To: Teachers of science in Bellaire, Central Lake, Kalkaska, and Mancelona School Districts.   
  
From: Three Lakes Association Steven Laurenz, Education Committee Chair   
  
Re: Notification of the Science Education Outreach Program (SEOP) Grant application period for the 2023-2024 school year  
  
Dear Science Teacher,   
The Three Lakes Association is excited to announce our Science Education and Outreach Grants once again. These grants will support science and nature experiences in the 2023/2024 school year that get students interacting with the natural world and live human beings (not recordings), such as field trips, outdoor activities, and visits with experts. This grant can fund fees, equipment, or transportation to make these experiences possible.   
The grant application will open on March 1, 2023 and runs until April 15th, 2023. The SEOP Grant allows you to provide science students with an enhanced environmental science experience. Previous grants have been approved for field trips to the Grass River Natural Area, Sleeping Bear Dunes, fish hatcheries, the AuSable Institute, the Great Lakes Children’s Museum, plus. (A “not all encompassing” list of ideas with access links is available on the website, <https://www.3lakes.com/#> under Education Programs / SEOP. Get creative, we want to help spark enthusiasm for our lakes and waters.) Another possible grant opportunity, not through TLA, to help cover the transportation costs is: <https://www.michiganplt.org/home>  
  
Link to the Fall 2022 newsletter with articles on the SEOP program:  
<https://www.3lakes.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/TLA-Newsletter-Oct-2022-sm.pdf>

Three Lakes Association is proud to offer this opportunity to all science teachers in the districts bordering our three lakes. We require that participating teachers report to our organization once during the school year and again at the end of the school year to tell us about the grant's experience. Suggested ways of reporting are included on the website. If you are not familiar with this program, please feel free to contact me directly and/or check out the information on our website.   
  
The grant application and instructions are posted on the Three Lakes Association (3lakes.com) website at: <https://www.3lakes.com/seop-grants-overview/> Please apply online at: <https://www.3lakes.com/seop-grant-application/> or follow the links on the website under Education Programs, where you will find information on the SEOP program and access the grant application and feedback agreement.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.   
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The Three Lakes Association Internship Program is a program focused on high school experiences for a limited number of students who wish to dig deeper into the science of the waters. It is a 6 week program starting in mid June, which requires a commitment of approximately one day per week, six hours each of those days. A $500 stipend is given to those who complete the program.   
The 2021 program included <https://www.3lakes.com/projects/summer-intern-reports/>.   
The 2022 program was featured in the Fall 2022 newsletter:   
<https://www.3lakes.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/TLA-Newsletter-Oct-2022-sm.pdf>  
Please share the intern program information with the high school educators in your school district. For more details on the internship program do not hesitate to contact me. It is an excellent opportunity!!