

# Idaho Environmental Education Association

## 30 Years of History & Accomplishments

- 1982 Founded at Caldwell, Idaho, by members of the Intermountain Environmental Education Training Team, the organization functions for 19 years as an all-volunteer group.
- 1984 The Idaho Society for Energy and Environmental Education (ISEEE) is formally incorporated with the State of Idaho
- 1990-1991 Initiates teacher scholarships and excellence awards for environmental education; supports workshops for youth and teachers; initiates annual conferences; hosts Intermountain EE Leadership Conference in Sun Valley
- 1996 ISEEE becomes the Idaho affiliate organization of the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE)
- 1997 Drafts first strategic plan
- 2000 Internal Revenue Service determines the Idaho Society for Energy and Environmental Education is a 501©3 nonprofit organization
- 2001 Hires first executive director
- 2001 ISEEE legally assumes a new business name – Idaho Environmental Education Association (IdEEA)
- 2001 Hosts first Idaho Conservation Education Summit (now Idaho Environmental Education Conference). Between 2007 and 2011 the conference serves 500 educators directly (37% formal, 51% nonformal, 12% students). Estimates of secondary conference impacts start at an additional 135,000 students, parents and teachers and go up.
- 2001-2005 Participates in the Columbia Basin Initiative which develops teams providing professional development on honoring diversity and improving cultural competency to the environmental educators of their regions. Leadership summit held in 2003; bus tour of entire Columbia River Basin held in 2005.
- 2001-2007 Establishes the *Greater Yellowstone EIC School Network*, to demonstrate model EE schools using The Environment as the Integrating Context (EIC) Model™ for learning. Enrolls over 1,700 students of which 21% are ethnic minorities. Trains, supports, and evaluates 12 Idaho schools in The EIC Model. Exports network model to Montana and Wyoming. Funded by \$160,000 Turner Foundation Grant .
- 2004-2005 Under contract with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, IdEEA reviews, updates, and revises *Adopt-a-SNOTEL Site Teacher's Guide* curriculum which looks at snow pack, snow surveying, and water supply prediction. Correlates lessons to state and national educational standards and designs, tests and delivers a series of teacher workshops.
- 2006 Coordinates Idaho's involvement in the NAAEE's *National Project for Excellence in Environmental Education*
- 2006 Receives \$14,530 US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant to conduct a statewide EE needs assessment, provide leadership development about IdEEA's place in the larger environmental education establishment, implement a community relations system, and write a strategic plan.
- 2006 Receives NAAEE's Outstanding Affiliate Organization Award given annually to recognize the importance, vitality, and accomplishments of EE associations affiliated with NAAEE which demonstrate substantial accomplishments.
- 2009 IdEEA hosts environmental literacy strategic planning meeting
- 2010-2011 Secures \$33,000 in EPA funds to spearhead development of Idaho's first environmental literacy plan (ELP), completed in June 2011. Leads creation of the Idaho Environmental Literacy Coalition, tasked to build continued support for and facilitate approval and implementation of the Idaho ELP.