



The Alliance for New Jersey Environmental Education

22nd Annual New Jersey Environmental Education Conference

February 1-3, 2007

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

Environmental Education: Bringing the Lessons Home

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Alliance for New Jersey Environmental Education (ANJEE) is seeking presenters for its annual conference to be held at Princeton University on February 1-3, 2007. You are invited to submit one or more proposals for professional development opportunities related to this year's theme, *Bringing the Lessons Home*, or to the general topic of connecting environmental education to eco-action. Proposals should focus on one of the following tracks:

- **CREATIVE PEDAGOGIES:** An in-depth, interactive workshop that focuses on unique instructional methods that can be applied to either formal or non-formal settings. Sample topics include interpretive skills, experiential practices, outdoor learning, journaling, gifted & talented education, home-schooling techniques, etc.
- **CULTURAL DIVERSITY:** A workshop that addresses how an educational effort can be promoted and implemented with diverse audiences, or an environmental program that is designed to appeal to specific cultures.
- **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION:** Often overlooked, younger children *need* quality opportunities to interact with the natural world. Workshops can be geared to formal or nonformal educators as well as anyone engaged in caring for our youngest.
- **PUBLIC OUTREACH:** A workshop that generates public awareness of a topic or issue and includes a relevant and effective hands-on component that is designed to inspire action in the lives of individuals (programs can be designed for students, families or the general public).
- **NATURAL HISTORY:** An in-depth workshop that increases public understanding of a particular topic or process (migration, endangered species protection, unique ecosystems, evolution, etc.) and connects with the learner's lived experience.
- **PROGRAM / CENTER NEEDS:** A workshop that demonstrates and/or involves participants with a particular set of skills relating to the day-to-day management and operations of a nature center. Examples: capacity building, useful computer technologies, media relations, volunteer management, fundraising, PR, etc. (aimed at management); field skills, effective interpretation and displays, etc. (aimed at education staff).
- **SUSTAINABILITY:** Connecting society & the environment, green facilities management, sustainability in EE settings, etc.

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- Workshop presenters receive complimentary meals on the day of their presentation, along with a free 1-year ANJEE membership (\$30 value plus ANJEE benefits).
 - A presenter may register for a discount if interested in participating in the rest of the conference; **presenters must submit a registration form if they plan to attend workshops and presentations.** (Registration forms will soon be mailed and will also soon be available online; conference fees for presenters will be \$25 for one-day attendance, and \$50 to attend both days).
 - Presenters should share copies of this *Call for Proposals* form with their colleagues
 - For detailed descriptions of the conference session formats, visit the ANJEE web site at www.anjee.net
 - Presenters are responsible for bringing all copies of any handouts and materials needed for their workshop session.
 - Requests for room setup, AV equipment and workshop date and time preferences will be honored as much as possible, given space limitations and time constraints. Last-minute logistical changes may not be possible.
 - **Proposals must be received by December 15, 2006.**
 - **To e-mail:** Edit the MS Word version of this *Call for Proposals* form, available at www.anjee.net, and e-mail it to anjeeconference@yahoo.com. Include your name in the subject line.
 - **To mail:** Fill out printed form and mail to: Hugh Carola, Hackensack Riverkeeper, 231 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601.

Proposal Information – ANJEE Conference 2007

Title of Session: Should be 2 to 10 words – this will appear in the registration packet. The title should be short and to the point, interesting and descriptive of the session. Titles longer than 10 words will be edited.

Summary: Should be 40 to 50 words – this will appear in the registration packet, to guide conference attendees' session choices.

Detailed Description: Should be 100 to 250 words - will be used by reviewers to choose the most appropriate proposals for the conference. (A detailed description is not required for a "Discussion/Roundtable.")

New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards (CCCS): A list of CCCS (and corresponding progress indicators) that are supported by the session's outcomes must be included in the proposal. Be sure to cite other subject areas besides science if they are

being covered. Identify the CCCS by its identifying numbers (i.e., 3.4, 5.6, 5.8, 5.10, etc.). Standards are listed on the New Jersey Department of Education's web site at: <http://www.nj.gov/njded/aps/cccs/>.

Biography: Provide an outline of your credentials as a presenter. Include information on education, professional experiences, previous workshop presentations, etc. Please provide a reference or two, including names and contact information.

Contact Person: _____ Primary presenter (if different): _____

Organization / Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Fax: _____

Additional presenters: _____

Session Information: Place a check next to the items that apply to your proposed session:

What type of session are you proposing? (See descriptions at www.ANJEE.net/conference):

Presentation - length: _____ 45 minutes or _____ 90 minutes

Interactive workshops - length: _____ 1.5 hours or _____ 3 hours

Discussion/Roundtable (1.5 hours)

Panel discussion - length: _____ 1.5 hours or _____ 3 hours

Field trips (3 hours)

Based on the following tracks, what is the primary theme / purpose of, your workshop? Please check only one choice:

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Working with diverse audiences

Cultural contexts for EE

CREATIVE PEDAGOGIES

Experiential practices

Gifted and talented

Home-schooling methods

Outdoor learning

Effective stewardship/literacy development

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Area of focus: _____

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Area of focus: _____

NATURAL HISTORY

Area of focus: _____

PROGRAM / CENTER NEEDS

Technology /office skills

Volunteer management

PR & media relations

Capacity building / personnel development

Issues & resources for Administrators

EE Competencies, certification, etc.

Field/interpretive skills

Effective displays and interpretation

SUSTAINABILITY

Green facilities management

Green lifestyle habits

Networks / resources

Connecting to curriculum

OTHER: _____

Your presentation is most appropriate for which audience(s)? Check all that apply:

1. Nonformal Educators (EE specialists, naturalists, interpreters) AND/OR Formal Educators (classroom instructors)

2. Educators of Pre-K K-5 grades 6-8 grades 9-12 grades Teachers Nonformal Educators Families

Preferred maximum number of participants: _____

Which setting do you prefer? Mark your top 3 preferences (1=first choice, 2=second choice, 3=third choice):

Outdoors on campus for part of the session entire session Lecture hall

Classroom with tables for group work Classroom-style with desks and chairs

Lounge area (may be possible & good for discussion groups) Outdoors, other location _____

Lab room (physics labs are available, with a sink) *(it is likely that you will have to arrange transportation)*

What are your equipment needs? Check off items that are needed (late requests or changes may not possible):

Slide projector (bringing your own would be helpful)

TV/VCR

Chalkboard or white board

Computer and LCD projector

Projection screen

Internet access

What is your availability? Mark top 3 preferences or check those that apply (1 = first choice, 2= second choice, etc.):

Friday morning Friday afternoon Saturday morning Saturday afternoon

Can you repeat your workshop? Yes or No If yes, same day? other conference day? (check all that apply)

Please copy and circulate this form to any colleagues you think may be interested in presenting. Thanks!