

# Updates & Opportunities

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## **Cynthia Krieg Watershed Stewardship Fund**

The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District seeks grant proposals for the Cynthia Krieg Watershed Stewardship Fund. \$100,000 is available for projects within the District that create public awareness and education about water stewardship and that use innovative methods to improve water quality. The Grant is available to cities, schools, churches, lake associations, neighborhood associations, local businesses and other community groups within the watershed.

Applications for pre-proposals can be submitted any time between now and **Wednesday, September 28, 2011**. Full proposals are due by Wednesday, October 19, 2011. Information, past grant winners and proposal applications available online.

Proposals can be sent to the [Education Manager](#) or call 952-641-4524 for more information.

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## **Call for Presentations**

The Minnesota Association for Environmental Education (MAEE) will be calling for presentations this fall for the 2012 Midwest Environmental Education Conference (MEEC), at Itasca State Park, June 21 and 22, 2012.

Journey to the source of the Mississippi to join imaginative educators and administrators transforming their offices, classrooms and personal lives into something fresh, rewarding and extraordinary. Together, we will explore how play and creativity can enhance our work and beyond.

The application to present at this conference will be posted on the MAEE website in September 2011. Please send your questions to [maeeinfo@gmail.com](mailto:maeeinfo@gmail.com).

Visit the [MAEE website](#) for more information on the 2011 MEEC Conference.

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## Take part in **Earth Science Week**

Earth Science Week 2011 will be celebrated from October 9-15, with the theme "Our Ever-Changing Earth." During Earth Science Week, we hope that you will bring some aspect of Earth Science into your classroom, and take your classroom outside! Your students will not only learn something new about the world around them, but will have fun discovering why Earth Science is important to society.

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Minnesota Science Teachers Association annual conference

MnSTA is excited to announce the **2012 Minnesota Conference on Science Education** March 1st - 3rd, 2012 in Duluth, MN.

Please plan now to join us at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center for our new annual conference for ALL science educators in Minnesota! Two fantastic, nationally recognized keynote speakers have committed to share their expertise with you! We welcome Dr. Eric Jolly, the president of the Science Museum of Minnesota and Dr. Bill Robertson, author of the NSTA Best Selling "Stop Faking It!" Series. Please check back to the **MNSTA Conference Website** for many further updates as our planning continues!

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Participate in **World Water Monitoring Day**

World Water Monitoring Day™ 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. In 2010, over 200,000 people in 85 countries monitored their local waterways. Celebrate with us on September 18, or host your World Water Monitoring Day anytime from March 22 until December 31! Find out more [here](#).

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**Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation Grants**

K-12 teachers are invited to apply for grants up to \$1,500 to implement environmental curricula, such as PLT, that integrate hands-on ecology exercises into the classroom. To facilitate learning and student empowerment, environmental curricula should be holistic and strive to synthesize multiple levels of learning (facts, concepts, and principles), including experiential integrated learning and problem solving.

Visit the [Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation website](#) for more information and proposal submission details.

**Deadline: September 20, 2011**