

## PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAMS

Participants must pre-register for all Pre-Conference Programs & Field Trips ... refer to on-line and/or hard copy Conference Registration Form at [www.nysoea.org](http://www.nysoea.org).

### CPR / 1<sup>st</sup> Aid

Thursday, September 20, 2018

9am-12:15pm – 1:30-3:30pm

3hr 1<sup>st</sup> Aid + 3hr CPR // 6 total hour program

American Heart Association CPR and 1<sup>st</sup> Aid course....heart saver level course.

Certification course / card provided.

Please bring bag lunch.

For questions contact Tracy Thomas: [tracy@massenanaturecenter.com](mailto:tracy@massenanaturecenter.com)

### Infusing EE in Early Childhood (Pre K-2) Project WET's 'Getting Little Feet WET'

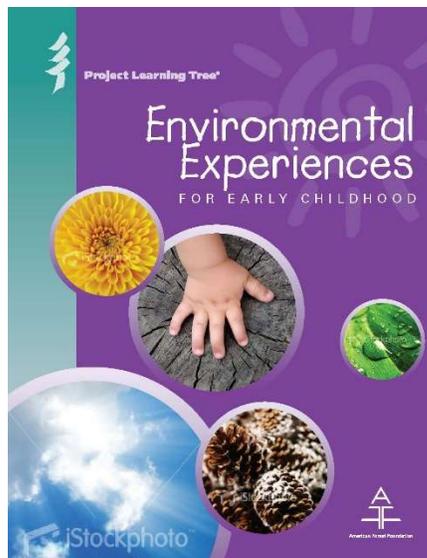
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Join fellow early childhood educators in a romp through the new Project WET's *Getting Little Feet Wet* and Project Learning Tree's *Early Childhood Experiences* curriculum and activity guides. Workshop participants will take part in fun and engaging activities while training to use the award winning guides. New and seasoned educators alike will share valuable experiences and insights for adapting activities to your particular situation. Participants will receive copies of both guides free of charge.

Please bring bag lunch

For questions contact Drew Hopkins at 518-475-0291 or email at [drew.hopkins@dec.ny.gov](mailto:drew.hopkins@dec.ny.gov)



## Planning Your Next Big Program and the Ones after It

Thursday, September 20, 2018

1:30-4:30pm

Co-Presenter, Fred Stoss, Librarian, SUNY University at Buffalo (NYSOEA Member), Description: Planning and implementing outdoor and environmental programs is a major undertaking for K-12 teachers and educators working in nonformal education settings (park/recreation centers; state and regional forests, wetlands, wildlife sanctuaries; nature centers; elder-care centers; museums; zoos, aquariums, botanical gardens; environmental and conservation organizations). The North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) developed recommendations, tools, and strategies providing a cradle-to-grave approach from the idea of creating an education program to evaluating its success. NAAEE compiled these in "Nonformal Environmental Education Programs: Guidelines for Excellence," (copies given) knitting together a systematic process leading to high-quality new programs and improving existing ones

Contact Kaeti Stoss: [kstoss@adopt-a-stream.org](mailto:kstoss@adopt-a-stream.org)

### PRE-CONFERENCE FIELD TRIPS

#### Delaware River Canoe/Kayak Trip

Thursday, September 20, 2018

11am – 3pm

#### “Staircase Rapids to Matamoras Access”

This trip goes out of Staircase Rapids, NY and ends at the Matamoras River Access, PA.

It is a 6 mile / 3+hr trip – potentially a more active section of the river (subject to conditions) providing entertainment for advanced kayakers looking for a challenging experience - NOT recommended for beginners. The cost is \$53/pp-includes kayak/canoe rental, pfd, paddle and shuttles.

Participants bring their own bag lunch and something to drink....or eat a big breakfast!

For this trip, all participants park their cars at Kittatinny Matamoras base (1147 Delaware Drive, Matamoras, PA 18336), and are then bused up to Staircase in our complimentary shuttle vans and then then float/paddle back down the river back to your cars at Matamoras.

Matamoras Access is a 20 minute drive to the Conference site at Greenkill.

**Trip Leader: Jeff Rosalsky, Executive Director PEEC (Pocono Environmental Education Center)**

**NYSOEA rep: Snapper Petta**

Call Sheri Bone, PEEC, at 570-828-2319 for additional details.

Participants must pre-register for this field trip.

Fees are payable on arrival at Kittatinny Base.



## **Forestry Stewardship**

**Thursday, September 20, 2018**

**1:45 – 3:45pm**

Camp Deer Park has been in a sustainable growth forestry management plan for 20 years. We have harvested wood for sale and to construct four beautiful cabins while observing an increase in the overall health and growth of our forest. We will talk about how sustainable growth forest management can be done in your context and how we have taught using our model.

