



Earlybird registration 10% discount---deadline: June 25!

Registration Open for Michigan Alliance for Environmental & Outdoor Education Conference ~ Oct. 8-10

The 22nd annual Michigan Alliance for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE) conference will be Friday-Sunday, October 8-10, 2010, at the University of Michigan Biological Station, twenty miles south of the Mackinac Bridge.

The conference theme is "**Engaging Students in Science & Stewardship**," with topics ranging from schoolyard-enhanced learning, amphibian surveys, ROVs, and ethnobotany, to Adopt-a-Beach programs, and much more.

Educator Workshops & Conference Sessions

A wide variety of half- and full-day workshops will be held Friday, October 8. The thirteen workshops 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 & Writing, Your Great Lakes National Forest, Team-Building, and Great Lakes Stewardship. See the attached registration form for short descriptions of each.

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

Four Featured Speakers include:

- (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, renowned 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.

Registration, Accommodations & Conference Details

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 area: <http://www.lsa.umich.edu/umbs/contact/travel> A biodiesel bus will bring teachers from Detroit and Pontiac at no cost (contact Mike Reed mreed@dzs.org to sign up) with funding provided by the U.S. Forest Service Eastern Region Urban Connections Program. SB-CEUs and college credit will be offered with registration at the conference. Earlybird registration 10% discount---deadline: June 25!

For More Information

Registration materials are available on the MAEOE website: <http://www.michiganenvironmentaled.org/>. Questions may be directed to: Joan Chadde, Conference Chair, jchadde@mtu.edu or phone 906-487-3341, and Michele Arquette-Palermo, Conference Registrar, Michele@crwc.org or phone 248-601-0606.