



**All Educators! Earlybird Registration ends July 25!**

Michigan Alliance for Environmental & Outdoor Education announces 2010 Conference ~ Oct. 8-10, 2010

**Conference Theme: Engaging Students in Science & Stewardship**

Environmental and outdoor educators, classroom teachers, natural resource professionals, university and others will share their tips and techniques for connecting students and communities to their environment at the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Michigan Alliance for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE) conference set for Friday-Sunday, October 8-10, 2010, at the University of Michigan Biological Station, 20 miles south of the Mackinac Bridge. This year's conference theme is "**Engaging Students in Science & Stewardship**," with topics ranging from schoolyard-enhanced learning, stream monitoring, amphibian surveys, and ethnobotany, to Great Lakes stewardship programs, and much more will be presented.

A wide variety of educator workshops will be held Friday, October 8. The thirteen workshops offered include new early learner (pre-K) curricula by Project WILD and Project Learning Tree, Schoolyard Enhanced Learning, Michigan Forests, Fungus Amongus, Limnology & Fish Ecology, Flying Wild, Beaver Island Exploration, Farm-to-Table, Nature, Art, and Writing, Your Great Lakes National Forest, Team-Building Games, and Great Lakes Stewardship & Adopt-a-Beach Program.

Choose from over 50 presentations (indoors and outdoors) and field trips on Saturday and Sunday, October 9-10. Saturday will also feature the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Share-A-Thon with ready-to-go outdoor and classroom activities. Kayaking, star-gazing, nature walks, and an opportunity to meet new friends from all over Michigan will round out the weekend.

**Get Your Students Active and Excited About Learning!**

- *Explore* a variety of monitoring programs that your students can participate in such as invasive species mapping, birdfeeder watch, lake and stream water quality monitoring, biodiversity and much more!
- *Gather* great ideas for involving students in Great Lakes stewardship activities such as energy audits, composting, gardening, greening your school, and lots more!
- *Discover* opportunities to create school-community partnerships to address local stewardship needs and how to integrate environmental education into all disciplines, as well as, gain new outdoor teaching skills & techniques!

There are four featured speakers: (i) Herb Broda, Professor of Education at Ashland University (Ohio) and author of *Schoolyard Enhanced Learning: Using the Outdoors as an Instructional Tool*, will present Saturday evening's (Oct. 9) keynote presentation, "*Plugged In, But Tuned Out: The Need to Reconnect with Nature.*" (ii) Dave Dempsey, author and activist, will present "*On the Brink: The Great Lakes in the 21st Century*" on Saturday morning (Oct. 9) that will provide an overview of the Great Lakes and a call to stewardship by citizens and K-12 teachers and students. (iii) Tim Grant, co-editor of Green Teacher Magazine and several curricula, will conduct two Saturday sessions on *Teaching the Greatest Challenge of Them All- Climate Change*, and *Teaching Green in the Middle Years*. (iv) Wendy Halperin, a well-known Michigan children's book author & illustrator, will present two Saturday sessions that will focus on enhancing one's outdoor observations through drawing to monitor environmental changes.

Lodging and meals are available at the University of Michigan Biological Station near Pellston or in the local area. The full 3-day registration fee is \$75 for MAEOE members and \$150 for non-MAEOE members, with reduced rates for fewer days and for university students. Three meals and one night lodging at the University of Michigan Biological Station is \$75 per day. For driving directions and hotels/motels in the local area: <http://www.lsa.umich.edu/umbs/contact/travel> Roundtrip bus transportation for conference participants is available from Detroit, Pontiac, Lansing at no cost (contact Mike Reed [mreed@dzs.org](mailto:mreed@dzs.org) to sign up) with funding provided by the U.S. Forest Service Urban Connections Program and MI Space Grant Consortium. SB-CEUs and college credit will be offered. For more information, contact: Joan Chadde, Conference Chair, [jchadde@mtu.edu](mailto:jchadde@mtu.edu) or 906-487-3341. Registration materials are available on the MAEOE website: <http://www.michiganenvironmentaled.org/>. Earlybird registration \$10 off---deadline: July 25!