONIGHT AND MOVES OUT INTO THE OPEN WATERS, NO THREAT WHATSOEVER TO ANY OTHER LAND AREAS, NOR CERTAINLY TO THE UNITED STATES. FOR US OVERNIGHT TONIGHT, WHAT WE'LL BE SEEING IS A LITTLE BIT MORE OF THE SAME.
Earth Science Week 2008

Earth Science Week (13-17th October) was busy for NSW DPI which held a number of events designed to engage the public and encourage young people to take up the sciences as a career.

An Open Day was held at the NSW DPI Maitland office and a ‘Science in the Suburbs’ event was run for high school students at the WB Clarke Geoscience Centre at Londonderry. In addition, a display of local minerals and fossils demonstrating paleoenvironments and the mineral wealth of the Hunter Valley, was installed at East Maitland library.

The ground floor area of the NSW DPI building on High Street, Maitland, was opened to the public to view the work of NSW DPI branches which operate from that office. Teams of people from Environment, Coal and Petroleum, Titles, Library, Corporate Services, Communications and the Geological Survey of NSW set up a variety of hands-on and digital displays, designed to show the public how their work impacted on their lives.

The Geological Survey displays at the Open Day included Geographical Information Systems (GIS) showing local features with geology overlays, geophysics fly-throughs, a Google Earth tour of NSW mines, a 3D geological model of the Braidwood area, a seismic movie, hands on specimens and free publications, maps, fossils and rocks. Visitors enjoyed dressing up to pose with the Holtermann ‘gold nugget’ and the petrological teaching microscopes were swamped by curious students. There were also quite a number of specimen identification enquiries on the day too.

At the WB Clarke Geoscience Centre in Londonderry, Geological Survey geoscientists demonstrated various technologies and techniques to high school students. The students examined fossils and were able to deduce how the animals may have lived and died. The students examined thin sections to identify rock types and understand how this knowledge would help in finding an ore deposit. In one of the activities, students conducted a mini aeromagnetic survey over a replica of the Murray Basin (a basin of sand). They then grid their data, made a magnetic map, and modelled the magnetic anomaly to locate and predict the depth of a buried ore body (magnetite loaded rock).

Trisha Moriarty, Team Leader-Knowledge Management, who co-ordinated the events, said they were successful in a number of ways. The Maitland community would now have a greater awareness of what lies behind the grey building on High Street and the obvious enthusiasm and skills of NSW DPI staff should inspire young people to think about a career in science. Also, these events were run in collaboration with a number of other institutions and contributed to cross institutional co-operation. The Australian Museum were involved in the Science in the Suburbs event and the Maitland Regional Art Gallery and Maitland Library donated space and exhibition cases and their staff assisted in mounting the fossil and mineral library displays. Trisha thanked all those involved for their time, energy and enthusiasm.

NBN News coverage
Earth Science Week Lecture Series: Texas Dinosaurs

VENUE: Zilker Botanical Garden

ORGANIZATION: U.T. Bureau of Economic Geology

TIMES: Thu, Aug, 14 from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

COST: Free

DESCRIPTION: The City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department, and the Austin Earth Science Week Consortium present the Earth Science Week Summer Distinguished Lecture Series.

The lecture series theme is Texas Dinosaurs. Both family-friendly events will be held at the Zilker Park Botanical Garden’s auditorium at 2220 Barton Springs Road, in view of the Hartmann Prehistoric Garden, and the upcoming DinoLand exhibit this fall. Directions to the Botanical Garden auditorium and parking information can be found at http://www.zilker.org/about/index.html#parking.

Lectures begin at 6:30 p.m. Pre-lecture activities will begin at 6 p.m., and a post-lecture visit to the Hartmann Prehistoric Garden begins at 7:45 p.m. The lectures are free to the public. Seating is limited to 250 people and there is no reserved seating.

