



**Welcome to the 50th Annual  
Environmental Education Council of Ohio  
Conference  
April 6-9, 2017  
at Deer Creek State Park Lodge**

For 50 years, educators from all over the state have been coming together for this conference, and we are thrilled to celebrate all those years of greatness, with many more to come. As educators, we see the future in front of us every day and we are privileged to have an influence in the lives of those we teach. This year's theme, "Honoring the Past, Looking To the Future", will allow us to appreciate all of the goals that have been achieved over the last 50 years. It will be a chance to see how much impact we have made over that time so that we can continue the excellence we have already achieved, improve our ability to accomplish the mission of EECO, and our missions as educators: to nurture knowledge, ideas, engagement, and to bring people together to learn and grow in our natural world.

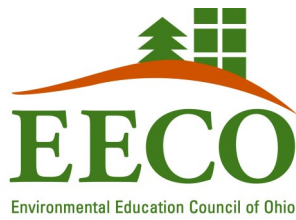
**Conference strands include:**

- Engaging Minorities in the Outdoors
- Environmental Careers
- Outdoor Education
- Fundraising
- Technology in Nature

**Conference highlights include:**

- Keynote from Judy Braus, Executive Director from the North American Association for Environmental Education on the future of EE across the continent.
- Friday night fun and entertaining nature interpretation from author and naturalist Denny Olson!
- Educational field trips to Native American Earthworks, Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park Nature Center, the Buffalo Soldier Monument and more!
- 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! **Early Bird Registration ends March 11th. Final Registration Deadline is March 24th. Room Block Ends February 17th!**



# Program of Events

## 50th Annual Conference

### April 6-9, 2017

The codes that follow each session description indicate which strand the session addresses as follows: EM=Engaging Minorities in the Outdoors, EC=Environmental Careers, OE=Outdoor Education, F=Fundraising, TN=Technology in Nature. Settings are also listed as Indoors, Outdoors or both.

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#### Thursday April 6, 2017

**9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

##### Ohio Student Wildlife Research Symposium

Join high school students and teachers from around Ohio as they present their wildlife and habitat research projects in this first ever research symposium for high school students. \$35 for adults, \$20 for students, includes lunch. Please see the agenda online at <http://eeco.wildapricot.org>

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#### Friday April 7, 2017

##### Field Trips

**FT1—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 in southern Ohio including Serpent and Seip Mounds. The advance of spring and early spring wildflowers along with Ohio caves will be the focus of hikes at the Highlands Nature Sanctuary and the Miller State Nature Preserve. **Please bring money for lunch at a local Amish Bakery.** Transportation will be by car pool. Tour will last from approximately 9:00 am until 6:00 pm and will be led by Ohio State Park Naturalist and Shawnee State University instructor Matthew Minter. Outdoors. \$10

**FT2—8:30am-4:30pm** **World Heritage Site Nominee Field Trip to Hopewell Cultural National Historic Park** in Chillicothe. Along with Newark Earth Works and Fort Ancient, the Hopewell Earthworks in Ross County has been nominated as the next World Heritage Site. These remarkable structures will be visited and interpreted during hikes to Hopeton Earthworks, Mound City Earthworks Group, Hopewell Mound Group, and Junction Earthworks. Includes visits to sites and a program at the Visitor Center at Mound City. Transportation will be by car pool. Field trip will be led by Dave Todt, Shawnee State Professor and Board member of the Arc of Appalachia (owner of Junction Earthworks). Indoors/Outdoors. **Please bring additional \$10.00 cash for a lunch catered by the Old Canal Smokehouse at the Visitor Center.** \$10

**FT3—10:30am-12:00pm** **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 90 minute tour of the Deer Creek Lake Dam beginning at 10:30 am to learn about how the Dam functions. The Dam is a short 10 minute drive from the state park lodge. Indoors/Outdoors **\$10, lunch not provided. See lunch options for Workshops.**

