



Weathering the Winds of Change

Symposium on The Future of EE

Thursday afternoon – 3 pm

Participants in this symposium will explore the status and trends of EE in the Midwest. How can we improve the delivery and acceptance of our messages in today's world? With so much competition for time, curriculum, money, territory, and commitment, how can we best leverage our resources to make the biggest difference in our little corners of the world?

Learn about trends in state comprehensive EE programs and state EE associations as well as key state-national partnerships that will launch the EE field in new and expanded ways.

Panel participants:

Laura Downey, Executive Director,
Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education (KACEE)

Where Are We with EE?

Laura's presentation will include both survey and anecdotal data on the state of EE in the US. Based on recent surveys conducted by the National Environmental Education Advancement Project (NEEAP) as well as longitudinal data, this session will explore the trends in the development of capacity within state EE associations. Initial data analysis shows some promising trends!

Ken Finch, Nature Center Consultant, The Mississippi Watershed

Modern environmental education is primarily based on a cognitive paradigm: that learning will lead to behavior change. However, research has identified frequent, informal, *affective* childhood experiences in natural areas ("nature play") as what adult conservationists most often recall as having the greatest formative influence on their environmental values. Conversely, cognitive learning is cited significantly less often. What are the implications of this for EE? Could a new emphasis on childhood nature play establish a stronger foundation for more traditional EE approaches?

Gary Forster, Camping Specialist, YMCA of the USA, Chicago

"Early environmental education often contained some barely-hidden radical ideas that gave a future generation a state of urgency and personal ownership. It may not have all been good science, but it created results. (You can swim and fish in Lake Erie now, for instance). But it also scared many educators for fear of "reprisals." Many centers went to more "hard science" activities, but too often without an identifiable outcome. ("Learning Facts" doesn't lead to better decision-making as adults.) Can we have both? Can we help kids develop a sense of caring that will last?"

Facilitated discussion led by Jean Eells, E-Resources Group, will follow.

(IOWA educators (formal and non-formal) may apply for a REAP-CEP scholarship to fund attendance at this conference. See website or call Carol: 641-422-4319

Entertainment

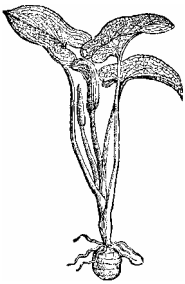
Thursday Noon Luncheon Options



#1 Lisa Kivirist and John Ivanko will lead an enlivened, interactive discussion about ecotourism. They must know what they're talking about! Their B & B, Inn Serendipity, in Green (where else?) County Wisconsin was recognized by *Natural Home* magazine in their Jan/Feb. 2005 issue as one of the "Top 10 Eco-destinations in North America." Lisa writes, "At Inn Serendipity, we are trying to pioneer a different way of doing business, one which strives to value "natural capital" and respect all life on Earth. We've formed partnerships with both non-profits and for profits that share our interest in stewarding the land, fostering diversity and inspiring social change." (Limit 75)



#2 Larry Stone, writer, author and photographer from northeast Iowa will share his program, "**Whitetails: Trophy, Treasure, or Trouble?**" - a history of deer in Iowa. This beautiful slide program is based on more than 40 years of studying Iowa deer. Larry's account documents the initial decline, and eventual dramatic recovery of whitetails in Iowa. He also chronicles the state's early history of resource abuse, followed by protection, management, and the amazing adaptation by the animals. "Whitetails" is a surprising story of a versatile, beautiful, wild creature that has come to be a controversial part of Iowa's not-so-wild twenty-first century society. (Limit 50)



#3 Deborah Lee of Quincy Illinois will share her knowledge about wild medicinal plants in "**Herbal Mysteries Revealed.**" An author and educator, Deborah holds a Ph.D. in Nutrition and Natural Health, and a Masters in Environmental Ed. Administration. About herbs Deborah states, "My herbal expertise in wild edible plants and medicinal herbs came from over three decades of fascination and study. Some academic education was obtained during graduate work. I have also attended dozens of workshops, and have spent decades of day-to-day learning. My training includes both traditional herbal methods and Oriental wisdom." (Limit 50)



#4 Susan Fowler of Evansville Indiana will share her magic through: "**Mice, Giants & Feathers – Stories to live by!**" Stories are like treasures – hidden gems with a wealth of insight, inspiration & integrity that can provide life guidance. From the pueblos of the American Southwest to the plains of Kenya, stories will be shared in creative drama, song, sign language, sketches, and a simple craft. Come be a part of the "winds of change" in environmental education... consider your life path, assist in the transformation of evil to good and know you can make a difference! Lunch, learn, and laugh with stories to live by. (Limit 75)

