



SEEDS Today

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With the open of a new decade, SEEDS unfurls its newly sprouted leaves with this revamped edition of the SEEDS newsletter. Introducing SEEDS Today! Get your quarterly dose of the latest events, deadlines and highlights in all things SEEDS. You may have already seen our new SEEDS Chapter and Student Business notes as well. Be sure to keep a close eye on these messages as they contain very important SEEDS Business. Thanks for all of your support and ENJOY!

Fall 2010 SEEDS Field Trip call for applications (deadline June 15th)

Join us for our first ever field trip focused on *Traditional Ecological Knowledge and biocultural conservation and restoration*. This year's SEEDS Fall Field Trip will be held September 23rd – 26th (Thursday evening – Sunday morning) at the Adirondack Ecology Center (AEC) in Newcomb, New York – in the heart of the 6-million acre Adirondack Park. Apply today, apply [here](#).

- (1) Learn about the rich biological and cultural history of the Adirondack Mountains of northern New York, and the work of the AEC that underpins the management of the Adirondack Park as one of the world's foremost experiments in conservation and sustainability.
- (2) Examine role of long term ecological and traditional knowledge in contributing to a long-term environmental record of place, and what this means for biological and cultural conservation and restoration.

SEEDS CALLED INTO ACTION

by Jorge Ramos

News of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill has been in headlines for weeks now and the Ecological Society of America's Rapid Response Team has taken action! But they need SEEDS help. We are the future of ecology, and this is our time to shine and contribute meaningfully to the crisis at hand. If you live in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, or Texas and have done research or some survey near the coastal region of those affected states PRIOR to the spill, click [here](#) to learn how you can contribute.

SEEDSNet Highlights

The purpose of SEEDSNet is to connect outstanding young ecologists with revolutionary ideas that advance the ecology profession. As such, SEEDSNet has been a place for students to: (1) realize the potential of a network of young ecologists to make great change in ecology and the world, (2) provide a venue to host collaborative SEEDS projects, (3) provide a venue for SEEDS students to either seek or communicate ecology information and opportunities, (4) help advance SEEDS student careers. We invite you to view our growing library of ecology resource highlights (all student-led) which include: environmental policy, biocultural conservation, agroecology, and water

Approaching Deadlines:

SEEDS Fall Field Trip: Traditional Ecological Knowledge in Biocultural Conservation and Restoration

[Adirondacks, NY](#)

Application Deadline:

June 15, 2010

Chapter of the Year Nominations

[Celebrate your Chapter accomplishments!](#)

Application Deadline:

June 1, 2010

Chapter Reports

[Stay current and eligible for funds](#)

Report Deadline:

June 1, 2010

What's New Survey

[Win a solar charger and help SEEDS tell our story!](#)

Survey Deadline:

June 15, 2010

SEEDS Highlights:

NEW! SEEDS Chapters

Welcome!

[Florida Atlantic University](#)

[Arizona State University](#)

[UC Berkeley](#)

[Western Kentucky University](#)

[San Jose State University](#)

Click to visit their page and read their exciting plans for the upcoming year!

ecosystem services. www.esaseeds.ning.com. In addition, excellent forum discussion topics have been posted by SEEDS students on the topics of “multimedia and multidisciplinary approaches to cooling the planet” and a bilingual forum discussion on “case studies of sustainable agroecology from around the globe”. We hope you’ll come and share your voice!

Student and Alumni “what’s new” Survey

Please help us accurately tell the story of SEEDS! In a time when we are working hard to keep the SEEDS program going strong, it is critically important that we demonstrate to potential funders the meaning of the SEEDS program in the ecology and environmental fields. We hope you will please take 10 minutes to [complete our annual survey](#). We’d love to know what you’re doing and what impact SEEDS has had in your life. And *always* remember, we support you (your entire you) no matter what! As an additional incentive, you’ll be entered to win a solar charger and a host of other ESA merchandise. So far, we have only 47 responses out of the over 400 students that SEEDS has served directly. The deadline to complete the survey is June 15. But don’t wait; we would be so grateful for your response today.

SEEDS Chapter Highlights

The SEEDS Chapter network has grown to 63 Chapters including our five new Chapters highlighted in SEEDS Today, in addition to two high school Chapters at Wilcox High School and Redwood High School, both in California. National Chapter collaboration is at an all time high, launched by the 2010 National Coordinated BioBlitz Project (NCBP). Rapid biodiversity assessments (i.e. BioBlitzes) were run at nine SEEDS Chapters during the month of April. Congratulations to the Chapters receiving funding for their events: College of Menominee Nation, Florida Atlantic University, Iowa State University, Stanford University, University of Michigan, and University of Puerto Rico - Bayamon! Students at the University of North Carolina - Asheville, and University of Puerto Rico - Río Piedras and Universidad Metropolitana proved that the event can be hosted with their own campus resources. *“Each campus that gets involved increases the visibility of the national effort, gets more of the public directly involved in science and environmental stewardship, and increases the scientific power of our results,”* says NCBP coordinator Zack Brym. With just preliminary results from a third of the events, 500 observations were made by 30 survey team leaders and 200 citizen scientists. Stay tuned to our collaborator, Earth Trek, for a detailed analysis of the BioBlitz and more information about citizen science <http://www.goearthtrek.com/BioBlitz/BioBlitz.html>. It is not too early to start planning for next year's event. Just email go.bioblitz@gmail.com with your interest.

SEEDS Leadership Meeting

The fifth annual SEEDS Leadership Meeting was held Feb. 24-27 at Hidden Villa Ranch in CA with the theme: *“Action-Oriented Ecology.”* In true SEEDS’ spirit, participants shared stories behind their inspiration to take action in their ecology pursuits, and the clear diversity among these stories wove a strong web of support that encouraged rich thinking. Click [here](#) to learn more about SEEDS ecology in action. Also stay tuned for the student-written article about the leadership meeting, which will appear in the July ESA Bulletin.

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