



Environmental Education It's Our Nature!

Welcome to the 47th Annual Environmental Education Council of Ohio Conference March 27-30, 2014 at Deer Creek State Park Lodge

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

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! **Deadline to register is Friday, March 14th!**



Program of Events

47th Annual Conference

March 27-30, 2014



The codes that follow each session description indicate which strand the session addresses as follows: NH=Natural History, OC=Outdoor Classrooms, CS=Citizen Science, EC=Environmental Careers, PA=Program and Learner Assessment. Settings are also listed as Indoors or Outdoors or both.

Thursday March 27, 2014

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Forums

(Please reference separate forum pamphlet available at www.eeco-online.org)

Friday March 28, 2014

Field Trips

Begin at Deer Creek State Park Lodge. Lunch and transportation not provided

8:30am–6:00pm **Ohio Native American Earthworks and Natural History Tour**—Join us on this full-day “Magical Natural History Tour.” You will tour some of the notable prehistoric Native American earthworks and other natural wonders in the south-central Ohio area. Sites to be visited include the Hopewell National Monument, the Seip Mound, Highlands Nature Sanctuary, and Serpent Mound. Please bring money for lunch at a local Amish Bakery. Tour will last from approximately 9:00 am until 6:00 pm and will be led by Ohio State Park Naturalist Matthew Minter. NH, Outdoors

8:30am–12:00pm **Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park Nature Center**—Battelle Darby Creek is the largest Metro Park in central Ohio with more than 7,000 acres of prairies, fields and forests, and more than 20 miles of riparian forest along the Big and Little Darby Creeks. The Darby creeks are noted nationally for their tremendous diversity and abundance of both aquatic and terrestrial plants and animals. Designated as state and national scenic rivers, the creeks are home to around 100 species of fish, five of which are endangered in Ohio. Forty-four species of freshwater mussels live in these waters, eight of which are on the Ohio endangered list. Metro Parks has restored about 500 acres of wetlands, 500 acres of wet prairies and more than 500 acres of lush flowering prairies using only seeds native to the Darby Plains. You will visit the new Nature Center for a two-hour presentation on the background of Battelle Darby Metro Park and how it has expanded over the years. We plan to depart Deer Creek State Park Lodge at 8:30am, arrive at the Nature Center at 9:15, with the presentation and tour running from 9:30am to 11:30am. You will learn about the park’s new bison program, tour the educational facility, and learn about educational programs that local parks provide. After the presentation everyone is welcome to explore the park on their own. Lunch for this trip will be on your own. There are several nearby restaurants. NH, Indoors/Outdoors

2:00pm–3:30pm **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers- Deer Creek Lake**—Deer Creek Lake was designed and built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Deer Creek Lake project was first authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1938, for the purpose of flood control, recreation, and fish and wildlife enhancement. Dam construction was begun in 1965 and completed in 1968. Deer Creek Dam is a part of the larger comprehensive flood control plan for the Ohio River Basin, a system of dams that reduces flooding on the Scioto and Ohio Rivers by holding back flood water. In addition to flood reduction, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers works in cooperation with Ohio Department of Natural Resources’ Division of Parks and Division of Wildlife to provide lakeside recreation and fish and wildlife management. Take a one hour tour of the Deer Creek Lake Dam beginning at 2:00pm to learn about how the Dam functions. The Dam is a short 10 minute drive from the state park lodge. NH, EC, Indoors/Outdoors

8:30am–11:30am

Morning Workshops

Deer Creek State Park Lodge, *Lunch not provided

Aquaponics: A dynamic model for teaching middle and high school science

Kevin Savage, Ph.D. & Gary A. Delanoy, Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy

Aquaponics, a bridge between aquaculture and hydroponics, provides a model for teaching core sciences in middle and high school classrooms, while also meeting the Next Generation Science Standards. Participants will learn what Aquaponics is, including design, construction and curriculum integration. OC, CS, Indoors

Groundwork Cincinnati/Mill Creek Student Water Monitoring for Urban Streams

Lora Alberto, Groundwork Cincinnati/Mill Creek

Using Groundwork Cincinnati’s 20 years of proven experience, we will use the outdoors as our classroom for water quality monitoring. Learn safety protocol for student monitoring on urban streams. Use testing equipment that works well in the field. And learn how our volunteer mentors inspire students to pursue environmental careers. OC, EC, Indoors/Outdoors

DIY Conservation Biology: Inquiring Minds Want to Know

Casey Tucker, Director, American Avian Conservation & Research Institute

An introduction to scientific inquiry and translation into DIY (Do It Yourself) Conservation Biology through discussion and field-based, hands-on activities. NH, OC, CS, Indoors/Outdoors

AH-CHOO! How Healthy is Your Forest?

