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## **“EE Connection” Newsletter Expanding and Timelier**

The Pennsylvania Center for Environmental Education (PCEE) is expanding the format of its newsletter to better serve our readers. PCEE will be electronically mailing the newsletter “EE Connections” each month. This format will permit news and important information to be available in a more timely fashion and to a broader audience.

The electronic newsletter will be categorized in a table of contents with a link to each article. Each specific article can be accessed just by clicking on its title, enabling you to review as many articles as you wish. Categories of the newsletter will include: Higher Education, K-12 Education, and General Information.

The first electronic “EE Connections” should be available in March 2005.



## **PCEE Higher Education Scholarships to NAAEE Conference Available**

The PCEE is currently accepting applications for two \$1,000 scholarships to attend the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) conference. The conference will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico from October 25-29, 2005. The theme this year is “Sustainability and Environmental Education: Focus on the Future.” More information about the conference is included in this newsletter; please scroll further down for the article titled, “NAAEE 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference”.

These scholarships are available to any college or university faculty or administrator that wants to increase the inclusion of environmental content knowledge (per Pennsylvania Department of Education Environment and Ecology standards) or increase the inclusion of environmental education teaching methods for pre-service education students.

The PCEE is providing this opportunity as part of the Environmental Education Inclusion in Teacher Preparation Project. The goal of this project is to institutionalize environmental education in teacher preparation for Pennsylvania.

The deadline for scholarship submissions to PCEE is **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005**. For more information on these PCEE scholarships please click on the link provided. This information may also be found in the “new items section” of the homepage and also on the higher education activities page. If you have additional questions, please contact [paulette.johnson@sru.edu](mailto:paulette.johnson@sru.edu).

<http://www.pcee.org/HiEd/Conference%20scholarships%202005.pdf>



## **Volunteers Needed to Review Scholarship Applications**

The PCEE needs two higher education faculty/administrator volunteers to assist in the selection of the PCEE Scholarship recipients. It is anticipated that this will involve no more than two hours of your time. If you are willing to be on the selection committee, please contact [paulette.johnson@sru.edu](mailto:paulette.johnson@sru.edu).



## **Environmental Education and Higher Education Meeting to be Held at Pennsylvania State University**

The PCEE is pleased to be reinstating the Environmental Education and Higher Education semester meetings. The meetings will be held at Pennsylvania State University on **April 4, 2005 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.** These meetings are open to any higher education faculty and administrator interested in increasing EE in teacher preparation.

The meeting will include the following activities: 1) an update on the PCEE, 2) presentations on EE Inclusion models developed by various teacher preparation institutions, 3) a review of the EE Inclusion Project strategic plan for future action.

This is an important meeting for those who have been participating in the inclusion project, as it will provide opportunity for in depth discussion. It is equally important for faculty and institutions who have not recently participated, as there will be discussion on future needs and direction.

**Registration is required. The on-line registration form will be available on the PCEE web site beginning February 21<sup>st</sup>.** Lunch will be provided.

Special thanks to Dr. Sanford Smith of PSU's School of Forest Resources for providing the meeting accommodations.



## National Environmental Education Week

**April 10-16, 2005**

National Environmental Education Week is a full week of educational preparation for Earth Day and will involve some 400,000 educators and 15 million students. Educators can participate by conducting environmental education programming during the Week. Check out the "To-Do List" and "Tools and Links" sections on the site below for suggested activities, ideas, and resources to involve, educate, and inspire. EE Week is coordinated by the National Environmental Education & Training Foundation (NEETF) in cooperation with many other EE organizations and agencies. Sign-up to participate!

<http://www.eeweek.org>

(Information acquired from EE-NEWS@NAAEE, Mailing-list: contact [ee-news-help@naaee.org](mailto:ee-news-help@naaee.org); run by ezmlm to subscribe)



## More Information on World Wildlife Fund Smart Consumers Initiative

*Be, Live, Buy Different-Make a Difference*, a joint initiative of World Wildlife Fund and the Center for a New American Dream ([www.newdream.org](http://www.newdream.org)). This initiative includes a web site, where young people can find out about smart shopping habits. It also includes "Smart Consumers: An Educator's Guide to Exploring Consumer Issues and the Environment," a NEW 300-page toolkit with background information, 14 hands-on, creative activities, a Community Action Guide, with 25 consumer-related project ideas and step-by-step advice on organizing community projects, and Your Stuff, Your Planet poster.

To find out more about the toolkit, go to

[http://www.worldwildlife.org/windows/education\\_guides.cfm#3](http://www.worldwildlife.org/windows/education_guides.cfm#3).

