



After School Announcements

Bringing together those who serve Maine youth

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Dear Readers,

Well, January flew by and February is flying too, so here is a double issue to keep you furnished with the details of upcoming opportunities and events.

The Maine AfterSchool Network sent a team of 6 to this year's gathering of statewide afterschool networks, from January 24-27 in Weston, Florida. This annual event is organized by the Mott Foundation, which encourages all 39 of its Mott-supported networks to attend for networking and updating and capacity-building activities. Inspirational keynotes and informational workshops impart the latest policy developments, technical innovations, and programmatic achievements nationally. It is a very full conference, but worth the time and effort (and the location didn't hurt!). Those Network members who traveled included Rita Fullerton, Shelley Reed, Karen Hatch Gagne, Cyndy Stancioff and Deb Chase. We all returned with a heightened sense of the key role that quality afterschool can play in educational reform efforts, as we focus more and more on meeting youth where they are, in the effort to bring relevance and accessibility to their learning opportunities.

Deb & Cyndy

Events and Trainings

Attention – Nominations requested! Know a girl who rocks? That's a silly question. Of course you do! Nominate her by the Feb. 18 deadline to be recognized at the 3rd Annual Girls Rock! Awards Recognition Ceremony on April 8 at: <https://hghw.wufoo.com/forms/girls-rock/> For more info see below!

Feb 23- 26 - "Beyond School Hours: Expanding Foundations for Learning across the Day," Hyatt Regency, Atlanta, Georgia. Popular annual education conference organized by Foundations, Inc. Site Visits, Keynote Al Roker, conference strands on engaging older youth, quality building, collaboration, others. For more info and/or registration, [click here](#).

March 8 – Maine AfterSchool Network quarterly meeting – 9:30a.m.–2:00p.m. Cohen-on-the-Meadows, Hallowell. Networking, updates, news, policy, planning of Youth Development Summer Institute; lunch. Free and open to all. Contact: Cynthia.stancioff@maine.edu.

March 8-9 – Phase 2 of Transition Counselor Institute – Meeting the needs of youth from military families. Wyndham Portland Airport Hotel, 363 Maine Mall Road, South Portland. Pre-requisite – Phase 1 TCI. 8:30-4:00. Free. Call Lauri Troutman, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, at 438-2114.

March 8-10 – "AMP UP!" Middle School Afterschool Conference – Bahia Resort Hotel, San Diego. Dozens of workshops specifically about middle school afterschool; much youth involvement. \$345 <http://www.ampupafterschool.org/>

March 19 – "Picturing America" Training - 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Lewiston. Sponsored by the Maine Humanities Council. One-day program for educators of children ages 0 - 18 offers innovative ways to use visual images from Picturing America and Maine's local art collections to teach critical thinking skills, visual and verbal literacy and American culture. \$25. Click on www.mainehumanities.org or [Martina Duncan](mailto:Martina.Duncan) or call 207-773-5051.

April 8 -10 -13th Annual Girls Unlimited Conference, "Powered by Girl." Sponsored by the Waterville-based but statewide Hardy Girls Healthy Women organization. For more info call 861-8131 or e-mail info@hghw.org. Here's the run-down of the weekend (next page please):

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(Powered by Girl, cont'd.)

Friday, April 8: Hundreds of girls come together at Colby College to learn about leadership, media literacy, social activism, and careers in science, technology, engineering, and math. 8:30 am-1:00pm. Diamond Building, Colby College. Free.

April 8, evening: 3rd Annual Girls Rock! Awards Ceremony - Girls and community members are invited to attend the 3rd Annual Girls Rock! Awards Recognition Ceremony, where girls who have made Maine a better place for all girls to grow will be awarded and recognized. (note request for nominations, above)

Saturday, April 9- That Takes Ovaries!, a theatrical series of monologues celebrating girls' acts of bravery in Portland. 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. One Longfellow Square, Portland. \$5 adults, free for kids.

Sunday, April 10- 4th Annual Poetry Mash-up and Open Mic for girls who want to share their creative works – essays, poems, or songs – in front of a community audience in Bangor. 12:00 – 1:30. Location to be announced. Visit the Hardy Girls Healthy Women website at <http://www.hardygirlshealthywomen.org/>

April 16-18: National AfterSchool Association Annual Convention, Gaylord Palms Resort, Orlando, Florida. Professional development for afterschool professionals. Special focus on STEM and Global Learning in afterschool; plenary by Bill Nye the Science Guy; site visits, workshops, middle school science fair. Click on <http://www.naaweb.org/?contentID=575> .