Distinguished Lecture 2. Thursday, August 14, 2008
Dinosaurs - Not just any Old Reptile!
By Dr. Pamela R. Owen
Senior Paleontology Educator
Texas Natural Science Center (formerly Texas Memorial Museum) at The University of Texas at Austin

Abstract
What makes a dinosaur a dinosaur? Are birds dinosaurs? Come learn what makes dinosaurs so special and their place in the reptile family tree. We will explore the anatomy, lifestyles and evolutionary relationships of dinosaurs and some of the other fascinating creatures that lived in Texas during the Mesozoic Era.

VENUE INFORMATION

Zilker Botanical Garden
2220 Barton Springs Road
Texas, TX 78704
(512) 477-8672
View venue Web site

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

U.T. Bureau of Economic Geology
10100 Burnet Rd, Bldg 130
Austin, TX 78758
State Parks showcase Florida's unique geological features

Dunes, sinkholes, caves... Oh my!

TALLAHASSEE — As Earth Science Week comes to a close, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is encouraging residents and visitors to take advantage of the year-round opportunities to learn about the geosciences by getting away from the television, turning off the computer and heading to a state park with family or friends.

"Many Florida State Parks were added to the state park system based on their geological values, including the sand dunes at Grayton Beach, the springs of Wakulla, Troy and Ichetucknee, the coastal features of St. Joseph and Little Talbot, and the sinkholes found within Falling Waters and Goldhead Branch state parks," said Florida State Park Director Mike Builock.

Just a few of the other Florida state parks with significant geological features include:

- **Big Shoals State Park in White Springs** features the largest whitewater rapids in Florida. Limestone bluffs, lowering 90 feet above the banks of the Suwannee River, afford outstanding vistas not found anywhere else in Florida.

- **Devil's Millhopper Geological State Park in Gainesville**. In the midst of north Florida's sandy terrain and pine forests, a bowl-shaped cavity 120 feet deep leads down to a miniature rain forest. Small streams trickle down the steep slopes of the limestone sinkhole, disappearing through crevices in the ground and lush vegetation thrives in the shade of the walls even in dry summers. A significant geological formation, Devil's Millhopper is a National Natural Landmark that has been visited by the curious since the early 1880s.

- **Florida Caverns State Park in Marianna** is one of the few state parks with dry, air filled caves and is the only Florida state park to offer cave tours to the public. The cave has dazzling formations of limestone stalactites, stalagmites, soda straws, flowstones and draperies.

- **Washington Oaks Gardens State Park in Palm Coast**. Although the formal gardens are the centerpiece of this park, Washington Oaks is also famous for the unique shoreline of coquina rock formations that line its Atlantic beach.

"The opportunities to learn about the Earth, its processes, its materials, its history, and its effect on humans and life are vast in this state," said Dr. Florida Caverns State Park in Marianna
No Child Left Inside! Earth Science Week 2008

Written by: Mary LeFever

If you fear taking your students outside might be misinterpreted by observers as an undeserved recess, think again. With the slogan, No Child Left Inside--actually an official act of Congress--the American Geological Institute (AGI) is once again promoting Earth Science Week. Need a little more motivation? Read this excerpt from Last Child in the Woods, the original inspiration for both the Congressional act and the Earth Science Week theme. Still not convinced? Then how about this brief article summarizing research findings that suggest ADHD kids benefit from getting outdoors.

Now that you are willing to get students outside, what should you do with them? Consider this nicely structured lesson from the USGS to illustrate concepts in mapping, geologic time, and the nature of geology including the theme of mystery. GeoSummer Schoolyard.

Looking for more than just a one shot deal? How about constructing a couple of weather stations around the school grounds, and allowing students to take turns collecting the daily data? The data can be manipulated, graphed and interpreted. Data over the years can accumulate and patterns discerned. Correlations can be observed between weather patterns and observations of living things.

Are your students under the impression earthquakes don’t happen in your part of the country? Well they might be surprised to find out they do! Check out recent quake activity in the northeast US, for example, at this USGS site:
http://www.idea.columbia.edu/CSN/recenteq/
Similar maps are available for other parts of the country.

