

THE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC

AN AFFILIATE OF THE GENEVA LAKE FOUNDATION

THOMAS E. REYNOLDS, FOUNDER, 1980

Newsletter – Spring 2026

The Joys of Geneva Lake

A message from the President

When my husband George and I moved to Lake Geneva, we were focused on the joy of Geneva Lake. What we did not realize, and what I perhaps only came to understand when I joined the Foundation, was the magic of this community.

This spring, I would like to celebrate our new EEF partners and initiatives.

We are hosting our first teacher workshop this year and are so grateful for the invigorated support for EEF from our business community. **ClearWater Outdoors and Bio-Aquatic Services** are co-sponsors. Other businesses and organizations are stepping up to be teacher and student mentors and joining us for a networking session as well. **Holiday Home Camp** is another new partner – and the venue for the workshop.

Would these new business relationships be possible without **President Stephanie and her team at Visit Lake Geneva?** We are a new partner with VLG this year and are only starting to understand the value of this relationship!

We hope you will join us and support EEF and the future of our lake.

Many thanks and happy spring,



Dr. Carol Zimmermann
President
The Environmental Education
Foundation, Inc.



LGRW 2026
LAKE GENEVA RESTAURANT WEEK

April 18 to 26

EEF in Visit Lake Geneva Restaurant Week!

For the first time ever, The Environmental Education Foundation will be one of the charities in restaurant week!

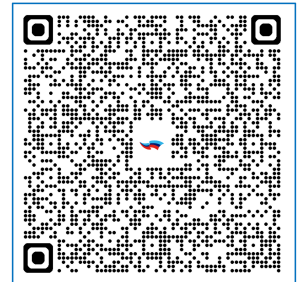
Thanks for the efforts of Jenny Grunow and her fundraising committee, we will be included in this year's voting.

Please eat out often - and tell your friends - to

VOTE for EEF!

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Go to [Visit Lake Geneva Restaurant Week 2026](#) – or use the QR code to see the participating restaurants.



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Local Water-focused Businesses are GENEVA LAKE HEROS!

ClearWater Outdoors and Bio-Aquatic Services are co-sponsoring the EEF “Freshwater Careers” workshop for teachers from Big Foot, Williams Bay, Fontana, and Badger!



Please support these businesses that are supporting the health of our Geneva Lake!

EEF Freshwater Careers Teacher Workshop

Our local school leadership teams identified the need for in-service training that provides students with possible fresh-water-based career paths.

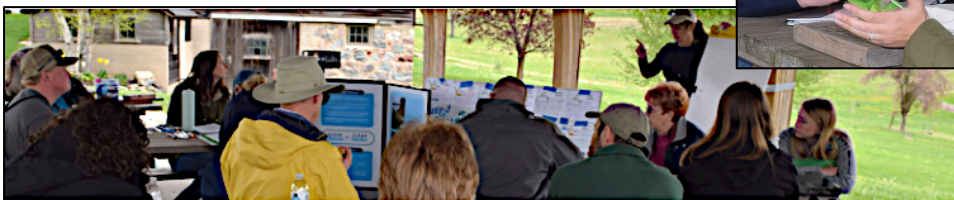
April 9, thanks to the support of our business sponsors, EEF will host the Wisconsin Freshwater Collaborative’s Freshwater Careers Workshop. We also thank our principals for providing staff support to allow these teachers to attend. Thanks to EEF directors Marty Pankau and Jenny Grunow for making this happen!

Mission of the Workshop:
“This workshop gives educators a clear overview of the wide range of freshwater careers connected to science, technology, policy, community engagement, environmental protection, and public health. The session provides simple tools and resources that help teachers explain these fields, outline training pathways, and support career exploration for students at any grade level.” Freshwater Collaborative

Giving Time and Talent to Help Keep our Best and Brightest in the Geneva Lake Area!

Local water-based businesses and organizations are joining EEF at our teacher workshop to become invaluable “human” resources for our teachers, their students, projects, and clubs.

- Please thank
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Bio-Aquatic Services LLC
ClearWater Outdoor
Mentors
Cardinal Engineering
Geneva Lake Environmental Agency
Walleyes for Tomorrow
Walworth County Health & Human Services
Walworth County Land Use



Spring Grants to Support Hands-On, Environmental Education

Jenny Heaton and her EEF Grant Committee are hard at work spring submissions from teachers and researchers to support their efforts to provide experiential learning for area students.

In the fall submissions, the Board awarded grants to Lisa Konkle to provide equipment for student research projects at Big Foot High School and to the Geneva Lake Environmental Association and Holiday Home Camp that fund student research experience on Geneva Lake.

Thanks to Dennis Hines and the Lake Geneva Regional News for the great coverage!



*Big Foot – EEF Grant Presentation to Lisa Konkle
Source: Lake Geneva Regional News
Pictured (from left) Jenny Heaton, EEF; Lisa Konkle, teacher; Jeremy Andersen, Principal; and Sydney Bender, new teacher and past EEF scholarship recipient*

EEF Scholarships Announced in May and Celebrated at the GLA Annual Meeting

Thanks to the efforts of our scholarship committee chairs, Skip Mosshamer and Ted Peters, and the amazing support of our local high school principals – Jeremy Andersen (Big Foot), Emily Soley-Johnson (Williams Bay), and Andrea Kaplan (Badger) and their teams, we had a terrific group of applicants.

Our founder **Thomas E. Reynolds’ legacy** will continue to support environmentally-focused students as we will award his endowment scholarship of **\$16,000**. We will also award another \$3,000 to three additional high school students as well as two undergraduate and two Cashman post-graduate awards to GL area students.

Shhhh... the announcements are a secret until the students are awarded at the high school’s honors assemblies and at the Geneva Lake Association’s annual meeting in August.

Valued Partners!

We opened with appreciation for new partners, but should end with thanks to steadfast supporters...

Geneva Lake Association (GLA)

Geneva Lake Environmental Agency (GLEA)

Lake Geneva Garden Club

Our founding family – the **Reynolds**

Our **individual donors**

Our **High School Leaders**

AND YOU!

Please support lake-focused education for our students and our community... by donating at eefscholars.org

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