



# THE BOSTON TEE PARTY

## NAAEE 31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE

You are invited to join environmental educators from all over the US and over 50 countries throughout the world for the North American Association for Environmental Education's 31st Annual Conference on August 6 – 10, 2002 at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. This year's theme The Boston TEE Party (Total Environmental Education) will follow four strands, each in some way reflective of Boston's pivotal place in US and world history. To get more details about registration and hotel information visit [www.naaee.org](http://www.naaee.org) and click on Conferences, direct registration inquiries to [naaee@nxtevent.com](mailto:naaee@nxtevent.com) or contact NxtEvent by telephone at 978-281-9630.

### **Elementary & Secondary Education Commission Meeting August 8, 2002**

#### **What??! Good Textbooks for EE?!**

*Cosponsored by NAAEE's K-12 Commission and Northeastern University's CESAME Resource Center*

*A large majority of classes in our schools use textbooks — 64 to 96%, based on one recent survey. It is important to ask if there are textbooks that support the kinds of teaching and learning we advocate for environmental literacy? If so, getting those textbooks in use in your school(s) may be a very effective way to promote EE and provide a solid core that could be enhanced with supplemental EE programs.*

*New research-based texts developed with NSF funding, sorted by grade level so that you can review and discuss them with colleagues. Elementary, Middle, and High School Checklists of components for comprehensive EE programs will enable you to keep track of your findings. Take home a self-selected list of promising texts for teaching the skills and abilities you value and information on how to contact the publishers.*

*Participants' findings will be summarized and used to brainstorm ways to pursue this and other topics of interest to K-12 participants at the NAAEE Conference in 2003.*

*Join us to... Discover what this new generation of standards-based textbooks have to offer EE!... Get to know colleagues working in K-12!!... Enjoy refreshments and Win prizes!!*

**Highlighted below are some of the exciting workshops and sessions focused the K-12 classroom.**

### **WORKSHOPS:**

Workshops are held August 6 – 7, 2002 Workshop cost is in addition to conference registration. Registration for the conference is required to register for a workshop. Attendance is limited, so register now!

#### **A Harbor Island Investigation**

Investigate Peddock's Island, a remarkable historic, geologic and living treasure, in Boston Harbor. Integrate GIS, GPS and hands-on mapping techniques to characterize resource issues and promote sustainability. This workshop provides a model opportunity to experience an innovative community-mapping program.

#### **Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Environmental Education**

This workshop will introduce participants to Arc View and Arc Voyager, two of the most widely used GIS platforms in the world. Using the training facilities of ESRI – Boston, participants will learn the basics of GIS software, and then explore specific applications that will enhance geographic and ecological understanding. We will explore one school district's work to integrate GIS into their EE program through school to career programs and outdoor classrooms. Participants will receive a copy of "Getting to Know Arc View", complimentary one year license for Arc View, the Arc Voyager software and GIS curriculum material.

#### **What About My Environment? Incorporating Environmental Justice Issues Into Environmental Education**

Take a walking tour with local environmental justice activist/educators in Boston's Roxbury neighborhood, and viscerally explore how your EE practice can be enriched through incorporating perspectives from the EJ movement. Faculty from the Audubon Expedition Institute will guide participants through this process using AEI's experiential education model, which includes reflection through discussion and other interactive activities.

### **SESSIONS:**

Over 250 Concurrent sessions are held beginning August 8 through August 10, 2002. The conference registration fee entitles you to attend all sessions, entertainment, special events, coffee breaks and obtain a copy of the proceedings when published.

#### **Project TRIPS: Bridging the Gap Between Schools and Informal Science Institutions**

Developed by the Bronx Zoo and the Wildlife Conservation Society, Project TRIPS serves as a model for bringing together some of America's most talented educators from informal science institutions and schools to work together to develop high-quality professional development programs.

#### **Confronting Climate Change in the Classroom**

Can educators transform climate change from an abstraction to a real phenomenon with tangible effects on peoples' lives? Using an ecosystem services perspective, this presentation introduces new teaching tools designed to bring global warming science and solutions home to students.

#### **Kids Can Do It!**

Create a beautiful environmental education center with large greenhouse, laboratory, and outdoor gardens—while developing lifetime skills and a sense of place! We'll share ideas for funding, involving community, avoiding "whoopsies"; a project to impact your entire curriculum and more than meet standards.

#### **Adopt-a-Boat Linking Commercial Fishing to Classrooms**

Adopt-a-Boat is a unique project that partners the fishing industry and educators. The project's goal is to use commercial fishing boats as a vehicle for teaching marine resource utilization, marine ecology, and life as a fisherman to K-12 students.

#### **"Fun in the Sun" How are After-school and Summer Enrichment Programs Impacting the Environment**

Are after-school and summer enrichment programs increasing the science and environmental literacy of the urban children that participate in them? What does the research tell us? Join us as we share our findings as well as examples of successful programs.

#### **Coastal Roots - Connecting Kids with the Coast**

A wetlands plant seeding nursery program for small-scale coastal restorations that fosters stewardship toward our natural resources and provides a constructive active learning situation while exploring strategies for sustaining our coastal ecosystems.

#### **Ecological Schoolyards: Case Studies & Design Ideas**

Innovative K-12 schools in North America and Europe are converting their grounds into fantastic outdoor classrooms that reduce energy bills, grow food, provide habitat, purify water, and recycle waste. This slide presentation will present inspiring case studies and design ideas.



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