April 27–30 - BOOST (Best in Out-of-School-Time) Conference – Palm Springs Convention Center, Palm Springs, CA. “Refining Leadership in Out-of-School Time. \$425. FMI and registration: <http://www.boostconference.org/> .

May 14 – Save the Date! Great Fun for Outing Clubs: A Teens-to-Trails fundraiser held at Bradbury Mountain State Park, teams of 2-3 teen racers follow clues using maps & compasses to find checkpoints & score points. Great prizes! Have fun & support a good cause. Details coming soon!
Read about Adventure Race 2010 at <http://t3race.com/>

Grants

Gannett Community Action Grants - Provides funds for grass-roots educational programs such as after school tutorial programs, at-risk youth programs; and services for special populations that include homeless children, families in crisis, poor/ill elderly. **Funder:** The Gannett Foundation. **Eligibility:** Nonprofits in Bangor (WLBZ-TV Channel 2) area and the Portland (WCSH-TV Channel 6) area. **Deadline:** Feb. 16, 2011. **Awards:** Multiple grants ranging between \$1,000 and \$5,000 each. **Contact:** www.gannettfoundation.org .

TJX Program Grants: Education grants fund programs that provide academic and vocational opportunities for the disadvantaged, including early-intervention, mentoring, tutoring, GED, English as a Second Language and college coursework. **Funder:** TJX Foundation. **Eligibility:** Potential applicants, which include nonprofits, are asked to fill out the foundation's eligibility questionnaire at: <http://tinyurl.com/276kq28> **Awards:** The foundation's goal is to support as many nonprofits as possible within a fiscal year (1,900 nonprofits were supported in 2009). **Deadline:** Feb. 24, June 23, Oct. 20. **Contact:** http://www.tjx.com/corporate_community_foundation.asp.

National Igniting Creative Energy Challenge - an educational competition designed to encourage students to learn more about energy conservation and the environment. **Funder:** Johnson Controls and the National Energy Foundation. **Eligibility:** students Grades K-12 **Deadline:** March 4 **Awards:** Ave. \$1,000. **Contact:** <http://www.ignitingcreativeenergy.org/>

Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge - Encourages students from grades K-12 to team up with their classmates to create replicable solutions to environmental issues in their schools (grades K-5), community (grades 6-8) and world (grades 9- 12). **Funder:** The Siemens Foundation, Discovery Education and the National Science Teachers Association. **Eligibility:** Students enrolled in grades K-12 at a public, private, parochial or home school. **Deadline:** March 15, 2011. **Awards:** Varies according to grade level in the form of savings bonds, school grants and trips and merchandise **Contact:** www.wecanchange.com/.

Target Local Store Grants – Early Childhood Reading; Field Trips. **Funding Focus:** Children, arts, literacy, education. **Eligibility:** 501 (c)(3) nonprofits, schools, libraries and public agencies. **Awards:** \$2,000 grants. **Deadlines:** Applications accepted March 1 to April 30 for Arts and Early Childhood Reading proposals and Aug. 1 to Sept. 30 for Field Trips applications. **Contact:** The website for the grants program offers a help frequently asked questions section at: <http://tinyurl.com/24h3949>. E-mail questions to Community.Relations@target.com.

NEA Challenge America Fast-Track Grants (CFDA Number: 45.024) (Funding Opportunity Number: 2011NEA01CAFT). **Funder:** Nat'l Endowment for the Arts (NEA) **Eligibility:** Governments, institutions of higher education and nonprofits. **Awards:** \$10,000 each, number varies (all grants require a nonfederal match of at least 1-to-1). **Deadline:** May 26. **Contact:** www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP12/Challenge.html.

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Network Goals:

- 1. Foster statewide, regional, and local partnerships through clear communication among policymakers and providers, in order to coordinate services across the state.*
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Grants, cont.d

Student/Newspaper Partnership Grant Program - The NAA Foundation encourages middle and high schools to partner with professional newspapers in their communities and seek funding to start, re-launch or revitalize student newspapers, whether online or in print. You can see last year's winners at: <http://tinyurl.com/cdpubs-158>. **Funder:** Newspaper Assn. of America Foundation's (NAAF) **Awards:** Partnerships may receive up to \$5,000 in the first year of funding, followed by decreasing support in years two to four. **Eligibility:** K-12 schools and institutions of higher education, nonprofits. **Deadline:** April 15 **Contact:** <http://tinyurl.com/cdpubs-157> or www.naafoundation.org, NAA Foundation, 4401 Wilson Blvd., Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22203 or 571 366-1010.