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**8:30am—11:30am**

##### Morning Workshops

##### **W1—Leopold Education Project**

The Leopold Education Project's curriculum and lessons, based on Aldo Leopold's writings, facilitates interdisciplinary exploration of both arts and sciences. Lessons build skills in observation, field identification, land stewardship, natural history and environmental values. This is a full-day session, Leopold lesson materials will be included. Indoors/Outdoors OE, TN. Susan Setterlin, Kim Kaseman, Leopold Education Project State Co-Coordinator, and Jen Elsworth, Toledo Metroparks. **\$25**

##### **W2—Becoming Part of the Whole**

This workshop focuses on strategies that build an inclusive community, engaging children in learning both inside and outside the classroom. Population Connection activities will serve as the springboard for inquiry-based learning. Indoors/Outdoors, EM, OE. Cathy Knoop, Population Connection and CISV. **\$10**

##### **W3—Creating a Youth Climate Action Team**

Learn about creating a Youth Climate Action Team with your school that sets middle or high school students up to engage with climate change and energy issues in positive, active ways that also meet school learning targets. Indoors/Outdoors, EC, OE, TN. Joe Brehm and Sam Romeo, Rural Action and Ohio Stream Restore Corps. **\$10**

**11:30am –1:30pm****Lunch Break**

An optional box lunch is available for \$19. Otherwise, participants should make plans to provide their own lunch, either by ordering from the lodge restaurant, or packing their own.

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**1:30pm –4:30pm****Afternoon Workshops**

**W1—Leopold Education Project—continued from morning session**

**W4—Teaching the Greatest Challenge of Them All: Climate Change**

This workshop will introduce the “four dimensions of climate change” framework for educators, as well as a variety of hands-on activities that help young people understand climate change and take action in their communities. Indoors/Outdoors, OE, TN. Tim Grant, Green Teacher \$10

**W5—Experiencing Science Education in Soundscape Camp & Measuring Youth Conceptual Understanding and Interest**

Soundscapes are the acoustic properties of a place, composed of biological, geophysical and anthropogenic sound sources in a particular location. This workshop will focus on the design and use of informal participatory activities related to learning about soundscapes. Indoors/Outdoors EM, OE, TN Maryam Ghadiri, Research Assistant and Curriculum Designer, and Benjamin Gottesman, Center for Global Soundscapes, Purdue University. \$10

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**4:30pm–6:00pm****Optional Activities**

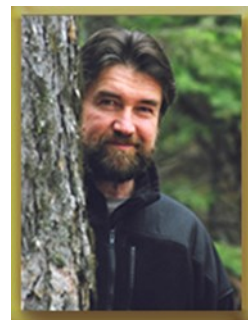
You can join us for an optional free Trap Shooting Session outdoors at the Deer Creek Shotgun Range from 5:00pm–6:00pm. The Shotgun Range will be opened only for conference attendees and is just a short drive from the lodge. You can also spend some time perusing our vendor/exhibit area.

**6:00pm–7:00pm****Friday Night Welcome Dinner**

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

**7:00pm–8:30pm****Friday Evening Keynote Speaker**

Denny Olson's formal training as a biologist and geologist, as well as teaching nature for over 20 years in the north woods and mountain west, has given him expertise in many disciplines. He has done research on beavers, hares and loons, and received an M.S. Degree (magna cum laude) from the University of Minnesota. From those scientific beginnings he forged an unlikely union between science, humor, and drama, and established a national reputation as an innovative performer and educator. He will introduce us to Professor Avian Guano, who will be discussing migratory birds in North America.