Entertainment

Evening Entertainment

Wednesday evening: "Music for your spirit!"

during the social, registration "Appetizers and Advertisers" fun!!
Joe comes to us from northern Minnesota where he is a frequent attraction in the Grand Marais/Tofte/Lutsen area. He has written more than 100 songs, many with an environmental theme, and he is a master of hundreds of covers from the the 60's, 70's and 80's. His six and twelve-string acoustic magic and mellow voice will have you longing for more. Joe lives in a handmade 1-room cabin in the Superior National Forest. He excels at wilderness skills, as well as music! Joe often helps with classes at the Tom Brown Tracker School in New Jersey. You'll want to find time to visit with him!
Welcome, Joe, to the 2005 Midwest Environmental Education Conference!



Joe Paulik
Songwriter • Vocalist • 12 String guitarist

Friday Evening: "The World According to John Muir"

A living history performance by John B. Wallace



Father of Yosemite, savior of the sequoias, tireless priest at nature's shrine. John Muir (1838 – 1914) made the American wilderness his lifework. This naturalist, writer, explorer and pioneer ecologist popularized the cause of conservation – at a time when natural resources seemed inexhaustible. He helped to form the Sierra Club and served as its president until his death. The self-described "Tramp," drew recognition for his wilderness expertise from presidents and poets alike. John Wallace, environmental educator and activist, pays tribute to John Muir in his living history portrayal of one of the most influential conservationists and nature writers in American history. Thank you for joining us, Mr. Muir!

Friday evening, (following John Muir):

"Everybody Needs a River" Carter and Connelley!

Curt Carter and Tom Connelley have been performing together since 1988, their music has seen a wide range of venues from live radio, club, coffeehouse, and festival performances to political and environmental awareness benefits. Carter and Connelley has been featured on several performance series broadcast on PBS in Illinois and Missouri. They have also partnered with National Audubon, Wilderness Education Association, Heartland Bioneers, Illinois State Parks and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources among many other local, state and national organizations.

Lead on, "folk warriors."



Conference Schedule

Wednesday

Pre-conference workshops

- 1) Project WET
- 2) Monarchs in the classroom and Nature Center
- 3) Journeys with Lewis and Clark – Susan Fowler
- 4) Alternative Energy

Evening: Social/Registration

- 5-8 pm “Appetizers and Advertisers” –displays, vendors, wild game and local hors’ D’oeuvres
- 6:30 Showing of the film, “America’s Lost Landscape – the Tallgrass Prairie” with Dr. Daryl Smith, University of Northern Iowa
- 7:00 Vendor hall open
- 7:30 Folk Music/cash bar– Joe Paulik singing songs for your spirit

Thursday

- 7:30 Registration
- 8:30 Welcome
- 8:45 Keynote Speaker – Dr. Pete Myers, Our stolen future
- 9:45 Break
Vendors open
- 10:15-11:00 Concurrents/
Facilitated discussion with Dr. Myers
- 11:15-12:00 Concurrents
- 12-1:15 Lunch with entertainment options: storytelling, whitetail slides, ecotourism, herbal medicines
- 1:30-2:30 : Keynote – Lisa Kivirist and John Ivanko
- 2:30 Break

3:00-3:45- Concurrents and Symposium– The Future of EE: Weathering the Winds of Change
Ken Finch, Laura Downey, Gary Forster; Facilitated by Jean Eells

4:00-4:45 Concurrents and continued symposium

5:30 Cash bar/social

6:30 Dinner

7:30 Tim Palmer “Lifelines: the Case for River Conservation”
book-signing

9:00 Cash bar/socializing –/ open mike

Friday

7:30-9 Registration

All day: Field trips – off-site

6:00 Bar-B-Que supper

7:30 John Muir

9:00 Carter & Connelley: music & fun

Saturday

8:00 Registration

8:30-9:15 Concurrents

9:30–10:15 Concurrents

10:15 Break

10:30 Concurrents

(open spaces – follow-up on the Future of EE symposium).

11:30 Chad Pregracke!!! –
Living Lands and Waters founder.

12:30 LUNCH

1:30 Post conference options:
Clean up a river with Chad Fen Foray

Others? Stay tuned....

About our concurrents...

Our issue areas for this conference include: **Stewardship/Service Learning, Hot Topics in Education, Natural History, Trends in Energy, and History and Culture.** A sampling of our 48 presentations follows. Please check the website in June for more details and times.

