

MINUTES for
Meeting of the Environmental Education Committee Meeting
Of the Partnership for A Green City
September 16, 2009; 4:30 to 5:30 pm
Louisville Nature Center

1. Mayor's Healthy Hometown Hike is October 17, 10:00-1:00 at Horine Reservation of the Jefferson Memorial Forest. The event will focus on a "Go Green" theme. Tonya Swan has requested that anyone who would like to present a booth on behalf of the EEC to disseminate information about environmental and/or green resources topics can have a free booth. Each booth will have a 10x10 tent a sign, a 6 ft table, and 2 chairs (more available on request). Email Tonya at the Jefferson Memorial Forest tonya.swan@louisvilleky.gov and she will forward an application to you.
2. Kandris Goodwin and the ad hoc committee reported on their progress planning the environmental education aspect of the upcoming Bioneers conference. Plans include showing a short film about the energy required to make a piece of toast. Activities include "Incredible Journey"-type activities tracing the origins and energy requirements of a drop of water, making a Big Mac, a piece of clothing, and a cell phone. Activities will be presented at the Bluegrass Bioneers event on campus. Look at the website www.bb2009.org for more details. Each activity will take about 1.5 hours. Volunteers are needed to facilitate the activities. Please contact Judy Gardner at judithgardner@gmail.com if you can assist.

Friday, October 16, 4:15-5:55

Saturday, October 17, 10:00-11:30; Saturday, Oct. 17, 4:15-5:55

Sunday, Oct. 18, 10:00-11:30

Other activities for attendees who want a less directed experience are also planned.

3. Teddie facilitated a brainstorm session about possible goal for the EEC for the 2009-2010 session. Goals should be measurable and be reasonably accomplished by May 2010, although they may be continued in another phase at a later date. Preliminary listing:
 - a. Support of environmental magnet schools such as expertise, time, and talent.
 - b. Recommendations to the School Board to build into the curriculum an awareness of careers, skills, and courses that will lead to "green" jobs.
 - c. Update the current resources list of people and materials helpful for educators.
 - d. Climate change resource list for educators
 - e. Materials and resources to help educators see the interdisciplinary nature of environmental education, such as the River of Words program .
 - f. School gardens
 - g. An advertising/promotion/committee on the EEC

Teddie asked that you read/reread the global climate change document by Cynthia Lees that she recently provided. Identify which things we are currently doing. FOR NEXT MEETING bring additional ideas for goals. We will select 2-3 goals at the October meeting.

Announcements

1. Teddie reported that the “What Environmental Educators should know about Jefferson County” document is still being edited by volunteers. Please get your editing done ASAP.
2. Disinger article on what definition of EE- if you didn't receive your copy on email, please contact cenvired@louisville.edu and be sure to include your current email address.
3. Kentucky Environmental Education Master Plan second draft is ready and has been approved by the board of KEEC. Read it on their website.
4. Youth Summit mentor/teacher PD will be Sept. 23 at UofL Planetarium, 4:00-7:00. JCPS faculty are approved for PD credit. Youth Summit will be on October 13. Please advertise! Subs will be provided for those teachers who attend with their students. Contact Paul Embree for funds.
5. Bluegrass Bioneers will be October 17-19. www.bb2009.org.
6. The Environmental Education Center will not have graduate student staff this year. Teddie has only a 10% buyout from KEEC to run the Center this semester. The Center could use volunteers on a routine basis to monitor and respond to Center emails about 2 hours a week, take minutes at the EEC meetings monthly, someone to edit/revise minutes as needed and send out to the membership, and persons to take leadership roles on subcommittees.

VERY IMPORTANT! Please send any messages pertaining to EEC and the Center for Environmental Education to this email address cenvired@louisville.edu

Upcoming events

1. KAEE Annual Conference, Gen. Butler State Park, Carrollton, KY, Sept.18 &19 www.kaee.org.
2. NAAEE annual conference in Portland, Oregon, Oct 7-10 www.naaee.org.
3. Healthy Foods/Local Farms Conference Nov 6&7. Nov 6 focuses on school gardens and outdoor classrooms.

Our next meeting will be on October 21; location TBA.