

# *NYSOEA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference FAQ's*

## ***What is NYSOEA and what is the Annual Conference?***

Established in 1968, The New York State Outdoor Education Association is the leading professional group supporting outdoor education, environmental education and interpretive services in New York State.

***The signature event for NYSOEA is the Annual Conference.*** *The conference is an excellent opportunity for networking, attending workshops, participating in outdoor activities, and supporting outdoor education in New York State. The 2018 Conference celebrates NYSOEA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!*

For complete information about NYSOEA, mission, goals, membership & activities visit: [www.nysoea.org](http://www.nysoea.org)

## ***When is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference?***

September 20-23, 2018

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## ***Where is it?***

It will be held at the **Greenkill 'Y'** Outdoor Education & Retreat Center, Huguenot NY 12746. For information, directions and more about Greenkill, please visit: <http://ymcanyc.org/ycamps/>.

**Huguenot** is a hamlet in the town of Deerpark, in Orange County, New York, north of Port Jervis on US-209 in the tristate area of NY, NJ and PA, 'surrounded' by the Delaware River, the Bashakill Wildlife Management Area and the Neversink River.

## ***I am a Past President and may / may not be able to attend the Conference...how can I participate?***

**NYSOEA's Legacy Committee** is reaching out to all Past Presidents inviting each of them to participate in the celebration, support the 50<sup>th</sup> and insure the future ...

If you are planning to attend, please fill out the general Registration form to secure a place at the Conference and your housing and meals....visit [www.nysoea.org](http://www.nysoea.org).

## ***What can I expect to do and see and learn while I'm there?***

There is a full 3-day (from 6am through 11pm!) program of workshops, training programs, field trips, guest speakers, receptions, special events, exhibitors and more. Visit [www.nysoea.org](http://www.nysoea.org) for the Conference **schedule** and complete descriptions of all programs, workshops and special events.

## ***Who usually attends the Conference and do I get to meet them?***

**Conference participants** represent both public and private affiliations and include classroom teachers, environmental educators, college professors, naturalists, interpreters, youth leaders, administrators, students, parents and others interested in the outdoors.

**Conference Committee and Board members** are on-hand throughout the Conference to meet, greet and orient all participants to NYSOEA, the Conference and Greenkill's facilities.

## ***How do I register and what does it cost?***

Visit [www.nysoea.org](http://www.nysoea.org) and follow the Conference 2018 Registration link!

You will find many options for registration, membership, donations, lodging and meals. There are convenient lodging and meal options available at Greenkill.

***Register early!!!*** A number of programs, field trips, lodging and single meal options are limited.

***I am a workshop leader for the Conference ... do I need to register?***

Everyone needs to register, even if it's just for the day – workshop leaders receive a \$20 discount on registration fees ... need to pay for lodging and meals.

For questions please contact Carolann James at [CJames@nasbooces.org](mailto:CJames@nasbooces.org).

***I am full time student and/or SCA member ... are there options to attend?***

**Absolutely!!** SCA members please contact Libby Young at [lyoung@thesca.org](mailto:lyoung@thesca.org).

Full time students please contact Snapper Petta at [Snapper.Petta@oneonta.edu](mailto:Snapper.Petta@oneonta.edu).

***Is there a scholarship program available to help defray costs?***

Scholarships are available for **full time educators, students and interns**. For registration and scholarship information please contact Snapper Petta at [Snapper.Petta@oneonta.edu](mailto:Snapper.Petta@oneonta.edu).

***I would love to sponsor an event or student and have an exhibit and/or ad for the Conference...***

...and we would love to have you as a sponsor, exhibitor and advertiser ...please visit [www.nysoea.org](http://www.nysoea.org)!

***Is EEAC-NYC partnering with NYSOEA's annual conference this year?***

NYSOEA is partnering with EEAC-NYC to promote our 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. EEAC-NYC members are eligible to register for the conference at the NYSOEA membership rate.

***What are The Brandwein Institute and The American Nature Study Society?***

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference is sponsored in part through a grant from *The Brandwein Institute and The American Nature Study Society*. Their respective members have long been associated with NYSOEA and have served as workshop leaders, featured speakers, award winners, Conference Chairpersons and Board members. For additional information visit [www.brandwein.org](http://www.brandwein.org).

***I can only attend for a day or two, can I do that?***

You can register for one, two or three days ... on-line or 'write-in' registration options are available.

***I am going to 'commute' but may want to have meals at the site - what are my registration options?***

Commuters are more than welcome! You can register and pay for one, two or three days for the Conference plus a daily facility use fee and then choose whatever meals you would like to have on site.

***Are there nearby off-site housing options?***

The Best Western Hotel, Matamoras PA 18336 (570) 491-2400 – 9 mi, 20 min. to Greenkill

The Hampton Inn, Matamoras PA, 18336 (570) 491-5280– 9 mi, 20 min. to Greenkill

Myer Country Motel, Milford, PA 18337 (570) 296-7223 – 14 mi, 25 min to Greenkill

***Is public transportation available?***

**Bus** - Greyhound provide service to the Best Western Hotel, Matamoras PA.

**Train** - Metro North Train provides service to/from Port Jervis NY.

**Pick up** times for the 'Y' will be posted closer to Conference as these schedules are confirmed.

**TAXI service** is also available: 845-856-1111 OR 845-858-8888

***What do I bring with me?***

**Traditionally** ... participants 'Lug their mug', binoculars, field guides, guitars, a 'local' libation or snack, sleeping bag or linens, \$\$ for a new t-shirt and a donation to the annual auction & raffle.

**New - Members Art Show** – We are bringing back a ‘blast from the past’ and sponsoring a Members Art Show & Exhibit giving members and Conference participants a unique opportunity to share their talents.  
**New - Children’s Shoes** - We are asking participants to consider supporting a very worthwhile and worthy cause in our Port Jervis community...**‘new soles in honor of a special soul’** ... and bring a new pair of children’s shoes or sneakers with them to the Conference.

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**New Book Talks & Swaps** - Join in several informal ‘book talks’ ... featuring old favorites and newer books. And bring a ‘bag’ of books you would not mind giving up or swapping for another ‘bag’ of books. Whatever is left over will be donated to the ‘Book Fairy’

*I would like to make the most of the weekend...what can I do and see on my way to / from Greenkill?*

Your ‘tourist’ options in the tri-state area of NY, NJ and PA are in all directions including hiking, walking, boating, antiquing, eating and more inc: The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Grey Towers National Historic Site in Milford PA, the Upper Delaware Scenic & Recreation River, the Roebling Bridge and D&H Canal in NY, High Point State Park in NJ, the Port Jervis Watershed Park and more.

*What if I have more questions?*

You can find all sorts of information when you visit: [www.nysoea.org](http://www.nysoea.org).

Or email us at: [conferencecommittee2018@nysoea.org](mailto:conferencecommittee2018@nysoea.org).