A story published October 8, 2008 called How Many Earthquakes Are Then relates recent research findings that suggest the number of 3.3 and under magnitude quakes is underestimated and can be adjusted using new methods. “This advancement is important because one way scientists estimate the number of large, damaging earthquakes is to study the distribution of small earthquakes.” You can click on other earthquake related stories from there.

Last summer, our Exemplary Resources for Middle School Math and Science blog gave teachers a heads up on the week with the July 14th entry. We encourage you to peruse that entry for several helpful Earth Science related Explore-in-Depth publications and please, don’t leave any child inside!

We Need Your Help

We want and need your ideas, suggestions, and observations. What would you like to know more about? What questions have your students asked? Do you have a favorite activity that you would like to share? We invite you to share with us and other readers by posting your comments. Please check back each week for our newest post or download the RSS feed for this blog. You can also request email notification when new content is posted (see right navigation bar).

Let us know what you think and tell us how we can serve you better. We want your feedback on all of the NSDL Middle School Portal science publications. Email us at msp@mstteacher.org.
Earth Science Week 2008

AGI is pleased to announce the theme of Earth Science Week 2008: "No Child Left Inside." Being held October 12-18, Earth Science Week 2008 will encourage young people to learn about the geosciences by getting away from the television, off the computer, and out of doors.

AGI hosts Earth Science Week in cooperation with sponsors as a service to the public and the geoscience community. Each year, local groups, educators, and interested individuals organize celebratory events. Earth Science Week offers opportunities to discover the Earth sciences and engage in responsible stewardship of the Earth. The program is supported by the U.S. Geological Survey, NASA, the National Park Service, the AAPG Foundation, and other geoscience groups.

What’s New?

- Become a fan of Earth Science Week by joining our NEW Facebook Earth Science Week fan page!
- The makers of Journey to the Center of the Earth 3D have collaborated with Earth Science Week to create an Educator Guide using the movie to explore where "science fact meets science fiction."
- 2008 Earth Science Week kits are NOW AVAILABLE!
- Check out the updated Geoscience Career Resources page for links to career, scholarship, and internship resources.
- The 2007 Earth Science Week Highlights and News Clippings Report is now available for download. Visit "Highlights from Past Years" to read more about the activities and news coverage for 2007's Earth Science Week.
- The Pulse of Earth Science: National Status of K-12 Earth Science Education website is now up! Visit for state-by-state information on K-12 enrollment numbers, teacher certification requirements, course requirements, science content standards, textbook adoptions and more.

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Gov. Strickland endorses National Earth Science Week

SUBMITTED STORY - OCTOBER 11, 2008

National Earth Science Week starts Sunday and Gov. Ted Strickland requests that Ohioans “use this time to recognize the importance of the earth sciences in their daily lives.”

“The earth sciences are important to Ohioans because the earth holds the water we drink, the coal we use for electricity and the oil and gas that we use in our cars and houses,” said Larry Wickstrom, state geologist and chief of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Geological Survey. “It also produces powerful natural hazards in Ohio, such as landslides, earthquakes and coastal erosion. Most importantly, geologic processes have produced the beautiful and bountiful land and waterways of this great state.”

Several earth science events will be held throughout the state to celebrate Earth Science Week. Events include Earth Science Week at the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery in Dayton and an Earth Science Evening at 5:30 p.m. Friday at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

Staff of the ODNR Division of Geological Survey will participate in Earth Science Day 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Highland Metro Park in Columbus.

International EarthCache Day also falls Sunday. EarthCache sites are places where people can view and learn about geological processes, such as where ancient shallow seas left a world-renowned variety of fossils in Ohio at www.earthcache.org.

EarthCache sites are different from geocache sites, which contain hidden items that users find with global positioning system receivers.

To help Ohioans plan geologic field trips for Earth Science Week, the ODNR Division of Geological Survey has released an online Compilation of Planning Resources for Geologic Field Trips in Ohio. It lists locations by geologic age and feature type, such as waterfalls or caves and caverns. The free publication contains more than 120 Web links to other free resources about field trip locations and Ohio’s geology.