Sue Wintering, Coordinator, Project Learning Tree Ohio & Jeanne Russell, Education Coordinator, ODNR-Division of Soil and Water Resources

Participate in activities from Project Learning Tree's Secondary Module, Focus on Forests, that help students identify forest ecosystem services, monitor forest health, and understand how natural and human influences affect forests. Participants will receive a copy of the newest PLT Module. NH, OC, CS, EC, Indoor/Outdoors

Making it Matter

Joe E. Heimlich, Ph.D., Professor, OSU Extension at COSI & the School of Environment and Natural Resources

What we do is important work. But how do we convey the value of that work to others? Let's talk about how we use evidence, and the types of evidence we can use, to communicate about our programs and efforts. PA, Indoors

11:30am –1:30pm

Lunch Break

Lunch is not provided for the day. Please plan to utilize the restaurant at the lodge, or pack your own lunch. You will have plenty of time to take a walk or get settled into your room.

1:30pm –4:30pm

Afternoon Workshops

Setting the Scene for Science

Linda Pettit, Environmental Education Specialist, and Carol Loopstra, Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District

Introductions to a variety of props that can help students comprehend their connection to the world around them. Participants will get the opportunity to make one of these props. NH, Indoors

What's This?! Kids Outside?!--The In's & Mostly Out's of Taking Kids Outside

Joshua Dyer, Naturalist, Crawford Park District

Taking kids outside can be a daunting task. Participants will learn tips, techniques, and plant/animal ID for taking kids outdoors, whether it is a school playground, yard, or a woods/field. NH, OC, Indoors/Outdoors

Putting Plastics in Place

Marti Kolb, EPA/OEE, Joanne Mudra, EECO, Susan Helterbran, North Central Ohio Solid Waste District

Through hands-on activities, participants gain knowledge and tools to connect the creation and use of plastics to environmental issues of recycling and resource depletion. Participants will receive samples and the book Tracking Trash. CS, EC Indoors

What is Our Environmental Ethic?

Mike Stewart, Naturalist/Environmental Educator, Clark County Park District

Before we can help students of any age to determine what their own environmental/land ethic is, we must first have thought through our own ethic toward the land/environment. OC, Indoors/Outdoors

4:30pm–6:00pm

Free Time

Relax after your sessions and check into your room.

You can also join us for an optional Trap Shooting Session at the Deer Creek Shotgun Range from 5:00pm–6:00pm. The Shotgun Range will be opened only for conference attendees and is just a short drive from the lodge. Outdoors

6:00pm–7:00pm

Friday Night Welcome Dinner

Join us for the welcome dinner and chat with old friends, or make new friends!

7:00pm–8:30pm

Friday Evening Keynote Speaker

Lonnie Thompson, PhD., The Ohio State University, Byrd Polar Research Center (invited)—Climate Change, Glaciers, People and Impacts on Natural Resources. Join us as Dr. Thompson presents the latest information on climate change and education.

8:30pm–11:00pm

Hospitality Suite

Saturday March 29, 2014
Concurrent Sessions, Keynotes, Exhibits

<u>7:00am–8:00am</u>	Bird Hike—tentative
<u>8:00am–9:00am</u>	Breakfast—Join your Interest Groups and network while enjoying your breakfast.
<u>9:00am–9:15am</u>	Welcome and Conference Opening—Brenda Metcalf, EECO Executive Director
<u>9:30am-10:30am</u>	<u>Concurrent Session 1</u>

Watershed Dynamics for 21st Century Learners

Beth Diesch, Education Coordinator, Seneca SWCD and Jon Darkow, Teacher, Seneca East High School

See how Seneca County partnered with teachers & agencies to flip the science classroom, use field sampling/ real world science and 21st Century skills so high school students could study watershed dynamics and connect with nature. **2 hour session**
NH, OC, CS, EC, Indoors/Outdoors

Building and Using Microcosms in the Classroom

Linda Sigismondi, Professor, University of Rio Grande

Learn about local pond ecosystems and build a microcosm of a pond ecosystem for classroom use. Classroom ideas will include ecosystem structure, changes and human impact. NH, OC, Indoors/Outdoors