Putting the “R” in Recycling
Mountain Lions in Iowa!
Nabbing the Aquatic Invader
Hawk Identification
Build a solar car
The Green Bike tour of Europe
Hands-on recycling for K-8
Kindernature
Beyond Ecophobia

Grow Local/Teach Local
Great Books with EE messages
Sustainable Energy Resources
World Population Balance
A (Ding)“Darling” Program
Field computers and GPS
The Trail of Tears
Permanent Land protection
Green building design

Food and Farming
Iowa’s Venomous Snakes
Food, Land, and People
Life on the Prairie
Stories in Dust: the Depression
Family Farm Forecast
Superconductivity
EE in Australia
Creating Accessible Trails

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Registration Form

(See more details on virtually every category elsewhere in the registration materials)

We must have one registration form submitted for each person. Thank you.

Name _____	Organization/Institution _____
Home Address _____	e-mail _____
City, State, Zip _____	Home phone# _____
Work Address _____	Work phone# _____
City, State, Zip _____	_____

Save \$35 - register before JUNE 15!

REGISTRATION

Full registration (it's the "I know this conference is going to be so great I don't want to miss a thing" best choice)

Includes **full conference** registration. (meals below)

Before June 15	\$75	_____
After June 15	\$110	_____
Full-time Student * , before June 15 (School/College attending _____)		
* Verification of student status is required at check-in. Please bring a current photo ID or a note from a professor or adviser		
Full-time student, AFTER June 15	\$50	_____
	\$75	_____

Daily registration (This is the "darn, I can't possibly be away from work more than one day, even tho' I know it would do my spirit so much good to be there for the full conference" choice) **includes ONE day registration only.**

Before June 15	\$50	_____
After June 15	\$60	_____
Full-time Student* before June 15 (School/College attending _____)	\$30	_____
Full-time Student after June 15	\$40	_____

I'll be attending _____ **Thursday only**
 _____ **Friday only** (registration is required, and field trips are additional; see below)
 _____ **Saturday only**

***NOTE: on-site registration will be available, BUT \$20 more for any category! Thank you!

REGISTRATION FEES \$ _____

MEALS

We are striving to provide as much locally grown food as possible, with an emphasis on low-input production. Some of the foods will be picked the morning of serving! Thursday evening meal will definitely be all-Iowa, organic, and WONDERful!
 (If you want to purchase extra tickets for non-registered family members, you may multiply the amounts for extra tickets.)

Thursday lunch (see entertainment/program options below)	\$10	_____
Assorted wraps, salads, beverage and dessert included + entertainment, if desired		
Thursday evening dinner (tablecloths and EVERYthing!)	\$13	_____
(Tentative plan is Iowa chops, fresh garden veggies, new potatoes, drink, and dessert, ALL IOWA)		
Friday evening Bar-B-Que	\$10	_____
Please select: Iowa bison _____ or Iowa brat _____ beans, salads, drink, and dessert)		
Saturday noon luncheon	\$8	_____
Choice of salad bar, bread, drink, and dessert) Please select Chef salad _____ Oriental _____		

Breakfasts (this will be a full breakfast) served for campers and dorm folks : \$5 each morning

Thurs. _____ Fri. _____ Sat. _____ TOTAL breakfasts \$ _____

Vegetarian choices, please _____

TOTAL MEALS \$ _____

Special options - Thursday lunch entertainment

If you selected to have lunch at the conference on Thursday, you have several choices of a program during that 1.5 hour lunch time. Please select one of the following; your ticket will indicate your choice.

- #1 Lisa Kivirist and John Ivanko will provide an enlivened, interactive discussion about ecotourism (limit 75). _____
- #2 Larry Stone, "Whitetails: Trophy, Treasure, or Trouble?" slide show (limit 50.) _____
- #3 Deborah Lee will provide the PowerPoint program "Herbal Mysteries Revealed" (limit 50). _____
- #4 Susan Fowler shares: Stories to live by!: "Mice, Giants & Feathers" (limit 75.) _____
- #5 "I think I'll just hang with my friends and visit during lunch; no program, thanks!" _____

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS Title _____

WORKSHOP COST \$ _____

FIELD TRIPS (See descriptions elsewhere in this brochure)

1st Choice # _____ Title _____

2nd Choice # _____ Title _____

FIELD TRIP COSTS \$ _____

(submit cost for 1st choice only)

DORM ROOMS

The NIACC dorms will be available for rent. There is **no smoking** allowed in the dorms. The rooms are **NOT air-conditioned**; depending on the forecast, you may want to bring a fan. **Bring your own linen** or order a linen pack (no pillow) below. Male and female floors are designated, because of bathroom facilities, but a couple may share a room, understanding that one must use the bathroom on an adjacent floor. (Breakfast will be available in the dorm cafeteria; see **MEALS**.)

