

This year's theme brings us back to the basics of environmental education...Nature! Children are spending less and less time outdoors, both at home and school. Yet there are more and more resources and programs dedicated to reversing this trend. Environmental Education is quietly regaining a foothold in K-12 education and teachers, students, parents, administrators and community members are taking notice. This year's theme helps support the basics of Environmental Education by offering strands that help educators in all settings, as well as their employers and program participants learn more about nature and how to utilize nature in their lessons, programs, projects and careers.

Conference strands include:

- Natural History
- Using the Outdoors as a Classroom
- Citizen Science
- Environmental Careers
- Program and Learner Assessment

Contact the Lodge at 1-800-282-7275 to book a room. Be sure to indicate that **you're with the EECO conference to get the \$89/night rate.** This rate is available until February 26th. **Contact Deer Creek Lodge directly for additional information about lodging.**

Conference highlights include:

- Keynote from Dr. Lonnie Thompson of the Byrd Polar Research Center on Climate Change, Glaciers, People and their Impacts on Natural Resources.
- Educational field trips to Native American Earthworks, Battelle Darby Creek Metropark's new Nature Center, the Columbus Zoo and more!
- Learn more about the new Environmental Career Ambassador program and how to get involved.
- Graduate credit is available through Ashland University.
- Registered Sanitarian credits are also available.

Please join us for a fun, hands-on, and outstanding professional development opportunity!

For conference fees and to register go to: www.eeco-online.org

Deadline to register is Friday, March 14th!