<http://www.worldwildlife.org/windows/consumers.cfm>

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## **NAAEE Pre-Conference Environmental Education Research Symposium**

**October 24-25, 2005, Albuquerque, NM**

Information for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pre-Conference EE Research Symposium “Continuing the Dialogue: Our Work and Accomplishments” is also available at the link below. The purpose of pre-conference is to invite critical participation of environmental education researchers to NAAEE and provide them an opportunity to discuss environmental education research topics of interest to them. This has been a well attended event with participation from researchers from across the globe.

<http://naaee.org/conferences>

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## **NAAEE 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference “Sustainability and Environmental Education: Focus on the Future”**

**October 25-29, 2005, Albuquerque, NM**

The Environmental Education Association of New Mexico has agreed to host the North American Association for Environmental Education’s 34<sup>th</sup> annual conference. The strands for the conference will take on the environment, society, economy, and global responsibility and perspectives. The NAAEE calls for presenters across disciplines to participate. Presentation proposal guidelines and application information for the conference are now available at the link below.

Online submission of proposals is preferred. **Deadline for submissions is March 22, 2005**  
<http://naaee.org/conferences>

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## Huplits Grant Available for Education to Protect PA Habitats and Wildlife

Huplits Wildlife Grants are administered by the Sierra Club to help protect wildlife and its habitat in Pennsylvania. For 2005 the total funds available for the annual Huplits Wildlife Grant Competition amount to about \$72,000.

Preference will be given to projects that will have the greatest potential impact on the long-term protection or enhancement of wildlife and/or its habitat in Pennsylvania. **The project may involve public education**, litigation, scientific research, land acquisition, etc.

Credit will be given to projects that foster involvement of Sierra Club grassroots activists in the protection of wildlife and its habitat. Projects will normally be funded for no more than two years, but under special circumstances a project may be extended.

The number of grants awarded is not fixed, but may vary from one to eight. A project proposal should describe the overall goal, objectives, major activities, resources required, timelines, and a reasonably detailed budget. Special attention should be given to the measurable benefits of the project.

Please submit proposals before **April 30**. If you have any questions contact Peter Wray at, 110 Royal Oak Ave, Pittsburgh PA 15235-5052, [pjwray@telarama.com](mailto:pjwray@telarama.com) or 412-244-9907.

(Information acquired from the Pennsylvania Biodiversity Partnership Listserv. The Pennsylvania Biodiversity Listserv is intended to promote discussion of biodiversity issues in Pennsylvania. To join, contact the listserv moderator: Dr. Ken Klemow, Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766. Phone: (570) 408-4758. Email: [kklemow@wilkes.edu](mailto:kklemow@wilkes.edu).)



## EETAP Offers On-Line Environmental Education Course Franchise to Higher Education

The Environmental Education and Training Partnership (EETAP) and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point have developed an on-line course entitled "Fundamentals of Environmental Education." Course developers and reviewers included six past presidents of the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE). The course is based on NAAEE's *Guidelines for the Initial Preparation of Environmental Educators*.

EETAP is interested in increasing the number of educators that receive environmental education training and we believe this on-line course will help accomplish that. **We want to make the course available to universities across the country so they can provide environmental education training to their students.**

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has offered this course the last six semesters and has had excellent feedback from the students. Students from 47 states and from as far away as Peru and Pakistan have completed the course.

If your institution is interested in learning more about making the “Fundamentals of Environmental Education” course available at your university, please contact Dr. Richard Wilke, UW System Distinguished Professor Director, Environmental Education and Training Partnership at (715)346-4766) [rwilke@uwsp.edu](mailto:rwilke@uwsp.edu)

Please click on the link provided to review the syllabus.

[http://www.uwsp.edu/natres/rwilke/eetap/Syllabus\\_FEE.htm](http://www.uwsp.edu/natres/rwilke/eetap/Syllabus_FEE.htm)



## **The Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation**

Each year, The Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation provides grants of up to \$10,580 (a symbolic amount representing the cost of the "Spirit of St. Louis") to men and women whose individual initiative and work in a wide spectrum of disciplines furthers the Lindberghs' vision of a balance between the advance of technology and the preservation of the natural/human environment.

Each year, The Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation solicits applications for Lindbergh Grants from the U.S. and abroad. Approximately 200 formal grant applications are received each year.

### **Categories**

Lindbergh Grants are made in the following categories: agriculture; aviation/aerospace; conservation of natural resources - including animals, plants, water, and general conservation (land, air, energy, etc.); education - including humanities/education, the arts, and intercultural communication; exploration; health - including biomedical research, health and population sciences, and adaptive technology; and waste minimization and management. A Jonathan Lindbergh Brown Grant may be given to a project to support adaptive technology or biomedical research which seeks to redress imbalance between an individual and his or her human environment.

<http://www.lindberghfoundation.org/grants/index.html>

(Information acquired from Slippery Rock University, Office of Grants and Sponsored Research. (724) 738-2045)