



INVITATION TO JOIN THE NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE COALITION

We would like to invite your organization to become a member of the No Child Left Inside Coalition (www.NCLICoalition.org). By joining this rapidly growing Coalition, you will be partnering with more than 1,300 other groups focused on the environment, education, public health and outdoor recreation, as well as many businesses and faith-based groups. We have member organizations in every state, representing well over 50 million people.

The NCLI Coalition believes we have to do more to get young people engaged with their natural world. We can help do that by providing new support for schools to offer high-quality environmental lessons that will get young people outside to learn and explore.

Research has shown that environmental education:

- **Has a positive impact on student achievement in core subjects:** When integrated into the core curricula or used as an integrating theme across the curriculum, environmental education has a measurably positive impact not only on student achievement in science but also in reading, math and social studies.
- **Helps improve children's health:** Field experiences and related programs as part of the regular school curriculum contribute to healthy lifestyles through outdoor recreation and sound nutrition. Getting kids outdoors to exercise, play and experience their natural world helps to prevent obesity, alleviate attention deficit disorder and address other health problems.
- **Provides important tools for a 21st Century workforce.** We'll be passing on complicated environmental problems to future generations. We must give the next generation a solid understanding of these problems and the basic tools to overcome them and make informed choices in their own lives. Business leaders increasingly believe that a workforce knowledgeable about the environment is critical to their long-term success.

The Coalition is working to pass the No Child Left Inside Act, which would:

- **Provide federal funding to states to train teachers** in environmental education and to operate model environmental education programs, which include outdoor learning.
- **Provide funding to states that create environmental literacy plans** to ensure that high school graduates are environmentally literate.
- **Provide funding through an environmental education grant program** to support the best programs.

Becoming a member of the NCLI Coalition is easy. To join:

- Please fill out the online form which will only take a few minutes to complete.

Here is the form link:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=jRAyPWHwIIPEBTn_2f_2bnZlBw_3d_3d

The survey asks you to provide contact information for your organization, the name of a contact person, the number of people your organization represents. It also asks you to identify which category your organization falls in.

Once your organization joins we will add its name to our list of member organizations and keep you informed about the Coalition's activities.

We hope you will join the Coalition and add your voice to the many others who believe it is time to do more to teach young people about the environment

Thank you.

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