

Nebraska Alliance for Conservation & Environment Education **2009 Annual Conference**

May 28, 2009

Pre-Conference Workshop
Environmental Education Guidelines Training

May 29-30, 2009

Annual Conference
Location, Location, Location:
Exploring Nature in Your Neighborhood

Holiday Inn Convention Center
Kearney, Nebraska

Join the Nebraska Alliance for Conservation and Environment Education in Kearney, Nebraska as we explore all service learning has to offer and Nebraska's amazing natural history. The 2009 NACEE Conference is sure to inspire you with new environmental education resources, programs and events, concurrent sessions, field trips, and round-table discussions.

Come. Explore Nature. Be inspired!



For more information, visit www.nacee.org

Conference Schedule

Thursday, May 28th

- 1:00 – 5:00 EE Guidelines Training
5:00 – 7:00 Annual Conference Registration
5:00 – 7:00 Welcome Reception with hors d'oeuvres

Friday, May 29th

- 8:00 – 9:00 Registration
9:00 – 9:30 Welcome, NACEE Update
9:30 – 10:30 Keynote

Service Learning: Theory and Projects in Nebraska
Cristine Braddy, UNK Office for Service Learning

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 11:45 Concurrent Sessions

Strand A: How Did the Dryland River Walk Get Its Name?

Kim Humphrey, Kearney Public Schools

Strand B: Nebraska Master Naturalist Program

Annabel Major, University of Nebraska – Lincoln

11:45 – 12:00 Break

12:00 – 2:00 Lunch & Round-table Presentation

Mimi Wickless, Lincoln Healthy Families Play Outside

Christine Jacobsen, MORE Nature

Anne James, Children & Nature in Our Parks

Tim Montgomery, Great Park Pursuit

2:00 – 2:30 Break & Gather for Field Trips

2:30 – 5:30 Field Trips

Cottonmill Lake Experience:

Explore the lake through a variety of activities including water chemistry testing, collection & identification of aquatic insects and learn about the fish by going fishing! Please wear old clothes & shoes but bring something to change into for dinner. Also, if you'd like to fish you will need a 2009 fishing license. Materials for all activities will be provided.

Natural Play Space Tour:

Visit local schools and daycare facilities which have natural play spaces and outdoor areas for children to play and explore. If time allows they will then visit Rowe Sanctuary prior to meeting for dinner to take a hike and explore the grounds at this nature center.

6:00 – 9:00 Dinner & Presentation

Iain Nicolson Audubon Center at Rowe Sanctuary

Keanna Leonard, Rowe Sanctuary

Saturday, May 30th

8:00 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 10:00 Keynote

Restoring a Prairie Riverine System: The Central Platte Challenge

Kenny Dinan, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Nebraska Partners for

Fish & Wildlife Program Coordinator

10:00 – 10:15 Break

10:15 – 11:00 Concurrent Sessions

Strand A: Invading the Classroom

Sharla Hanzlik, Niobrara Public Schools

Strand B: In Your Own Backyard: Hands-on Nature Education

Amy Sandeen, Prairie Loft Center

11:00 – 11:15 Break

11:15 – 12:00 Concurrent Sessions

Strand A: Ecology in Your Backyard

Felipe Chavez-Ramirez, Whooping Crane Trust

Strand B: At-Risk Species of Nebraska

Ben Wheeler, Pheasants Forever

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch: NACEE Business Meeting & Elections

Strands

Strand A: Service Learning

Strand B: Natural History



PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

Environmental Education Guidelines Training

May 28, 2009; 1:00-5:00PM

Immediately followed by a welcome reception and hors d'oeuvres
Holiday Inn Convention Center, Kearney, NE

What is this workshop about?

If you are interested in developing and implementing high-quality environmental education programs and curriculum, this workshop is for you. This four-hour workshop will introduce participants to the GUIDELINES FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION – a publication which offers a set of tools for developing materials and programs dealing with the environment and nature.

What do I get?

Each participant will receive a set of the GUIDELINES FOR EXCELLENCE publications which include:

- Guideline for Learning (Pre K-12) and its companion piece
- Guidelines for Learning (Pre K-12)
- Executive Summary & Self Assessment Tool.

What are the Workshop Objectives:

After completing this workshop, participants will be able to:

- identify and use high-quality environmental education materials, activities and programs;
- discuss the role of the Guidelines in a standards-driven education system;
- describe how the National Project for Excellence in Environmental Education series developed these tools.

Who should attend?

Teachers, non-formal educators, administrators, and program developers concerned about being able to develop high-quality environmental education materials and programs.