**8:30pm–11:00pm****Hospitality Suite**

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**Saturday April 8, 2017**  
**Concurrent Sessions, Keynotes, Exhibits**

**7:00am–8:00am**    **Bird Hike—tentative**

**8:00am–9:00am**    **Breakfast—Join your EECO Regions and network while enjoying your breakfast.**

**9:00am–9:15am**    **Welcome and Conference Opening—Brenda Metcalf, EECO Executive Director**

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**9:30am-10:30am****Concurrent Session 1**

**A1—Nature and Literacy: Using the “reading bandwagon” to get kids outside**

Explore how books act as catalysts for getting kids engaged in nature. This session will dive into the best nature stories, program methods, and discuss developing partnerships between parks and local libraries. Indoors/Outdoors, OE. Joshua York, Five Rivers MetroParks; Dori Hegyi, Dayton Metro Library

**A2—Scat on the iPods: Using Technology to Discover Nature**

See how Franklin County Metro Parks, eight school districts, administrators and teachers partner using various technologies as a tool to get students to unplug and explore their environment. Indoors, EM, OE, TN. Tanya Taylor, Franklin County Metro Parks

**A3—Changing Pace and Place: Process Skills in the Schoolyard**

Observing, describing and classifying are important process skills used in many subjects. Join in a lively session filled with ideas for schoolyard activities that encourage students to focus and utilize their creative energies. Indoors, OE. Dr. Herb Broda, Ashland University

#### **A4—Getting Urban Youth Excited about Water Careers!**

Learn about two successful programs that introduce high school students in Dayton and Cleveland to career opportunities in drinking water and wastewater treatment and distribution. Indoors, EC. Carolyn Watkins, Ohio EPA; Ebony Hood, NE Ohio Regional Sewer District; Karen Thomas, City of Dayton Department of Water

#### **A5—NatureTracks: Mobile Outreach**

The NatureTracks vehicle is a self-contained mobile classroom designed to serve as a mobile educational and promotional ambassador to local communities. Come learn more about NatureTracks and experience a class like no other. Indoors/Outdoors, EM, OE, TN. Mario Jackson and Angelec Hillsman, Cleveland Metroparks

#### **A6—Getting Beyond First Impressions**

You will explore and discuss ideas and activities to increase the comfort level, connection and motivation for students of varying cultures, languages and social settings to spend time in nature. Indoors, EM. Linda Pettit, Franklin SWCD

#### **10:30am – 10:45am**

Enjoy some snacks and visit with our vendors.

#### **Morning Break**

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#### **10:45am – 11:45am**

#### **Concurrent Session 2**

##### **B1—Get OUTSIDE! Tips, Tricks, and Nature Games**

Looking for tips, tricks and games to develop or expand your outdoor education repertoire? Nature games can effectively teach about camouflage, echolocation, classification, history, and more. Let's go outside! Indoors/Outdoors, OE. Gia Giammarinaro, Cincinnati Park Board

##### **B2—Environmental Cross Training: Creative Writing in the Outdoors**

This session will explore interactive outdoor writing prompts to help educators focus on writing as a tool that can be flexibly practiced across all subjects. Indoors/Outdoors, OE. Amanda Kriner, Richland Park District

##### **B3—Our Success in a Citizen Science Project and How Technology Can Improve Participation**

The Muskingum Reptile and Amphibian Survey, a citizen science program of the Muskingum SWCD, began in January 2016. The project collected data on over 300 individuals of over 40 species of herps from Muskingum County in just its first year. Come learn how this project became such a success, and how we incorporated technology to both increase participation in the survey and help collect and report data. Indoors, TN. Nicole Hafer, Muskingum SWCD

##### **B4—Environmental Education Certification: Everything You Wanted to Know and More**

EE Certification has been available in Ohio for six years. Have you heard of it? Are you curious if it is a fit for you? Join the state coordinator who will present the program and answer any and all questions you may have. Indoors, EC, OE. Jen Bucheit, ODNR-Division of Wildlife, Old Woman Creek NERR

##### **B5—Improving Volunteer Participation Through Education**

Give your volunteers the tools to engage others in outdoor education! Join us as we explore the past, present, and future of volunteer training opportunities. Indoor, EC, OE. Kathi McQueen, Darke County Park District

##### **B6—Tools of the Trade: An Inside Look at What Helps the ODNR-Division of Wildlife Tick**

The Division of Wildlife has many tools within our sections of fish and wildlife management, law enforcement, and education. Learn more about how our staff of biologists, officers, and educators get the job done to protect wildlife and to build appreciation for our natural environment. Indoors/Outdoors, EC. Jamey Emmert and Ken Fry, ODNR-Division of Wildlife

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#### **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.

