

Building New England Connections

Building New England Connections (BNEC) will bring together teams of teachers using the watersheds and coastal environments of New England as a context for learning. Project Oceanology and Connecticut Sea Grant are providing this opportunity with funding from NOAA's Bay-Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Program.

What's in it for you?

- A 2-day professional development session where you will be immersed in a model research experience while sharing ideas and resources to facilitate the incorporation of estuarine and watershed concepts into your classroom curriculum.
- Resources for your classroom, including NOAA's Discovery Kit modules (Estuaries; Tides; Currents; Pollution), Investigating the Marine Environment CD ROM, and six online Watershed Lesson Modules
- Sharing experiences, educational strategies and curriculum with other education professionals

What's in it for your students and district?

- Two teachers and fifty (50) of their students will participate in a 2-day overnight research project of coastal and watershed environments including an oceanographic research cruise, laboratory and field studies (Max of 2 experiences per team).
- Incorporating estuarine and watershed concepts into your curriculum and aligning with state and national standards

Who?

- One team from each New England state will participate

When?

- The 2-day professional development session will be held on Friday and Saturday, November 6 & 7, 2009. In case of bad weather on Friday, the workshop will be moved to Saturday and Sunday. Experiences for student groups will be scheduled for the winter and spring of 2010.

Where?

- Project Oceanology in Groton, Connecticut. A state-of-the-art facility with science laboratories, meeting space, a cafeteria, research vessels, and overnight accommodations on site (hostel). For more information and images, visit www.oceanology.org

What you need to do:

- Form a team from your school (2 teachers and 1 supervisor or 3 teachers) and contact Diana Payne.

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