

## **Pheasants Forever project recognized for excellence**

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Exploring the Outdoors with Aldo Leopold received first place in the Interpretive Curriculum category in the 2010 National Association for Interpretation Media Competition. The Interpretive Media Competition promotes excellence in the delivery of natural, cultural and historical interpretive services.

Leopold Education Project is an environmental education program based on the classic writings of the renowned conservationist, Aldo Leopold. Exploring the Outdoors with Aldo Leopold was a three-year curriculum project that debuted in the summer of 2009, made possible with a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Since then, many interpreters, educators and Pheasants Forever chapter leaders have been using the curriculum to get youth and families connected to the outdoors.

“Hats off to all Leopold Education Project supporters for their passion to connect others to the past and the natural wonders that surround us all,” said Janine Kohn, National Education Specialist with Pheasants Forever and National Coordinator for the organization’s Leopold Education Project.

Leopold’s objective was to “teach the students to see the land, understand what he sees and enjoy what he understands,” and that’s exactly the philosophy that went into the creation of the award-winning curriculum Exploring the Outdoors with Aldo Leopold.

The National Association for Interpretation (NAI) is a 501c3 not-for-profit professional organization dedicated to advancing the profession of natural heritage interpretation serving members in the United States, Canada and throughout 30 other nations. Pheasants Forever’s Leopold Education Project has been a member of the NAI for the past 13 years.

“We thank NAI for this award and will continue to support the efforts of all interpreters in their quest to connect the public with history, nature and their communities,” Kohn said.

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For more information on Pheasants Forever's Leopold Education Project visit <http://PF.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT0xMTgwMTk2JnA9MSZ1PTEwMjQ2OTQ2MDAmbGk9NDkxNTQwNw/index>, contact

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