

REAP Conservation Education Program 2008 Grants



A total of seven conservation education grants were awarded for the May 2008 grant round, with awards totaling \$182,095.

An approximate \$659,324 was leveraged through in cash and in-kind matches.

REAP CEP Grants

Mountain Lions! In Iowa--\$33,342
Friends of Hartman Reserve (REAP CEP #09-01)
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Project funded: May 2008

Hartman Reserve Nature Center will keep the traveling exhibit, *Mountain Lions! In Iowa*, until June 2010, and coordinate its travel to 12 nature centers around the state. The exhibit addresses the many myths about mountain lions and provides details about the natural history and ecology mountain lions.

Iowa Project WET Workshops--\$24,851
Iowa Academy of Science (REAP CEP #09-02)
Contact: Marcy Seavey; Cedar Falls
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Project funded: May 2008

The Iowa Academy of Science will provide environmental education workshops for 360 preservice and 20-30 inservice educators using Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) Curriculum and Activity Guide and additional Project WET resources.

Winter Solstice 2009: No Child Left Inside--\$19,082
Iowa Conservation Education Coalition (REAP CEP #09-03)
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Project funded: May 2008

Winter Solstice, to be held at Honey Creek Resort State Park, Lake Rathbun, January 23-25, 2009, will create and promote environmental education opportunities for Iowa educators. Richard Louv, author of *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder* and Connie Mutel, author of *The Emerald Horizon: The History of Nature in Iowa*, will be keynote speakers.

Green Arts Project--\$20,000
Metro Arts Alliance of Greater Des Moines (REAP CEP #09-04)
Contact: Tracy Levine, Des Moines
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Project funded: May 2008

The project will connect people of all ages to nature and build conservation awareness through the arts. Metro Arts Alliance of Greater Des Moines will work with 75-100 local artists and environmental professionals from partner organizations to develop arts-based conservation education programs for presentation at 60-100 central Iowa schools, community agencies, senior centers and other local venues. The project is expected to impact over 7,000-10,000 community members.

Community Reading and Environment Celebrations--\$17,515
University of Northern Iowa Center for Energy & Environmental Education (REAP CEP #09-05)
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Project funded: May 2008

UNI will spearhead three month-long "Reading and the Environment" Celebrations, working closely with partners in Muscatine, Dubuque and Cedar Falls. The project goals are to encourage the love of reading and the love of the natural world among citizens in these three communities.

Iowa Roadside Native Communities: Savanna--\$39,734
University of Northern Iowa Center for Energy & Environmental Education (REAP CEP #09-06)
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Project funded: May 2008

This project entails educating 48 teachers and naturalists about savannas during two weekend workshops in 2008-09. Partners include professionals from all Regents universities and seven organizations.

Fit Environment--\$27,571
Winneshiek County Conservation Board (REAP CEP #09-07)
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Project funded: May 2008

Fit Environment will provide resources to teach outdoor recreation to middle and high school physical education students. This allows science and PE teachers to connect children with nature while increasing knowledge and skills. This will be a model for how to get youth outside.