Camp is located 8 mi – 10 min drive from Greenkill. We will car pool from Greenkill.

Call Ken Bontrager at 845-283-8669 for additional details.

## **Bashakill Wetland Canoe/Kayak Trip:**

**Friday September 21, 2018**

**Saturday, September 22, 2018**

**8:45am – 12:30pm**

Join educators Scott Graber, John Stowell, Snapper Petta and Tom Smith to explore the largest freshwater wetland in Southeastern NY. "A birdwatchers dream". Bald eagles and osprey are common. Bashakill wetland is home to over 200 species of birds and is a state designated bird conservation area. We will meet at the South Road Boat Launch (across from the winery) at 8:45am. Carpool from Greenkill.

Limited to 10 people without kayaks, and 10 people bringing their own kayak.

\$10 fee for participants requiring to 'rent' kayak -payable at the Conference.

Bring bag lunch, binoculars and water shoes.

Participants must pre-register for this field trip.

Call Tom at 845-500-1170 for additional details.



## Local History Tour

Friday, September 21, 2018

1:45pm – 3:45pm

Join us on a tour of the local history around Greenkill. Our first stop will be the “little red schoolhouse”. Built in 1879, this one-room school is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is restored to its original condition by the Little Red School House Historical Society. Here we will receive a guided tour, not only of the schoolhouse, but of the history of how it began and progressed.

From there we will head over to explore the Neversink Museum, located in a historic canal-era building in the D&H Canal Park right on the Neversink River! We will have the opportunity to learn about the amazing D&H Canal and the rich archaeological history of this lovely region in Orange County through exhibitions about Black Diamonds; a working lock model; the Artistry of the Blacksmith; history of the Lenape Native Americans; Movies Before Hollywood; and canal technology, history, boating and canal life. If only there was enough time to stay and enjoy the self-guided written walking tour of the one-mile section of the D&H Canal in the park, the Large herb garden and Lenape Native American Three-Sister’s Garden of corn, beans and squash, The Museum Store with a large selection of canal and local history publications, stationery, cards, toys, and gifts. Car pool from Greenkill.

Call Kristen at (732) 567-6115 for additional information.



## Brandwein Nature Learning Preserve

**Saturday, September 22, 2018**

**8:45am – 12:30pm**

The field trip to the Brandwein Nature Learning Preserve will offer a variety of 90minute outdoor workshops, guided trail walks and group discussions presented by selected Brandwein Directors including Bill Hammond, Daniel Bisaccio, Kasey Stankunis, Dave Foord, Jack Padalino, Mark Schaefer, Brad Smith, Cheryl Charles, Lisa Janeway, Alan Dandler, Marily DeWall, Bill Bavoso, Henry Burger and Keith Wheeler. Brandwein Fellows Larry Peterson and Kevin DeVizia and other member of the Brandwein Community will participate. Topics include citizen science, advanced geo-caching, nature photography, birding, exploring nature with children, nature journaling, the history of the Preserve and more. A great field trip for EE Center staff members, educators, parents, photographers, birders and 'nature journalists'.

Van and car pool from Greenkill ... Lunch will be provided.

Call Keith Wheeler at 814-441-2887 for additional details.



## Hawk Watch!!

**Sunday, September 23, 2018**

**9:30am-11:15am**

### Brandwein Institute's Invitation to experience The Greatest Show Above The Earth: Migrating Hawks

John (Jack) Padalino, President emeritus of the Brandwein Institute, invites you to experience the Greatest Show Above the Earth at the I 84 rest stop West between exits 2 and 1. Field trip begins with a brief hawk identification session. Data we collect will be shared with the Hawk Migration Association of North America HMANA. Migrating raptor identification guides and hand-outs will be provided by the Brandwein Institute.

The Interstate 84 rest stop is on the north-southeastern flyway habituated by predatory birds, raptors: The Kittatinny-Shawangunk Ridge and Corridor which is a relatively unbroken ridge that extends 250 miles across parts of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. It begins at Rosedale, NY at the northern end of the spectacular Shawangunk Ridge, crosses NJ into PA at Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and continues in PA almost to the Maryland border. For three quarters of a century and more, ornithologists, hawk watchers, birders, and nature lovers have observed, studied and photographed autumn hawk migrations. Hawk Mountain is the most famous of the watch sites. Important local observation sites are I 84, Sunrise Mountain, and Raccoon Ridge. Between 10,000 to 20,000 migrating raptors of 16 species are counted every autumn at these sites including Bald Eagles and rarer Golden Eagles.

Call Jack Padalino at 845-325-0536 for additional details.