Quests and Treasures: Guiding Outdoor Exploration

Louise Fleming-Dufal, Ph. D., Ashland University & Janet Ellsworth, Outdoor Educator

This presentation will teach methods of using quests for outdoor exploration. Participants will collaborate to design and complete a quest. Please dress for a hike. **2 hour session** OC, Indoors/Outdoors

The Fantasy and Reality of Starting a School Garden Program

Roberta Paolo,

Executive Director, Granny's Garden School

Wherever you are in the process of developing a schoolyard garden, including just finishing your program, this is an opportunity to learn the facts and think through the process to avoid potential mistakes, a reality check to keep your vision grounded. Bring your questions! **2 hour session** OC, Indoors

Fears to Cheers: Effectively Interpreting "Scary Nature"

Joshua York, Emily Chilcoat, & Lauren Asquith, Naturalist, Five Rivers MetroParks

When exploring the outdoors, encountering poison ivy, snakes, spiders, and the other "scary nature" is inevitable. Explore how to get kids celebrating these things through challenging fears during this hands-on session. NH, OC, Indoors

Rocks and Minerals--Hands On Approach

Matt Minter, Naturalist, Ohio State Parks

This presentation will familiarize the participants with something kids are naturally curious about...rocks and minerals. You'll be introduced to 12 common rocks and minerals in Ohio and will take home tools and resources to use. NH, OC, Indoors

Strategies and Lessons for Connecting Urban Youth to Nature

Chris Clements, Executive Director, Imago

Using real-world lessons and examples you'll learn approaches for successfully bringing the natural world to youth who have the least access to nature. NH, OC, EC, Indoors

10:30am –10:45am

Morning Break

10:45am –11:45am

Concurrent Session 2

Watershed Dynamics for 21st Century Learners **Cont. from Session 1**

Quests and Treasures: Guiding Outdoor Exploration **Cont. from Session 1**

The Fantasy and Reality of Starting a School Garden Program **Cont. from Session 1**

Playscapes: Designed Nature Environments that Promote Environmental Education

Dr. Victoria Carr, Associate Professor & Arlitt Center Director, University of Cincinnati

Designed playscapes serve as the "third teacher" in early childhood environmental education. Presenters will share research that supports this notion: children learn organically within the context of their nature play. OC, Indoors

Five Steps to Transform "Growing Up WILD" Activities into Integrated Units

Tracy Cindric, Science Specialist, Ohio Resource Center

Let GUW be the foundation of K-2 instruction! Participants will experience an integrated lesson, use Ohio's New Learning Standards to analyze the lesson, and suggest enhancements for another GUW lesson. OC, CS, Indoors

NestWatch: Biggest Bird Science Project of All Time!

Mindy Murdock, Naturalist, Cleveland Metroparks

Citizen science makes a difference! Explore how to monitor bird nests and contribute towards conservation and study of birds through Cornell Lab of Ornithology's NestWatch program. CS, Indoors

Life, Food, Passion: What Could Be More Natural?

Linda Ramey, Associate Director of Sustainability, Wright State University

For nature lovers, being passionate about preservation of habitats, conservation and love of plants and animals is who we are. This session will explore how we've come to know our environmental passion, what is our magic switch and how we can help others to find their connectedness with the natural world. NH, Indoors

12:00pm–2:00pm Lunch, Business Meeting, & Keynote Speaker

Join us for a hot lunch and find out what EECO's been up to in the past year. This will include an opportunity to meet your current Board of Directors and review the annual budget. Our keynote speaker will be Carolyn Watkins, Chief of the Office of Environmental Education, Ohio EPA and the administrator of the Ohio Environmental Education Fund. Carolyn will present on the new Career Ambassador Program on which they are partnering with EECO to implement throughout Ohio. Learn how you can become involved too!

2:15pm–3:15pm

Concurrent Session 3

Environmental Heroes, Middle & High School Citizen Scientists, Cleveland Metroparks

Kathryn M. Kwiatkowski Director, The Leonard Gelfand STEM Center at Case Western Reserve University, students from the Environmental Heroes Program

Presentation of authentic research around the abundance and distribution of amphibians and reptiles in the Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks. 2 hour session CS, Indoors/Outdoors

Natural Cache--Using GPS Technology to Learn About the Outdoors

Susan James, Operations Coordinator & Steve James, Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors, Inc.

