

# Environmental Education

Tennessee

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## Educational Highlight

### Back to School

"For many kids, heading back to school means more than resuming classes and homework. It means getting back to clubs and student organizations focused on sustainability."



"We're going to be the ones living with the consequences of climate change, so it's important for us to take these steps," Ono (rising sophomore) says of her generation.

Check out how these students are taking their education outside of the classroom!

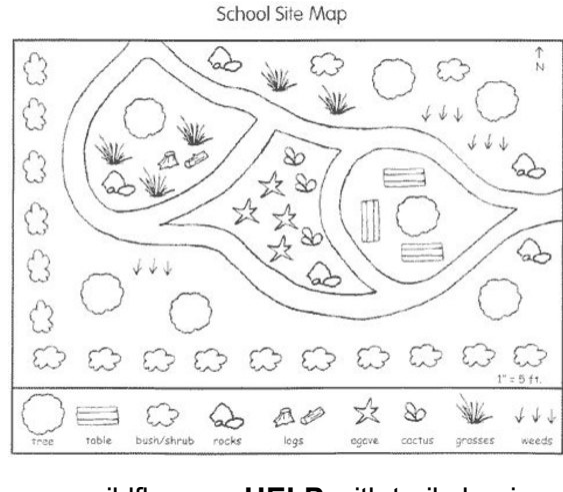
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[EE Resource: Tips for Starting an EE Club at Your School](#)

## This Month Is...

### Serve Outside September

The Children and Nature Network encourages kids and adults to S.O.S., or Serve Outside September.



Whether you **PLANT** native trees or wildflowers; **HELP** with trail clearing, invasive plant removal, river, stream or beach cleanup; **HOST** a recycling event; **BUILD** bat boxes, birdhouses, and bird feeders; **CREATE** a butterfly garden or a wild zone, we want to hear about it. Email your story to Sarah.Green@tn.gov.

- By serving outside, you can help:
- ~ Inspire, cultivate and nourish a life-long commitment to nature-based play and recreation in people of all ages, especially children and youth
  - ~ Physically enhance, maintain and restore natural areas
  - ~ Bring high visibility to nature-based inter-generational service projects

*Looking for a better way of identifying your school's outdoor service opportunities? Try mapping your schoolyard!*

[EE Resource: Schoolyard Mapping \(Grades 3-12\)](#)

## Don't Miss...

### World Water Monitoring Day

September 18



World Water Monitoring Day™ (WWMD) is an international education and outreach program that builds public awareness and involvement in protecting water resources around the world by engaging citizens to conduct basic monitoring of their local water bodies.

An easy-to-use test kit enables everyone from children to adults to sample local water bodies for a core set of water quality parameters including temperature, acidity (pH), clarity (turbidity) and dissolved oxygen (DO). Results are shared with participating communities around the globe through the WWMD website.

[Learn How to Get Involved](#)

[EE Resource: Water Testing Kits](#)

## In the News...

### How Much Nature Is Enough?

Researchers have now quantified the ideal amount of time needed to reap the health benefits of the great outdoors.



"Nature is not like a pill you get prescribed by your doctor that you have to take in small doses every day," Dr. White said. "What matters most is that you're able to fit it into your lifestyle."

Doctors say 120 minutes a week. Are you getting your green time?

[Read Entire Article](#)

[Find a Free Green Space Near You](#)

## Professional Development

### Webinar: Are wildfires helpful or hurtful? Check out this video for the answer!

Wildland fire is a yearly phenomenon in California and one of the most important environmental issues in our country. This webinar will share the best tools and resources available to every teacher to more effectively support student science inquiry and engineering design related to wildland fire.



[EE Resource: Wildfires \(Grades 5-8\)](#)

## Fun Teaching Tool Alert

### WWF Free Rivers

Price: Free for Android, iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch



WWF Free Rivers is an augmented-reality model app that takes students into a river ecosystem complete with animals, residents, cultures, and weather changes. Students can also see world maps that show areas of water risk, world dams, protected areas, and wetlands.

[Learn More](#)

## Looking Ahead

### October is...

- ~ Children's Environmental Health Month
- ~ National Energy Action Month
- ~ National Go on a Field Trip Month

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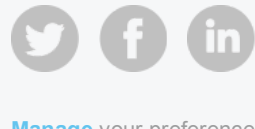
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