Rates: single or double: \$15.00 per person, per night Male _____ Female _____

Wed. _____ Thurs. _____ Fri. _____ Linens, please (\$5) _____

DORM CHARGES \$ _____

I'm rooming with a friend: Roommate name _____

CAMPUS CAMPING (The college said we can try this ONCE!!!)

We will allow tents to be pitched on site, in one specific area. **ABSOLUTELY NO FIRES** or any damage to the lawn. (There isn't any shade in this area.) Small-scale campers (pickup truck, etc). would also be possible in the parking lot. EACH UNIT will be charged \$10 per night. Locker rooms can be used for showering. **Please** be respectful of these constraints.

Request a camping permit for: TENT _____ SMALL camper _____

Wed. night _____ Thurs. night _____ Fri. night _____

CAMPING \$ _____

VENDORS/EXHIBITS (Call Craig Zoellner, 641-422-4134 for additional information on this.)

Standard spaces will be approximately 10 X 15', with one 8 foot table provided. Set-up will be on Wednesday evening, please. Vending area will be open Wednesday, as possible, Thursday at 10 am, Friday evening, and Saturday morning. This space will be locked Friday (for field trips)

Not-for-profit groups: information only, no sales please.(provide nfp # _____)	\$25.00 _____
Not-for-profit groups, with sales	\$50.00 _____
Commercial: small business	\$50.00 _____
Commercial: medium business	\$75.00 _____
Industrial/commercial: large business/industry	\$100.00 _____
Additional tables: \$15.00 each X # _____ =	\$ _____

If you need audio/visual equipment for your display, there may be a small additional charge

VENDOR FEE _____

- I will be bringing an item for the silent auction. _____
(proceeds go to the Iowa Conservation Education Council. THANK YOU!!)
- I can bring a bowl to donate for the "empty bowl" luncheon on Saturday _____
(proceeds go to the North Iowa Food Bank)
- I am interested in CEU's _____
- I am interested in graduate credit. _____
- I might be interested in early-morning bird hikes. _____
- I will bring an item for the arts and crafts contest. _____
- Wednesday evening social**
- I will be attending the Wednesday evening social, "Appetizers and Advertisers" in time for goodies _____
- No additional charge, but we'd like to know how many folks to plan on. Please, this is NOT intended to be your supper.
(I know how you guys are!! ☺)

FEE TOTAL

Registration _____ + Meals _____ + Workshop _____ + Field trip _____ + Dorms or camping _____ + Vendor table _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

- 1) MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: **NIACC-MEEC** (There will be a \$25 fee for any check returned NSF)
- 2) INSTITUTION PURCHASE ORDER ACCEPTED UNTIL JUNE 15 ONLY. **INCLUDE A COPY OF SIGNED P.O. WITH THIS FORM!**
- 3) IF YOU WISH TO PAY WITH A CREDIT CARD, you may call 1-888-466-4222, EXT. 4364 OR

INCLUDE CHARGE INFORMATION HERE: # _____ Exp. Date _____
NAME exactly as it appears on card _____ address _____

NO INFORMATION WILL BE ENTERED UNTIL PAYMENT (OR P.O.) IS RECEIVED.

Refunds (minus a \$20 administrative fee) allowed in extenuating circumstances up until July 15.

Questions or for additional information, call Carol: 641-422-4319 or 1-888-466-4222 ext. 4319.



MAIL THIS FORM AND PAYMENT TO:
NIACC – MEEC
500 COLLEGE DRIVE
MASON CITY, IOWA 50401



Accommodations

Motels:

The following motels have blocked rooms for the conference. You must mention the Midwest Environmental Education Conference to get the conference rate. The rooms will be released 30 days prior to the conference; rates will be higher then.

- **Best Value Inn (3 miles from campus)
641-424-2910 \$44-\$52 + tax
- **The Comfort Inn (3.5 miles from campus)
641-423-4444 \$68 +
- **Holiday Inn (4 miles) 641-423-1640 \$72 +
- **Day's Inn (4 miles) 641-424-0210 \$48-\$59 +
- **The Hanford Inn (4.5 miles) 800-424-9491 or
641-424-9494 \$63+
- **The Super 8 Motel and Suites (4.5 miles)
641-423-8855 \$55-\$60+

There are several other motels in the Clear Lake/Mason City area.

Bed & Breakfasts:

These area Bed and Breakfasts have room available, as of 1 April.