Geospatial technology is used regularly in environmental studies and citizen science. Participants will learn how to use a GPS receiver, explore the outdoors using GPS, and receive a CD with lessons. This program was funded by an OEEF grant from the Ohio EPA. 2 hour session NH, OC, CS, Indoors/Outdoors

Marsh Monitoring, Citizen Science Protocol for Amphibians and Birds

Ray Stewart, President, Ohio Wetlands Association

The Marsh Monitoring Program is a citizen science protocol to sample the frog and bird diversity in marshes. This session will introduce the program and methods. CS, Indoors

Soils and Farming in the Classroom

Julia Kokavec, Education Program Intern, Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Connect students to the food they eat and discover the importance of healthy soil needed for food to grow. Also, learn how the CVEC has incorporated a hoop house into our programming. OC, Indoors/Outdoors

Environmental Education and Nature in the 21st Century Classroom!

Cheri Goggins, Teacher, Berkshire Schools

We'll examine the state of education driving current teaching methods, explore alternatives to meet academic goals, and open minds/souls of students to help them become life-long learners. NH, OC, CS, Indoors

Thinking Outside the Box: Connecting Childcare Centers to Nature

Emily Chilcoat, Naturalist, Five Rivers MetroParks

Discover cost-effective methods that get child care centers exploring the outdoors. We'll discuss training for child care staff and providing on-site discovery tools in secured "Natural Adventure Boxes." NH, OC, Indoors

Hands-On Science Education with OSU Stone Laboratory

Susan M. Bixler, Education and Outreach Associate, OSU Stone Lab and Ohio Sea Grant

OSU's F.T. Stone Laboratory Education Team will share hands-on science education opportunities for teachers and students as well as classroom lesson plans for teachers. 2 hour session OC, Indoors

3:15pm–3:30pm

Afternoon Break

3:30pm–4:30pm

Concurrent Session 4

Environmental Heroes, Middle & High School Citizen Scientists, Cleveland Metroparks *Cont. from Session 3*

Natural Cache--Using GPS Technology to Learn About the Outdoors *Cont. from Session 3*

Hands-On Science Education with OSU Stone Laboratory *Cont. from Session 3*

Sharing and Comparing Stream Data

Linda Pettit, Environmental Education Specialist & Kurt Keljo, Watershed Implementation Coordinator, Franklin SWCD

Participants will be introduced to the website that Franklin Soil and Water has developed for teachers and naturalists to share their macroinvertebrate data from stream monitoring field trips. CS, Indoors

CSI:Shawnee Science Camp

Kate Sowards, Conservation Education Coordinator, Scioto SWCD & Danielle Thompson, Wildlife Specialist, Brown SWCD

CSI: Shawnee is an adaptable science camp full of hands on environmental science and career information. This project thrives on cooperation and partnerships, and we will help you get started. OC, EC, Indoors

From Playing to Protecting: Mobilizing Tikes to Take Action

Lauren Asquith, Naturalist, & Joshua York, Education Supervisor, Five Rivers MetroParks.

Conservation education knows no age boundaries, so why are preschoolers neglected from conservation efforts? Young families are a powerful resource, and we will explore ways for agencies to capture and utilize this overlooked demographic. NH, CS, PL, Indoors

Step It Up! Expand Your Outdoor Education Explorations

Gia Gianninaro, Naturalist/Center Director, Cincinnati Park Board

Comfortable taking your students outside already? Great! Learn new tricks and expand your knowledge to keep yourself inspired. Find creative ways to use your outdoor classroom, no matter the size. OC, Indoors/Outdoors

4:30pm–6:00pm

Free Time, Networking, Silent Auction

This is your chance to check out all the vendors and displays, chat with new and old friends, and get your bids in on all the fantastic silent auction items. So bring your wallets and your business cards!

5:00pm–5:45pm

Environmental Education Certification Poster Session

Come check out what this year's Ohio Environmental Education Certification Program graduates learned over the last year. Each student will be displaying a compilation poster to highlight what they've learned. The EE Certification program coordinators will be there to answer any questions about the program. Light snacks provided.

6:00pm–9:00pm

Awards Banquet and Live Auction

Come join us as we close out the conference with a dinner buffet and stay to congratulate this year's award recipients. We will also have some fantastic items for you to bid on at the Live Auction. All proceeds go to the EECO Endowment Fund.