**Keynote:** Judy Braus brings to her role as NAAEE Executive Director a wealth of experience in the environmental education profession, with a focus on conservation education, diversity and inclusion, and using the power of education to help create healthier communities that empower local communities, stakeholders, and individuals to help restore and protect the environment. She will be presenting on the future trends in environmental education across North America.





## **2:15pm–3:15pm**

## **Concurrent Session 3**

### **C1—Ohio’s Wildlife History Timeline**

Ohio has a rich and varied history when it comes to its natural environment. Wildlife species have come and gone at a rapid rate for over 250 years. Changes in the landscape, increasing human population, and advances in wildlife management have created a timeline that is both sad and successful. Join us for an interactive experience with Ohio’s wildlife history. Indoors, OE. Jamey Emmert and Karen Norris, ODNR-Division of Wildlife

### **C2—Citizen Science and Environmental Advocacy in Cleveland Metroparks**

Middle and high school students trained in Ohio EPA Stream Monitoring (QHEI) and Army Corps of Engineer’s Great Lakes tributary monitoring program (START) will share authentic field research results and environmental advocacy. Indoors/Outdoors, EC, OE. Kathryn Kwiatkowski, Case Western Reserve University; Environmental Heroes Students, Case Western Gelfand STEM Center

### **C3—A “Bird’s Eye” View of Conservation**

Whether discussing “the Big Picture”, conducting field research, or just preparing for a field trip, drones provide “eyes in the sky” that can enrich any environmental lesson. Examples of how this technology can be incorporated into your lesson will be provided, along with an outdoor demonstration. Indoors/Outdoors, EC, OE, TN. Jim Reding and Evan McCullough, Granville School District

### **C4—Shining the Light on STEM in Your Community**

Discover how the LIGHT (Literacy, Inquiry, Getting Outside, Having Fun, Time Spent with Family) Project has inspired communities to embrace outdoor education opportunities. Learn how a little community grant has resulted in over 550 first graders participating in active free play and discovery. Indoors/Outdoors, OE, F. Angela McMurry, Darke County Education Services Center

### **C5—StoryTrail-Building Families and Literacy in Nature**

For families, the benefits of time spent outdoors with a good book can not be overestimated! Discover all the ins and outs of creating a nature trail where educators, on a budget, can foster an appreciation of nature, exercise, and literacy. Indoors, EM, OE. Nancy Gregory and Beth Spieles, Dawes Arboretum

### **C6—including All: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Theory and Practice**

The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park is focusing on an initiative to address diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout our organization. An overview of the initiative and a group discussion about outcome and activities will be offered. Indoors, EM. Deb Yandala, Katie Wright, Jesús Sánchez, Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park

### **C7—Storytelling Training for Educators—Two-part Session**

Public presentation and speaking is more frightening to human beings than death! The ability to tell a story and use non-verbal “acting” skills to involve listeners is the single-most powerful persuasion tool we have. In this session, storytelling skills will be made accessible to the shyest of people. Indoors, EC, OE. Denny Olson



## **3:15pm–3:30pm**

## **Afternoon Break**

Enjoy some snacks and visit with our vendors.

## **3:30pm–4:30pm**

## **Concurrent Session 4**

### **D1—Using Inquiry to Engage Student Interest in Scientific Studies**

Using a WILD School Site study area, come learn how students investigated arthropod species richness in different areas and the comparisons that were made. Participants will learn inquiry methods that fit Ohio standards, including food webs, energy flow, and quadrant survey methods. Indoors/Outdoors, OE. Jeff Baker, Muskingum Valley ESC and the Alpha School.