ThinkQuest competition – funding for student teams to develop creative Web sites focused on topic categories. Students work in teams to build creative and educational Web sites that explore globally relevant subjects. **Funder:** Oracle Foundation. **Eligibility:** Schools & nonprofits. **Awards:** Schools up to \$5,000 awards; team grants range up to \$5,000 in technology, equipment. **Deadline:** April 27. **Contact:** www.thinkquest.org/competition/index.html

Cabot corporate giving programs - to support science and technology education, safety, health and environment, as well as community and civic improvement efforts. **Funder:** Cabot Corporation. **Eligibility:** Nonprofits; **Awards:** The number and size of the awards vary, the giving effort distributed almost \$1 billion in grants last year. **Deadline:** Funding decisions are made **four times a year**—January, April, July & October—by the Cabot Foundation Board of Directors. **Info:** Jane Bell, executive director, Cabot Corporate Giving, Two Seaport Lane, Suite 1300, Boston, MA 02210. Phone: 617-342-6105 Fax: 617-342-6320 or the Web site at www.cabot-corp.com/About-Cabot/Corporate-Giving.

Hope through Education social investment grants - to advance, enhance and extend education at all levels. Supports education related programs and initiatives through community investments and program sponsorships. **Funder:** Lenovo Corp. **Eligibility:** Nonprofits **Awards:** Awards vary; Lenovo donates equipment, provides cash contributions and lends their expertise to schools and related organizations. **Deadline:** Rolling. **Contact:** www.pc.ibm.com/ww/lenovo/about/sustainability.

PepsiCo Program Grants: Education, community development, health and minorities. **Funder:** PepsiCo Foundation. **Eligibility:** Schools and nonprofits. **Awards:** Up to \$100,000; the number of awards vary. **Deadline:** Rolling. (Grant requests in excess of \$100,000 are reviewed twice a year (May and November) by the PepsiCo Foundation's board of directors.) **Contact:** www.pepsico.com/PEP_Citizenship/Contributions/GrantGuidelines/index.cfm

Miscellaneous

Attention all Tweeters! Here is a list we obtained at the National Networks meeting, of groups you can follow on Twitter that post afterschool-related items: @after_school, @summerlearning, @Think_Together, @Lena_at_FH, @artSTEM, @ASASafterschool, @cisnational, @cschools, @susannesparks, @CalSAC, @pfcay, @teamboost, @SNBCtweets, @fivepromises, @BGCA_Programs, @SciAfterSchool, @4H.

U Maine Cooperative Extension 4-H announces the availability of the **Lobster Diver mini-game**, which addresses number line properties and uses. One of the Math Snacks series, relate to the core mathematics concepts that students should know and be able to do in grades 6, 7 and 8. The availability of Snacks on the iPhone and iPad, makes it possible for students to enjoy the games and animations during non-school time as well as in class. For more information visit www.umaine.edu/4h/youth/fun-stuff/ or contact Kristy Ouellette at kristy.ouellette@maine.edu.

VOTE in the Bangor Savings Bank Community Matters More Campaign! Online voting ends March 7 at 11:59 p.m. One ballot per voter, but vote for up to 3 Maine non-profits. Write-ins are allowed. See [write-in guidelines](#). A total of 68 grants will be awarded to the organizations listed on the ballot and to the top 20 write-in vote recipients (at least two write-ins per region). The top vote-getting organizations in each region (including write-ins) will receive \$5,000 each. The remaining 60 organizations will receive \$1,000 each. **Please note that Riverview Foundation is running as a write in from the Greater Portland area.**

New U.S. Department of Education Grant Solicitations Will Include Military Priority! For the first time ever, the DoEd will award grants based on how well applicants deliver services to the K-12 school-age dependents of military families who live within their jurisdictions. This priority will be written into forthcoming grant solicitations for some of DoEd's discretionary competitions, as part of President Obama's new push to provide more support to servicemembers and their families. If you anticipate applying for federal DoEd funds in the future and would like information on targeting or emphasizing military children and their families in Maine communities, contact Karen Hatch Gagne of Operation Military Kids, at the UMaine Coop. Extension 4-H office in Augusta, 622-7546; or Hannah McCarthy, School Liaison Officer at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard at 438-2466 or 239-0858.

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