

### **Workshop Objectives**

- Develop a basic understanding of what energy is, how it is transformed and used to make our lives easier, and the environmental impacts of our energy consumption.
- Learn about energy efficiency and conservation at home, empowering students to bring this information home to their families.
- Illustrate methods to integrate energy education into lesson plans, using the NEF materials.
- Become familiar with the services offered by NYSERDA.

### **Agenda (6 Hours)**

#### **Welcome**

This agenda includes a number of lessons we have selected to share with you today. We will discuss all of them and spend as much time as possible completing the hands-on activities. Should you have questions on any activities we were unable to complete during the workshop, please contact the National Education Foundation at 1-800-616-8326 from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm EST. NEF's curriculum specialists can answer any questions you have. We also encourage you to explore the materials on your own and determine which lessons may be appropriate for your students. At the end of the day, we will discuss ways you can integrate these materials into your existing curriculum.

#### **Introduction**

Energy Literacy PowerPoint. Note that the entire presentation is on our website to download or review at your convenience. Go to [www.GetEnergySmart.org](http://www.GetEnergySmart.org) and click on 'Energy Education.' Select 'Workshops,' and then select 'Workshop Presentations.'

**Framing the Day** - The workshop is divided into four major areas:

- **Group 1: Energy Basics – Uses & Applications**
  - What is energy? What do we use it for? What is electricity? Kinetic vs. potential
- **Group 2: Energy Sources**
  - Renewable vs. non-renewable, energy limits, energy transformation
- **Group 3: Energy and Our Environment**
  - Environmental advantages/disadvantages of each energy source
  - Climate change, Recycling, Anti-idling
- **Group 4: Energy Efficiency & Conservation**
  - Why is it important to save? How can we conserve at home and at school?

#### **Introducing the Materials**

- This is not a whole curriculum.
- These energy lessons are learning activities that can be used to teach not only Science, but Technology, English/Language Arts, Math, Global Studies, Art, Music, Health – every discipline.
- Curriculum Map – some activities are better suited for certain grades but can be modified for use with all grades. If a district wants to teach energy at all grade levels, this is the 'road map.' It is posted on our website with the correlations.
- Every lesson relates to one or more of the NYS Learning Standards in these subject areas: Math, Science, Technology, English/Language Arts, Global Studies, and Family & Consumer Science.

#### **Group 1 -- Energy Basics – Uses & Applications**

- Why it is important for everyone (in the world) to know the basics of energy and how we use (or misuse) energy?
  - "Get Your Ticket" – pg. 23
  - Energy Mobile – on CD
  - Energy Words – pg. 19
  - "A Bright Idea" – pg. 45
  - "Food Chains" – pg. 49
- Forms of Energy – distinguish between kinetic and potential. Reference Energy Information Administration website: <http://www.eia.doe.gov/kids/energyfacts/science/formsofenergy.html>

## Group 2 -- Energy Sources

- Saving energy is part technology and part behavioral change, and that is why we teach both.
  - ☑ "Sources of Energy" – pg. 7
  - ☑ "Stuffed Suns" – pg. 5
  - ☑ "Water – How Does It Flow?" -- activity from Renewable Energy Sources poster
  - ☑ "Pinwheel Activity" – on CD
  - ☑ "Select a Site" – pg. 61
  - ☑ "Pass the Sack" – pg. 69

## Group 3 -- Energy and Our Environment

- What are the differences between renewable and non-renewable energy, kinetic vs. potential energy, energy limits and energy transformations? Why do people need to know about this energy information?
  - ☑ Recycle Mania – talking about "garbage"
- Great websites:
  - Environmental, Monitoring, Evaluation, and Protection (EMEP) – NYSERDA R&D: [http://www.nyserda.org/Programs/Environment/EMEP/teachers\\_&\\_students.asp](http://www.nyserda.org/Programs/Environment/EMEP/teachers_&_students.asp)
  - Clean School Bus Program – US EPA – open up to website: (<http://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/>) Teachers can order free supplies.
  - Extension activities: <http://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/antiidling.htm#irk>

## Group 4 -- Energy Efficiency & Conservation

- What are the advantages and disadvantages of each energy source? What are the environmental impacts of climate change, recycling, vehicle idling?
  - ☑ "Eagle Eye – The Energy Waste Spotter" – pg. 91
  - ☑ "Cool Colors" – pg. 87
  - ☑ The Energy Action Challenge

## Pulling It All Together

- How can you integrate some or all of these activities into your classroom?
- What ideas do you have to collaborate with another teacher/department in your school to teach energy education?
- How can you inspire your students to make behavioral changes at home and at school?

## We Offer Incentive and Competition Opportunities

- Igniting Creative Energy (ICE) – national K-12 student competition, sponsored by NEF
- \$500 mini-grants for teachers (Visit our website [www.GetEnergySmart.org](http://www.GetEnergySmart.org) for details and deadlines.)

## Final Housekeeping Issues

- Survey, sign out, professional development certificate, explain sub stipend process (if necessary)
- Order copies of Take Home piece

**Please become an Energy Ambassador! Tell others about what you learned here today.  
Recommend to others that they attend Energy Smart Students workshops.**

[www.GetEnergySmart.org](http://www.GetEnergySmart.org)    [info@nyess.org](mailto:info@nyess.org)    1-877-NY-SMART – Option 6