### **D2—Desired Behavior Change: Tools & Methods to Achieve Success**

Most waste and recycling education efforts focus on raising awareness, but don’t go far enough to actually elicit desired behavior change in program participants. In this session, educators will learn how environmental design, interior infrastructure, new technology (carts with RFID), and social media—coupled with strategic classroom activities can significantly improve recycling efforts at home, at school, and in your community. Indoors/Outdoors, TN. Sue Magness, City of Cincinnati

### **D3—Tying Education Together with Citizen Science**

Kids are scientists! Let’s bring their natural curiosity to the schoolyard with citizen science. We will explore several citizen science projects to incorporate into the classroom. Indoors/Outdoors, OE, TN. Chelsea Wallace, Lauren Asquith, Five Rivers MetroParks.

#### **D4—Learning Through Outdoor Games**

Outdoor games provide sensory-rich introductions to important ecological concepts, and bring students and teachers closer to the natural world. This session will introduce a variety of the best games developed by youth educators. Outdoors, EM, OE. Tim Grant, Green Teacher

#### **D5—In Dialogue with Nature**

This session will be a multimedia overview of the Children and Nature movement at the Program for Young Children, Columbus School for Girls. Our discussion will inspire participants by covering curriculum strategies, overcoming challenges, celebrating accomplishments, and sharing ideas. Presentation includes live music, videos, and lots of examples of the visual arts. Indoors/Outdoors., OE, EM. Jenny Morgan and Jill Smith, Columbus School for Girls

#### **D6—Gardening the Native Way**

Many people who are interested in green living are turning to Native American gardening techniques to learn how foods were grown in the past. Native Americans had to survive on what they grew, as well as what was available in the wild. Some of the techniques that they used in the past are still used successfully today. Indoors, EM OE, TN. Bill Dawson, Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

#### **C7—Storytelling Workshop con't.**

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#### **4:30pm—6:00pm**

#### **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**

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### **Sunday April 9, 2017**

#### **7:00am—8:00am**

#### **Bird Hike—tentative**

#### **8:00am—9:00am**

#### **Breakfast with Interest Groups, Raffle (must be present to win)**

#### **8:30am—12:00pm**

#### **Field Trips**

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

#### **FT4—8:30am-12:00pm** Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park

Battelle Darby Creek is the largest Metro Park in central Ohio with more than 7,500 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 1,200 acres of lush flowering prairies using only seeds native to the Darby Plains. We will depart Deer Creek State Park Lodge at 8:30am, arrive at the Nature Center at 9:15pm, 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. Transportation and lunch for this trip will be on your own. Indoors/Outdoors

#### **FT5—10:00am-5:00pm** Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument Tour

This National Monument is located in west-central Ohio, in the town of Wilberforce. It commemorates the life of Charles Young, a soldier, diplomat, National Park Superintendent, and civil rights leader. Charles Young overcame stifling inequality to become a leading figure in the years after the Civil War when the United States emerged as a world power. The park was officially dedicated on April 2nd, 2013 and is the nation's 401st National Park Service site. The site will receive EECO Conference members from 10:00am - 5:00pm. Indoors

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, EECO Executive Director, at 740-653-2649 or [director@eeco-online.org](mailto:director@eeco-online.org).

You can also contact Jen Dennison, Conference Chair, at 614-265-6316 or [jen.dennison@dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:jen.dennison@dnr.state.oh.us) for assistance.

**We look forward to seeing you at Deer Creek!**

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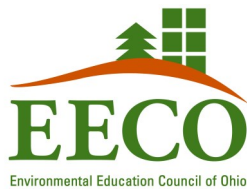
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Deer Creek State Park Lodge

Early Bird Deadline 3/11/17!