Earth Science Week is a national event sponsored by the American Geological Institute, which produces education tool kits for teachers and promotes geoscience research on topics such as how polar ecosystems affect oceans and the atmosphere. Details about Earth Science Week events and the field trip report are available by clicking on the Earth Science Week logo on ODNR’s Web site www.ohiodnr.com.

Click here to sign up for e-newsletters from the Port Clinton News Herald.
The Reston Observer: Students Learn About Earth Science
Reston, Virginia
http://www.observernews.com/story08/news08/101708_science.html

Students Learn About Earth Science
By Leslie Pfeilkofer
Observer Staff Writer

Students at Langston Hughes Middle School and scientists from U.S. Geological Survey and the American Geological Institute took to Reston's trails this week to learn more about earth science as part of Earth Science Week.

This year's theme was No Child Left Indoors, so all seventh-grade students at Hughes visited the Beaver Pond area for Earth Science Week. Students measured the amount of water flowing in a stream, tested the chemistry of the streams, took soil samples, identified rocks, mapped the area and wrote poems in a natural setting.

Hughes' principal Armee Monticchio said the different experiments incorporated science, art, English, math and social studies skills. "It just shows that all of our curriculum relates to the real world," she said.

Monticchio also said that showing these real-world applications of earth science to students helps bring to life what they learn in the classroom.

Bob Ridley, national education coordinator for USGS, said the school's annual field trip provides children with a chance to reconnect with nature. He said spending more time outside helps children perform better in school, improves attention problems and combats type 2 diabetes.

Being outside also "gets kids looking at the interrelationship of things," such as aquatic organisms, drainage patterns, streams and animals, he said.

Many of the seventh-grade students on the field trip seemed excited to be outside of the classroom. "It's pretty fun," said Anna, while waiting to move to a station. "It's better than sitting in school all day." Her friend Julia said, "It's nice to get into the nature." The group of girls said they enjoyed getting to learn more about wildlife that lives in the area.

The school has been taking field trips to celebrate earth science for the past 15 years, and it began to hold them during Earth Science Week after it was established by AGI in 1998. USGS scientists have joined students on the field trip for 15 years, but this is the first year that scientists from AGI came on the trip.
Earth Science Week (ESW) 2008 encourages people around the globe to open doors and investigate new opportunities. This year's theme, "No Child Left Inside," is a call to explore our natural environment. The celebration urges everyone—especially young people—to venture outdoors and experience Earth science firsthand.

ESW 2008, October 12-18, is about giving the natural world your undivided attention—and encouraging your students to do the same. Tune out the TV. Log off the internet. Quit the video game. Hang up the phone and unplug the MP3 player. Instead, focus on our changing atmosphere, our flowing rivers, our shifting landscapes, and consider how human activities affect and are affected by these continually interacting natural systems.

During the 11th annual ESW, millions of people in all 50 states and around the globe will be sampling groundwater, monitoring weather, touring quarries, exploring caves, preparing competition projects, visiting museums and science centers, and learning about Earth science. Each year, the American Geological Institute (AGI) organizes this celebration to encourage better understanding of the geosciences and stewardship of the planet.

People everywhere are getting involved. Young people around the world are participating in an international photography contest focusing on geoscience themes. Earth science enthusiasts in the United States are using the new "My Events Map" feature of the ESW website (see "On the web" at the end of this article) to pinpoint activities happening where they live. Thousands of students are using the field notebooks provided in this year's ESW Toolkit to record their own observations and reflections about the natural world.

All of these initiatives are being structured to ensure that there is "no child left inside" during Earth Science Week. Inspired in part by Richard Louv's Last Child in the Woods (2005), which laments our society's "nature-deficit disorder," the celebration is designed to empower students to embark on an adventure of discovery. To study the geosciences, they need only look out their front doors!

