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Annual Conference of the North American Association for Environmental Education to be Held in Albuquerque

(ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico) — Experts from around the world will gather in New Mexico to share the latest environmental education professional practices and ideas at the 34th Annual Conference of the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) from October 25-29, 2005 in Albuquerque.

The event titled, "Sustainability and Environmental Education: Focus on the Future," will bring leading environmental education researchers and practitioners together to examine the implications and impacts that environmental education can have in terms of our society, environment, economy, and global responsibilities and perspectives.

"A significant part of this year's presentations will be tailored to special audiences including Spanish-language speakers, K-12 teachers, and environmental education researchers, said NAAEE President Joe Baust. "In addition, one-day workshops, special events and guided field trips will be offered to help conference attendees get acquainted with the heritage of the state."

The conference was developed in association with the Environmental Education Association of New Mexico (EEANM). Organizations that assisted with the planning and implementation of the conference include, the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer, New Mexico Game & Fish Department, New Mexico State Parks, and others.

The New Mexico Office of the State Engineer's Water Use and Conservation Bureau is a member of the EEANM. The bureau, which houses the Office of the State Engineer's Water Conservation Program, is responsible for all Office of the State Engineer business relative to water use and conservation planning efforts, public outreach and education efforts, and policy development for both urban and agricultural conservation.

"The Water Use and Conservation Bureau's staff had a pivotal role in bringing this conference to New Mexico," said Water Use and Conservation Bureau Chief John Longworth. "Everyday the bureau works hard to increase the awareness of the environmental, social, and economic sustainability of water and we are pleased to be able to showcase the innovative water conservation education programs that are being developed in the state at the conference."

To register for the conference or obtain additional information, please visit the NAAEE website at www.naaee.org.

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