



Dear School Environmental Science Educators,

I am pleased to announce, on behalf of the membership of the WPPC, that we will once again be offering outdoor classroom grants for the benefit of environmental education to your school.

Our outdoor classroom grant program offers up to 400 prairie plants to each school. We encourage you to apply for other grants to provide for tools, equipment, and other expenses of your program. Please keep a log of all time spent on this program as many organizations will consider man-hours for matching grants. Our committee members are very experienced in gardening skills, restoration, and native plant lore and we are happy to provide assistance and guidance as necessary.

**Criteria for outdoor classroom grant submission:**

*Please submit to Nancy Gonsiorek; address below, **on or before December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008***

1. Photo(s) of site;
2. Drawing of planned outdoor classroom;
3. Brief report of past progress and future plans for continuity of the project, including plans for summer maintenance;
4. Request for plants by species (we reserve the right to substitute due to species availability);
5. Subsequent submission of progress within one year of receipt of grant (this could be in conjunction with a subsequent outdoor classroom grant submission);
6. It is our wish that students perform the bulk of the work, including planning, grant submission, and field work. It is our hope that these students will have the opportunity to present their work and purpose to the entire student body, to the community via open house events, and to your administrators/board of education to showcase your school.

A list of available plants is attached. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns. It is our pleasure to offer this program to you and your students.

Best Regards,

Nancy L. Gonsiorek

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