- **The Larch Pine Inn (12 miles in Clear Lake) A lovely restored Victorian home near downtown. 641-357-7854.
- ** The Cupola Inn, Mason City (just 3 miles south of campus!) 641-422-9272
- ** The Decker House, Mason City (3 miles from campus) 641- 423-4700
www.masoncityia.com/cupolainn

Campgrounds:

Several area campgrounds are also available nearby. All have electric and non-electric sites, showers, and picnic areas

- **MacNider Campgrounds, Mason City –Winnebago riverside, pool, trails; 5 minutes from campus - 641-421-3673.
- **Wilkinson Pioneer Park - Rock Falls - Along the Shell Rock River, 10 minutes from NIACC, northeast of Mason City; hiking and biking trails. Beautiful prairie remnant.
641-423-5309.
- **Clear Lake State Park - 2 mi. south of Hwy 18 on southeast shore of Clear Lake, about 30 minutes from NIACC; lakeshore beach.
641-357-4212.
- **MacIntosh Woods State Park South of Hwy 18, east of Ventura on the northwest shore of Clear Lake, about 30 minutes from NIACC; lakeshore beach, yurt rentals. 641-829-3847.
- **Linn Grove Park - South of Rockwell along Cedar River, 25 minutes from NIACC; close to pool and golf course. 641-423-5309.
- **Campus camping! We will have a specific, designated area for tents, right next to our conference center, and small camper units can park nearby in the parking lot! No shade; no tables, but very convenient. ABSOLUTELY no fires. \$10 per unit (pre-register) Campers may use the nearby locker rooms.
See also: www.masoncityia.com and www.clearlakeiowa.com and www.co.cerro-gordo.ia.us for additional lodging options.

Dormitories

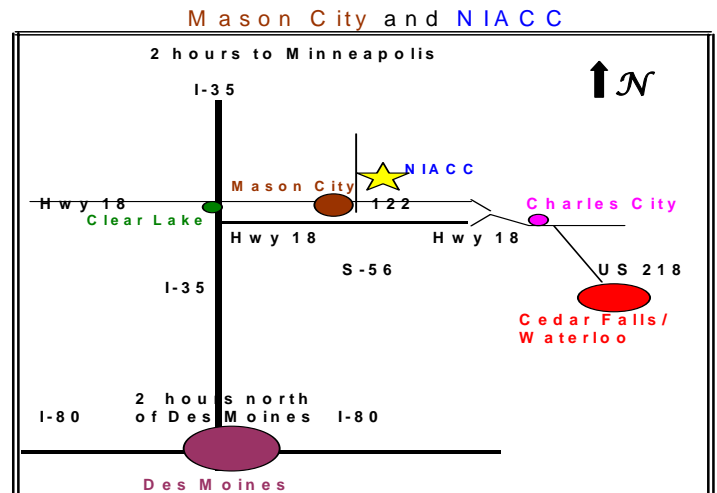
Our college dormitories will be available to rent for \$15 per person per night, single or double. Renters will need to **bring their own linen** or order a linen pack for \$5 (no pillow.). **The dorms are not air-conditioned**; you may want to bring a small fan. Male and female floors are designated, because of bathroom facilities, but a couple may share a room, understanding that one must use the bathroom on an adjacent floor. Breakfast will be served in the dorm cafeteria. You must register for this to facilitate planning. See MEALS on the registration form.

Vacation information and area attractions

Mason City is the boyhood home of Meredith Willson; it *is* the River City made famous in “The Music Man!” Visit Music Man Square and Willson’s boyhood home. You may be interested in attending the North Iowa Fair in Mason City, going on the days of our conference. Clear Lake, just 10 miles west, is a popular resort town, and the site of Buddy Holly’s last performance and plane crash. Visit the Surf Ballroom for memorabilia of Buddy and the big band era. The Clear Lake Art Sail brings artisans from all around the Midwest to Clear Lake. This event is in central park, Saturday, July 23rd!! Saturday evening you can join the “Lady of the Lake” paddle boat for a Dixieland Music cruise. RAGBRAI will be starting Sunday and travels north Iowa this year; bring your bikes and join in the fun, www.ragbrai.org See www.traveliowa.com , www.clearlakeiowa.com and www.masoncityia.com for more area highlights.

Travel Information

North Iowa Area Community College is located in Mason City, in North Central Iowa on Highway 122 (old 18). Clear Lake, a popular resort town, is ten miles to the west. The area is served by Northwest Airlines through a Mesaba Air link. Major airports include Minneapolis, MN and Des Moines, IA each about 120 miles from campus, and Waterloo Airport, which is approximately 90 miles. Auto rental is available through Hertz at the Mason City airport.



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