Earth science everywhere
Wherever you are, there is Earth science to be learned, taught, performed, experienced, and shared. The ESW website offers ideas and examples of how you can participate throughout your community:

- **Schools and classrooms** are wonderful places to celebrate. Teachers can lead learning activities and invite guest geoscientists to visit their classrooms. Students can also go on field trips to local parks.
- **Colleges and universities** can encourage Earth science departments, professors, and students to host an open house or a geoscience tour of a nearby area.
- **Geoscience organizations and companies** can provide educational resources, host an open house, or send a geoscientist to visit a school campus.
- **Museums and science centers** can shine a spotlight on geoscience-related exhibits or create a program specifically for ESW.
- **Families and citizen groups** can participate by planning an event or activity for their communities, youth groups, or schools. They can also attend an event listed on the ESW website.
New Publications

Deep Earthquakes
The author, an associate director of the Institute for Geophysics at the University of Texas at Austin, has focused his life's research and writings into this treatise on deep earthquakes—the mysterious tremors that rip the Earth more than 50 km below its surface. Written for a broad audience—from nonscientists to deep-earthquake specialists—the book includes a comprehensive wealth of narrative, statistics, and illustration about this enigmatic seismologic phenomenon.


Short-term Earthquake Prediction

A Scientist’s Guide to Talking with the Media
This media primer for scientists by Richard Hayes, deputy director of communications with the Union of Concerned Scientists, and science journalist Daniel Grossman is well-worth a review. The authors explain why journalists work the way they do and how scientists can easily avoid media gaffes and promote their work accurately and effectively the next time the press calls.


Web Sites
Is Earth Science Education at Risk in Your State?

Many public schools have dropped Earth science from the required curriculum in recent years; a number of colleges have closed geoscience departments. But employers have said they need more qualified candidates for geoscience jobs. Does your public education system ensure that all students learn important Earth science content? The American Geological Institute now allows you to track the status of Earth science education nationwide. Its new "Pulse of Earth Science" web site offers detailed, up-to-date information on geoscience education in every state as well as guidance for advocates.

AGI Earth Science Week Goes on Facebook
http://www.earthsciweek.org/whatsgoingon/index.html

The American Geological Institute's Earth Science Week 2007 reached a whole new audience this year through Facebook, a popular Internet social networking web site, and was able to connect educators, students, and others interested in Earth science. The Earth Science Week Group quickly attracted more than 100 members from universities, high schools, and organizations in more than 20 states and seven countries. The group's page highlights this year’s theme: links, resources, and contacts. Recent news reports are posted, and members participate in a discussion board. Anyone can join the group by creating or using an existing Facebook account. See the Facebook link on the Earth Science Week web site’s "What’s Going On?" page, at the URL above. http://www.earthsciweek.org/whatsgoingon/index.html

Please send notices of new publications and web sites you would like to appear in "New Publications" to SRL Editor Luisana Ariz at lastir@ucsd.edu or UCSD Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics, 9500 Gilman Drive #0225, La Jolla, CA 92039-0225.
BREDESEN PROCLAMATES OCT. 12-18
EARTH SCIENCE WEEK IN TENNESSEE

EARTH SCIENCE WEEK TOOLKITS AVAILABLE TO TEACHERS ACROSS THE STATE
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Nashville, Tenn. — Governor Phil Bredesen has proclaimed Oct. 12-18 as Earth Science Week in Tennessee to recognize the importance of the earth sciences to Tennessee’s safety, health, welfare and economy.

As part of Earth Science Week, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation’s Division of Geology, in partnership with the American Geological Institute, has a limited number of Earth Science Week toolkits to distribute to earth science teachers across the state.

"Earth sciences are integral to finding and conserving mineral, energy and water resources important to our state’s continuing prosperity," said Bredesen. "I’m pleased we’re able to help provide educational tools for earth science teachers and awareness for all Tennesseans."

The toolkits include posters, reading materials and several CDs with information on earth observations from space, GIS technology and activities, EarthCaching and our national parks. In addition to distributing toolkits, Environment and Conservation’s Division of Geology will work one-on-one with middle and high school students and teachers at the University of Tennessee’s 9th Annual Earth Science Fair on Oct. 10. The Division of Geology’s exhibit covers the natural hazards and mineral resources of Tennessee. In addition to posters, rock samples and displays, the exhibit features hands-on activities involving the geology behind sinkhole development, landslide activity, and oil and gas exploration. The Division also will take part in an exhibit on gold panning.

