

CONSERVATION CORNER

WEWAC-Water Education/Water Awareness Committee



Did you know that the City of La Verne participates in a regional organization to promote the efficient use of water? The Water Education/Water Awareness Committee has multiple programs throughout the year geared towards educating students, their families and teachers about water efficiency. WEWAC programs include Edu Grant, a Media Contest, WEWAC Water Scholar Program and Project Wet. With the ever growing strain on our regional water supplies due to the extreme drought, organizations like this are becoming key to educating our youth on the importance of water conservation.

Edu Grant is an opportunity for teachers to obtain funds to be used in the classroom for water education. Some projects in the past have included school gardens, water journals for students to track their water usage and field trips to local facilities where water treatment and distribution is occurring. The Media Contest asks junior high and high school students to develop a broadcast media or digital art piece relating to water conservation. In turn, winners are chosen to receive money for their schools. The newest program is the WEWAC Water Scholar Program, which requests that qualifying students write an essay describing the importance of a clean water supply, from their perspective. A limited number of winners are chosen and awarded \$500 to the educational institution of their choice. Lastly, on October 28th, the committee hosted the 2014 Project Wet, a workshop that educates teachers on how to teach students about water efficiency. The workshop included thirty teachers from many schools within the region.

If you, a family member or teacher is interested in learning more about WEWAC programs, please visit our website at www.usewaterwisely.com.

