



**Environmental Youth Experience - Desert EYE for Leaders Conference**  
Saturday, November 15, 2008 at the UCR - Palm Desert Campus • 9am - 3pm

## Attention Faculty Members!

The CREEC Network invites you to participate in the  
**Environmental Youth Experience**  
and its kickoff event, the  
**Desert EYE for Leaders Conference!**  
Conference held at the UCR-Palm Desert Campus on Saturday, November 15, 2008

*3 great reasons to participate in the Environmental Youth Experience:*

### What did they say after last year's Environmental Youth Experience?

"After EcoClub students made their presentation and posted photos from their project in rooms around campus, the EcoClub membership went from 8 members in 2007 to 83 members in the 2008/09 school year. After 18 years of teaching I've discovered that the very students I wanted to inspire are inspiring me!" – *Lorie Suntree, Educator, Moreno Valley High School*

"It is awesome to be able to empower the youth by valuing their innovative ideas to address problems within their community, and by offering, through professionals, the resources and skills that they need to discover solutions to those problems." – *KD Fleming, Conservation Biologist, UCR-Palm Desert*

"After listening to high school students present their award-winning projects I was both inspired and reminded that motivated students can be powerful advocates for environmental change, not only for their peers, but for adults who have forgotten the energy and commitment young people bring to causes they believe in." – *Caroline Conway, Outreach Coordinator, The Wildlands Conservancy*

"This is a unique project that puts power and education directly into student hands. Through creating and implementing environmental service learning projects, students develop life skills such as creative problem-solving, cooperation and making conscious choices. The EYE prepares students to become strong leaders, and we as their mentors get to watch them light the way for generations to come." – *Jen Futterman, CA Regional Environmental Education Community (CREEC) Coordinator, Desert Region*

- 1 Students will gain leadership skills and an awareness of local and global environmental issues!
- 2 Student groups will create and implement an environmental service learning project in their community! Mini grants available for project startup!
- 3 Students will make presentations about their service learning projects at a Spring Reunion at the Wildlands Conservancy's Whitewater Preserve!

Students  
earn  
service hours!

Teachers  
earn continuing  
education units!

**Please contact your Desert E.Y.E. representative with any questions:**

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