"The earth sciences play an important role in the Department of Environment and Conservation’s mission," said Commissioner Jim Fyke. "Earth sciences, such as geology, are critical to environmental issues from water quality to waste disposal, and they provide the basis for protecting Tennesseans from natural hazards such as indoor radon, sinkholes, floods and earthquakes."

Educators interested in receiving an Earth Science Week toolkit may contact Ron Zurawski at Ronald.Zurawski@state.tn.us or (615) 532-1602. The toolkits are free of charge while supplies last.

For more information on Earth Science Week, visit www.earthsciweek.org.
Volcano experiment showcases earth sciences in a fun light

By Pat Sherman
TODAY'S LOCAL NEWS
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"Deep underground you've got gases -- volatiles -- that are contained within the magma. When the pressure's released, they increase in volume as well. That's why some of these volcanic eruptions are so explosive,"

During a simulation on Oct. 15, one of the garbage cans ruptured from the force, Trujillo said.

Film student Jonathan Cheek, 21, was just passing through when he caught the warm-up act -- Mentos candy dropped in bottles of Coke and Diet Coke, which causes a spray of fizz to shoot through the top of the bottles (the aspartame sweetener in the diet beverage creates more fizz when it reacts with the candy coating than the sugar-based soda does).

"I had no idea what was going on," Cheek said. "I'm like, 'Oh, they're doing the whole Mentos trick.'"

Cheek and friend David Harlow heeded Trujillo's warning about the lower balcony being a potential "splash zone."

"We're like, 'Hey, let's go up to the very top balcony. It won't hit us,'" Cheek said afterward, his shirt drenched and water dripping from his hair.

Trujillo got the idea for the experiment from an article in the Journal of Geoscience Education, written by a Colgate University professor.

"She does it in a volcanology class," Trujillo said. "They actually put objects in the water. When the blast occurs, they track where they all went and then use that to reconstruct the blast like a volcanologist would do."

The experiment was part of a week of activities, films and lectures at Palomar College to promote Earth Science Week.
Governor Matt Blunt has declared the week of Oct. 12 through Oct. 18 as Earth Science Week to bring awareness to the fact that earth sciences are fundamental to the health, safety and welfare of all Missourians. “No Child Left Inside” was selected by the American Geological Institute as the theme of Earth Science Week 2008 to increase public understanding and appreciation of the earth sciences.

“We are pleased to partner with the American Geological Institute to encourage young people to learn about the geosciences by getting away from the television, off the computer and outdoors,” said Joe Gillman, Missouri Department of Natural Resources’ Division of Geology and Land Survey director and state geologist. “We encourage our educators to highlight the earth sciences as a career choice and demonstrate the benefits earth sciences bring to the community. We know for certain that learning takes place in the classroom, and parents as well as teachers play a vital role in embracing this year’s “No Child Left Inside” theme.”

Geologists and land surveyors play important roles in society’s use and protection of natural resources. The department has a long history of providing geology and land survey expertise to Missouri. “Earlier this year, our Geology program marked 155 years of service to the citizens of Missouri,” Gillman said. “Additionally, our Land Survey Program, established in 1970, pre-dates the formation of the department by three years.”

Staff members from Gillman’s Rolla office are helping to spread science literacy to benefit Missourians by speaking to students in area classrooms during the week. Additionally, staff will offer some of the division’s most popular books and educational trading cards during the Rolla Downtown Arts and Crafts Festival on Saturday, Oct. 18. These fascinating books and cards continue to be favorites of Missourians and visitors to our great State. They also make great Christmas gifts.

Several contests are under way during Earth Science Week and are open to U.S. residents of any age. They include two photography contests, a visual arts contest and an essay contest. Entries are being taken from across the nation, and the prizes are out of this world!