9:00pm–11:00pm

Hospitality Suite, Night Hike—tentative

Sunday March 30, 2014

7:00am–8:00am	Bird Hike—tentative
8:00am–9:00am	Breakfast with Regions, Raffle (must be present to win)
9:00am–12:00pm	<u>Field Trips</u>

(Participants should plan to provide their own transportation to Sunday Field Trips.)

Columbus Zoo and Aquarium WILD ENCOUNTERS: Behind the Scenes Tour

See the Zoo the way the keepers do! Take a guided tour behind the scenes for a closer look at the Dr. C. Joseph Cross Animal Health Center. From emergency care to regular check-ups, from the smallest fish to the largest elephant, find out how their incredible veterinary staff, in conjunction with their keeper staff, manage the health of over 10,000 individual animals! \$19, includes parking and admission.

Grange Audubon Center Tour

Visit the Grange Insurance Audubon Center in the heart downtown Columbus. This area has been transformed from a brown-field into an urban oasis. Take a tour of the facility, which serves as a model for sustainable design. The center teaches students and visitors the benefits of “going green” through the use of recycled construction materials and alternative energy sources. Visit with an educator who will share the center’s Conservation Classroom—a multiple-visit, inquiry-based school partnership program. Bring your binoculars as the tour will end with a hike in the park which is a state-designated Important Birding Area and learn more about what Audubon is doing to protect IBAs. \$15

We hope you find this conference to be an exciting and beneficial professional development opportunity.

If you have any questions about the program, the registration process, or any other topics or issues, please contact Brenda Metcalf at 740-653-2649 or director@eeco-online.org. You can also contact Jen Dennison, conference chair, at 614-265-6316 or jen.dennison@dnr.state.oh.us for assistance.

We look forward to seeing you at Deer Creek!



Environmental Education Council of Ohio



2014 EECO Conference Registration

March 27-30, 2014
Deer Creek State Park Lodge



Environmental Education Council of Ohio

REGISTRANT DETAILS (please print)

Name: (last)	(first)		
Name as it should appear on name tag:		Do you have an Ohio EE certification (yes or no):	
Organization			
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip Code:
Phone: ()	Fax: ()	E-mail:	
Emergency contact: (name)		Phone: ()	

I will bring a silent auction item Special Needs _____ (mobility, vegetarian, food allergies, etc.)

Presenters: I plan to attend the full conference (\$25 discount) I plan to attend only to make my presentation

Join or renew your EECO Membership and save money on your conference registration!

\$35 Individual	\$20 Student/Senior	\$50 Professional	\$70 Non-Profit	\$100 Sustaining	\$150 Business	\$250 Champion
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See additional information on the next page to join one of EECO's special interest sections.

Please indicate registration choices:	Full Conference (includes Fri dinner, all Sat meals, Sun breakfast)	Saturday Only (includes all Sat meals)	Thursday Forums (includes Lunch)
Member	\$175	\$95	\$45
Non-Member	\$225	\$125	\$45
Student	\$140 (must show ID at registration)	\$85	\$45
EE Cert Student (use Code)	\$55	\$0	\$45
Presenter (use Code)	\$150/member \$200/non-member	\$70	N/A

Please check all below that you will attend (including meals). See attached Session Descriptions for more information.

Friday Dinner (provided with full conference fee only)

Saturday Meals Breakfast Lunch Awards Banquet

Sunday Breakfast (provided with full conference fee only)

Friday Workshops and Field Trips

Note: Lunch is not provided on Friday, please plan accordingly by packing or finding a local restaurant. Please let us know if you are willing to carpool for field trips.

AM Workshops

Aquaponics DIY Conservation Biology

Groundwork Cincinnati/Mill Creek Student Water Monitoring

AH-CHOO! How Healthy is Your Forest? Making It Matter

PM Workshops

Setting the Scene for Science What's This?! Kids Outside?

Putting Plastics in Place What is Our Environmental Ethic?