## REGISTRANT DETAILS (please print)

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Name as it should appear on name tag:		Do you have an Ohio EE certification (yes or no):	
Organization			
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☐ 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 my presentation session only

**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 Symposium (includes Lunch)
Member	\$175 Early Bird/\$200 Regular	\$105 Early Bird/\$120 Regular	\$35/All rates
Non-Member	\$225 Early Bird/\$250 Regular	\$145 Early Bird/\$160 Regular	\$35/All rates
Student (Must Show ID Upon Arrival)	\$140 Early Bird/\$175 Regular	\$95 Early Bird/\$110 Regular	\$20/All rates
EE Cert Student (use Code)	\$75	\$0/as part of EE Cert fee	\$35/All rates
Presenter (use Code)	\$150/member \$175/non-member	\$105 Early Bird/\$120 Regular	\$0
Group Rate (5 participants from the same organization)	\$160/Participant Early Bird \$185/Participant Regular	\$90/Participant Early Bird \$105/Participant Regular	\$35/All rates

## Field Trips and Workshops

### Friday Field Trips

**\*\*Note: Workshop and some field trip participants on Friday can pre-purchase a box lunch for \$19, order from lodge restaurant, or pack. Check field trip description to see if lunch is provided.**

☐ FT1-Ohio Native American Earthworks Tour \$10

☐ FT2-World Heritage Site Field Trip \$10

☐ FT3-Deer Creek Lake Dam \$10

### Friday Workshops

☐ W1-Leopold Education Project (full day) \$25

☐ W2-Becoming Part of the Whole \$10

☐ W3-Creating a Youth Climate Action Team \$10

☐ W4-Teaching the Greatest Challenge: Climate Change \$10

☐ W5-Experiencing Science Ed in Soundscape Camp \$10

### Sunday Field Trips:

Lunch and transportation are not provided, please plan accordingly

☐ FT4-Battelle Darby Metro Park-Free

☐ FT5-Buffalo Soldiers National Monument-Free

## 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
A1-Nature and Literacy	B1-Get OUTSIDE!	C1-Ohio's Wildlife History Timeline	D1-Using Inquiry to Engage Students
A2-Scat on the iPods	B2-Environmental Cross Training	C2-Citizen Science and Environmental Advocacy	D2-Desired Behavior Change
A3-Changing Pace and Place	B3-Our Success in A Citizen Science Project	C3-A "Bird's Eye" View of Conservation	D3-Tying Ed. Together w/ Citizen Science
A4-Getting Urban Youth Excited about H2O Careers	B4-Environmental Education Certification	C4-Shining the Light on STEM	D4-Learning Through Outdoor Games
A5-NatureTracks	B5-Improving Volunteer Participation	C5-StoryTrail	D5-In Dialogue With Nature
A6-Getting Beyond First Impressions	B6-Tools of the Trade	C6-Including All	D6-Gardening the Native Way
		C7-Storytelling Workshop-Double	



<b>Total Registration Costs</b>	
Conference Registration Fee	\$_____
Thursday Student Research Symposium	\$_____
Friday Field Trip/Workshop	\$_____
Friday Lunch	\$_____
EECO Special Section Fee(s) The first section is free-additional sections are \$5	\$_____
Additional donation to EECO Endowment Fund	\$_____
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$_____</b>

Register online at <http://eeco.wildapricot.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 2017 EECO Annual Conference is approved for up to 18 contact hours with the Ohio State Board of Sanitation Registration.

## Early Bird Registration Deadline March 11, 2017

\_\_\_\_ 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 [lpettit@franklinswcd.org](mailto:lpettit@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 “EECO Conference” room rates.

- Room Rates for Queen, King and Bunk: \$111.00 per Night Per Room
- Room Rate for Loft: \$229.00 per Night Per Room
- Cabin Rate: \$159.00 per Night per Cabin
- A \$79.00 Room Rate for all Room Types on Sunday Night.
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Attendees of the Conference will get a Discount Coupon to Return to the Ohio State Park Lodges.  
Complimentary Bike and Kayak Rental.

**Room Block will be held until February 17, 2017.**

### 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* †

☐ *Environmental and Community-based Organizations*

☐ *Environmental Education and Outdoor Education Organizations*

☐ *Government Agency* †

☐ *Higher Education* †

☐ *Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Education*

☐ *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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_