The department’s Division of Geology and Land Survey offers a wide variety of publications on topics such as rocks, minerals and fossils, fact sheets, maps and educational trading cards. To thank Rolla Middle School student Spencer Gordon for helping announce Earth Science Week, Gillman presented Gordon a set of Missouri Resources Trading Cards. The educational cards cover different general interest topics including caves, ice age animals, rivers, springs, land surveying, rocks, minerals, dams, wells and past state geologists. The cards are suitable for children and adults of all ages.

Visitors are welcome to tour the Ed Clark Museum of Geology, which is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. The publications sales desk, which is located in Rolla, may be reached by calling 573-368-2125 or 800-361-4827 or visit on the Web at www.dmr.mo.gov/geology. Additional information about Earth Science Week may also be found on the Web site.
The Telescope
San Marcos, California

Earth Science week essay contest

The American Geological Institute is offering $300 to the winner of their annual Earth Science Week photography contest.

The theme for this year's essay contest is "Earth Science Beyond Your Front Door."

The photograph should encompass the theme and show through the entrants personal outdoor excursions how best to get out and enjoy nature.

In addition to the $300, the winner will also receive a copy of AGI's "Faces of the Earth" DVD and have their name and photo posted on the Earth Science Week Web site.

The contest is open residents of the United States of any age. Contestants may only submit one photograph and all entries must be original works that have not previously been submitted in any other contests.

The entrant's full name, address, phone number, e-mail address, and a one to two sentence caption explaining the photo must accompany each photo.

Entries may be mailed along with a signed entry form, available at the Earth Science Web site. The parental consent line on the entry form must be signed by a parent or guardian if the entrant is under the age of 18.

Entries can also be submitted electronically via e-mail to info@earthscienceweek.org with the subject "ESW 2008 Photography Contest."

The deadline for the contest is 2 p.m. on Oct. 17.
Missouri Students Celebrate Earth Science Week
Missouri Ag Connection - 02/23/2008

St. James and Newburg students and their teachers marked Earth Science Week 2008 by learning about rocks, minerals, fossils and topographic maps. "No Child Left Inside" was this year's theme.

Helping young people explore Earth science firsthand was this year's goal for staff members with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Division of Geology and Land Survey. The division partners annually with the American Geological Institute during Earth Science Week to increase public understanding and appreciation of the earth.

While every effort was made to engage students in outdoor activities, Mother Nature decided that rain was the order of the day on Tuesday. However, that did not stop Cecil Boswell, a technical assistant with the division's Environmental Assistance Unit. Boswell toted rocks, minerals and fossils to Lucy Worthington James Elementary School in St. James, where more than 120 fourth grade students were able to participate in a hands-on geology course. He spoke about the rock cycle, rock hardness and rock types, and when Boswell held up a sample of hematite (iron ore), the students knew its significance. The fourth graders were aware that iron ore was mined nearby, in the Maramec Spring area during the 19th century.

"The students knew that the school's namesake was the great-granddaughter of the founder of Maramec Iron Works," said Fourth-Grade Teacher Rachael Hitch. Maramec Iron Works, near St. James, was the first commercially successful iron smelter west of the Mississippi. Thursday's sunny, crisp fall weather was excellent for an outdoor classroom held on the grounds of the elementary school in Newburg.

Geologist Edie Starbuck spent part of the morning with 40 sixth grade students and science teacher Christy Campbell. Starbuck shared information about geology basics, such as rock types and uses for rocks and minerals in everyday life. She identified rock samples that the sixth graders brought from their personal collections.

A demonstration by Hylin Beydler, the division's information officer, using a Panasonic Toughbook tablet computer, outfitted with a global positioning satellite receiver, helped to shed light on some of the technology that geologists use daily. Starbuck finds the system especially helpful when she is doing field work and research for her geologic mapping projects. The system enables her to track her movements and to record field investigations tied directly to topographic maps that she has loaded on the computer. Once in the office, she is able to import her observations, field notes and data files into a geographic information system, in order to create geologic maps. The students were familiar with topographic maps, having begun a chapter on maps and map reading.