Friday Field Trips

Battelle Darby Creek MetroPark /Nature Center

Deer Creek Dam Tour Indian Mound Tour

Saturday Concurrent Sessions-circle 1 choice in each column

Session 1– 9:30am	Session 2– 10:45am	Session 3– 2:15pm	Session 4– 3:30pm
Watershed Dy-namics	Cont. from 1	Environmental Heroes	Cont. from 3
Building and Using Microcosms	Playscapes	Natural Cache	Cont. from 3
Starting a School Garden Program	Cont. from 1	Marsh Monitoring	Sharing and Comparing Stream Data
Fears to Cheers	NestWatch	Soils and Farming	CSI: Shawnee Science Camp
Rocks and Miner-als	5 Steps to Trans-form "Growing Up WILD" Activities	EE and Nature in the 21st Century Classroom	From Playing to Protecting
Connecting Ur-ban Youth to Nature	Life, Food, Passion	Thinking Outside the Box	Step It Up!
Quests and Treasures	Cont. from 1	Hands-On Science Education	Cont. from 3

Sunday Field Trips Lunch is not provided, please plan accordingly

Columbus Zoo (\$19)

Grange Audubon Center (\$15)

Total Registration Costs	
Conference Registration Fee	\$ _____
Thursday Forum	\$ _____
Sunday Fieldtrip	\$ _____
EECO Membership Fee	\$ _____
EECO Special Section Fee(s) The first section is free-additional sections are \$5	\$ _____
Additional donation to the EECO Endowment Fund	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

Register online at www.eeco-online.org with your credit card.
Or make checks payable to EECO and mail with this completed form to:

Brenda Metcalf
EECO Executive Director
PO Box 1004
Lancaster, OH 43130
(740) 653-2649

If you wish to bring a guest who will be attending meals, contact Brenda directly to have them registered at a reduced rate.

The 2014 EECO Annual Conference is approved for up to 18 contact hours with the Ohio State Board of Sanitation Registration.

Registration Deadline Friday, March 14, 2014

I am interested in receiving Graduate Credit from Ashland University. The cost is \$210 for one credit hour. Please contact Linda Pettit, EECO Region 1 Director, at (614)486-9613 or Linda-Pettit@franklinswcd.org for information.

Lodging Information - Deer Creek State Park Lodge
22300 State Park Road 20, Mt. Sterling, OH 43143 Front Desk 740-869-2020
Reservations—(800) 282-7275

Ask for the \$89 EECO Conference room rate. Rooms will be held until February 26, 2014.

Join one of EECO's special interest sections!

EECO offers special interest sections to its members to promote networking among peers and groups with similar interests. EECO members may join one section at no additional cost to regular membership dues. Each additional section joined is \$5 per section. Please check which section(s) you would like to join.

Business, Industry and Trade Associations: People from business, industry and related trade associations who have environment-related education, training or outreach as one of their objectives such as utility companies, manufacturers, law firms, engineering firms and agriculture.

Environmental and Community-based Organizations: Staff and members of local, state and national non-governmental organizations that have environment-related education, training or outreach as one of their objectives; typically non-profit organizations such as conservation organizations, community action groups, local watershed groups, or faith-based organizations.

Environmental Education and Outdoor Education Organizations: Educators, administrators and other staff who work for an organization that has environmental and outdoor education as its primary mission such as an EE center, nature center, park, camp, resident outdoor education center, zoo, museum, arboretum, or historical site; may bring their education programs to schools and other settings; typically non-profit organizations.

Government Agency: Staff and administrators from local, state and federal government agencies who have environment-related education, training and outreach as one of their objectives such as county soil and water conservation districts, city health departments, planning commissions, solid waste districts, municipal groups.

Higher Education: Students, faculty and administrators from colleges and universities offering associate, bachelor, Master's and Ph.D. degrees; includes programs in teacher education and environment-related education, training and outreach as well as environmental literacy courses as part of general education requirements.

Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Education: Teachers, curriculum supervisors, administrators and other staff who work for early childhood, elementary, and secondary public and private schools, before and after-school programs as well as parents who homeschool their children.

Research: People who conduct research in environment-related education, training and outreach and environmental sciences and those interested in applying the results of such research.

Cancellation Policy

All participant cancellations require written notice (U. S. Mail or electronic) to be sent to Brenda Metcalf, EECO Executive Director, P.O. Box 1004, Lancaster, Ohio 43130-1004, director@eeco-online.org and will be refunded according to the following schedule:

-- full refund - at least 30 days before the conference --- 50% - at least 16 days before the conference -- no refunds within 15 days of the conference --

Please read and sign the notice below:

Please be aware that activities during this conference may carry risks which may not always be obvious.

I am aware of the risks inherent in these activities and assume all responsibility to myself whatever the cause. I agree to hold EECO, all conference personnel, and all participating agencies/organizations harmless for any injury that I may sustain in the course of participating in the conference.

Signature: _____

Date: _____