Facilitator: Donny Roush from The Odyssey School, Denver, CO; member of the Guidelines Trainers Bureau; and former executive director of the Idaho Environmental Education Association.

ACCOMMODATIONS

A block of rooms is being held for the Nebraska Alliance for Conservation and Environment Education. Please book rooms before May 15, 2009 to ensure a room is available.

Holiday Inn Convention Center
110 2nd Ave, Kearney, Nebraska
(888) 897-0084

\$79.95 per room per night



Visit Central Nebraska!

Rowe Sanctuary and Iain Nicolson Audubon Center

44450 Elm Island Road, Gibbon, NE 308-468-5282

The National Audubon Society operates this amazing 1,450-acre wildlife sanctuary along the Platte River. Nicolson Audubon Center offers stunning views of the Platte River, interpretive displays, gift shop and trails. Open year-round, Monday - Friday, 9am-5pm; Sunday, 1-4pm. No admission, donations accepted.

Fort Kearny State Recreation Area

1020 V Road, Kearney, NE 308-865-5305

3/4 mi. E., 1 mi. N. of Fort Kearny State Historical Park - Exceptional camping. Enjoy a hike/bike trail with 2 railroad bridges along the Platte River. Open year-round. Park permit required.



Trails and Rails Museum

710 W. 11th Street, Kearney, NE 308-234-3041

Union Pacific depot, steam engine, livery barn, schoolhouse and other historic Buffalo County buildings. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, Monday -Saturday, 10am-6pm; Sunday, 1-5pm Admission: \$5 adults, \$2 ages 5-12, under 5 free.

Great Platte River Road Archway

3060 E. 1st Street, Kearney, NE 1-877-511-ARCH

Located on I-80 (Exit 272) the Archway allows you to experience history as never before. Hear stories of the Oregon, Mormon and California Trails. Ride with the Pony Express, hear the rumble of the Iron Horse and watch a drive-in movie as you trace the history of transportation and communication. Food court and gift shop. Call for hours and fees.



Museum of Nebraska Art

2401 Central Ave, Kearney, NE 308-865-8559

Discover the art of Nebraska. More than 5,000 works by artists of regional, national and international importance. MONA's constantly changing exhibitions and ARTreach traveling shows focus on the past, present, and future. Open year-round, Tuesday -Saturday, 11am-5pm; Sunday, 1-5pm. Free.

Thunderhead Brewery

18 E. 21st Street, Kearney, NE 308-237-1558

Enjoy award-winning beer and fabulous stone oven baked pizza. Open daily, 11am-1am. Tours by appointment.

Platte Valley Brewery

14 E. Railroad St, Kearney, NE 308-237-0751

Premium craft beers in a variety of styles, a full-service bar and delicious pizza make this a location with something for everyone. Open Monday - Friday, 3pm-1am; Saturday, 2pm-1am.



Mac's Creek Winery and Vineyard

7155 Pawnee Road, Lexington, NE 308-324-0440

Family owned and operated, this 12-acre vineyard began planting in 2000. Both red and white award-winning wines are produced. Open Memorial day thru Labor Day, Thursday - Sunday.



REGISTRATION FORM

Please feel free to make copies

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

Please reserve me a vegetarian meal.

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Information about the pre-conference workshop can be found on the opposite side of this page. Please note: The Pre-Conference on Thursday, May 28, 2009, is limited to the first 30 registrants. You will be notified if you received a spot.

_____ **Please register me for the pre-conference workshop if a spot is available.**

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION (PLEASE CHECK ONE)

Please note: non-NACEE member conference registration fee includes a 1-year NACEE membership.

Friday and Saturday
Includes Friday lunch & dinner & Saturday lunch.

_____ NACEE Member (\$65)

_____ Non-Member (\$80)

Friday ONLY
Includes Friday lunch & dinner.

_____ NACEE Member (\$50)

_____ Non-Member (\$65)

Saturday ONLY
Includes Saturday lunch.

_____ NACEE Member (\$35)

_____ Non-Member (\$50)

FIELD TRIP OPTIONS (Please check one)

_____ Cottonmill Lake Experience

_____ Natural Play Space Tour

EXTRA MEALS

Number

Friday Lunch..... _____ x \$10.00/meal = _____

Friday Dinner..... _____ x \$15.00/meal = _____

Saturday Lunch..... _____ x \$10.00/meal = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED

Please make checks payable to "NACEE"

MAIL REGISTRATIONS AND CHECKS TO:

NACEE Conference Registration, P.O. Box 85344, Lincoln, NE 68501



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Funding for this conference provided by:

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Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance
Lower Platte South NRD
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