Exploring rocks and formations along the nearby bluff and creek rounded out the morning.
No Child Left Inside

Turn off the computer! Step away from the television! Head for the outdoors! The evidence is growing: Americans spend less and less time outdoors. The new USGS Earth Science Week Web site offers a few solutions and a growing list of parks with notes on interesting, exciting or unique things to do in each park. Earth Science Week isn't until Oct. 12-18, but you can plan ahead with an insider's look at upcoming events. There's also a downloadable 3-D National Parks map and instructions on how to create your own 3-D glasses! Visit http://usgs.gov/earthscience/2008/. For more information contact Robert Ridky at (703) 648-4713 or rridky@usgs.gov.
Story about No Child Left Inside Day at Langston Hughes Middle School as a part of Earth Science Week 2008.

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Local news stories

7th Graders Spend Day with Scientists

Sabri Ben-Achour

October 15, 2008 - Five hundred seventh graders in Reston, Virginia spent the day in a forest with scientists from the US Geological Survey as part of Earth Science Week. They tested water quality, assessed biodiversity and even wrote poems about nature in a day designed to promote environmental awareness and interest in the sciences.

Sabri Ben-Achour reports...
Governor’s Proclamation Promotes Environmental Learning in The Great Outdoors

Recognizing the importance of earth science, Florida Governor Charlie Crist and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) are joining forces across the nation to designate October 13-17 as Earth Science Week. Organized by the American Geological Institute, Earth Science Week promotes public awareness of the earth sciences and stewardship of the Earth.

“Florida is the land of the unknown,” said Governor Crist. “We want to encourage our young people to take advantage of opportunities like this to learn about the world around us. It’s all around us, in the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat. We must become stewards of the Earth and take care of our planet.”

DEP’s Florida Geological Survey (FGS) – made up of geologists, hydrogeologists and soil scientists – investigates and monitors the state’s aquifer systems and geology. They study the Earth’s processes, its minerals, its history, and its effect on human life in its region. The FGS, established in 1927, has provided critical science information and interpretive data to governmental agencies, land use planners, environmental and engineering consultants, current centers and incorporation companies, industry and the public for more than 100 years. These entities then use this information and geology to protect public health and natural resources, and secure sound environmental management.

In celebration of Earth Science Week, the Florida Geological Survey will host its annual open house on Monday, featuring activities and public tours on how earth science affects our daily lives. This year, in addition to the open house, staff geologists will be offering guided walks to children of all ages at Leon Sinks Geological Area on Monday at 9:30 a.m. and again at 2:30 p.m. Each guided walk lasts about two hours.

“Florida has a wealth of unique geological features from caves to sinkholes, to limestone bluffs, to local springs and springs. Our state parks and state geological sites offer great avenues to experience all of this firsthand,” added Secretary Bixler.

Leon Sinks Geological Area displays many examples of the landforms characterized by sinkholes, underground streams, and karst topography that define Florida and its unique environment. The largest of numerous sinks in the area is Big Dixon sink, with walls about 50 feet above the water level (that exceeds about 50 feet below water level). A walking trail at the site, Fisher Creek, takes into Fisher Creek sink on the south side of a natural bridge, reemerging at Fisher Creek in a pool of water near a semi-circular karst mouth at the end of the sink. Red and white calcite, tufa, soil, maple and oak are among the 25 tree species that grow in this aquatic area.

A nonprofit organization representing more than 120,000 Earth science enthusiasts, the American Geological Institute established Earth Science Week in 1998 to promote understanding of the earth sciences worldwide.

Last year, the Earth Science Week celebration included people in 50 states and more than four countries.

For information on Earth Science Week and associated activities visit www.earthscienceweek.org

For more information on Leon Sinks and State Geological Sites, visit FloridaStateParks.org

To learn more about Florida Geological Survey, visit www.dep.state.fl.us/geology

To view the proclamation, visit www.dep.state.fl.us/geology/proclamations/procl_gov_08_08_print.pdf