Environmental Education & Urban Teacher Initiative Kicks Off 2\textsuperscript{nd} year

Looking for something positive and exciting?! The Michigan Alliance of Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE) in partnership with Michigan Technological University and the U.S Forest Service have kicked off a 2\textsuperscript{nd} year of the Environmental Education & Urban Teacher Initiative with Detroit teachers! The Initiative has received a $15,000 Challenge Cost Share Grant from the U.S. Forest Service for the 2010-2011 school year.

The goal of the Initiative is to increase urban teachers’ interest and skills in teaching environmental education, and to help their students become better stewards of the environment while meeting curriculum benchmarks... and to have fun learning outdoors!

45 teachers from 26 Detroit schools will participate in Year 2. Teachers will receive:

- Free registration to attend up to 7 environmental education workshops
- May receive SB-CEUs or one Michigan Tech graduate credit (if all course requirements are met).
- Environmental education activity guides and outdoor/classroom supplies
- $150 stipend to take students on an outdoor field trip.

How Teacher Participants Will Benefit:

1. Opportunity to attend up to 8 environmental education workshops.
2. May earn SB-CEUs ($10) at each workshop; or one graduate credit from Michigan Tech University (tuition paid by grant; no additional cost to you)
3. Environmental education teaching supplies and activity guides.
4. Field trip stipend after attending minimum 3 workshops. ($150)
5. FREE one-year membership to Michigan Alliance for Environmental & Outdoor Education and opportunity to receive stipend to attend 2011 conference

Program Requirements of Teacher Participants:

- Attend two meetings of all program participants at Belle Isle Nature Zoo:
  - 5:30-8 pm, Monday, Nov. 15 - Kick-Off Dinner Meeting at Belle Isle
  - End of June: Wrap Up meeting with teacher participants
- Attend minimum of THREE workshops
- Write a lesson, a reflection paper, and complete evaluations.

Initiative participants must register for at least 3 workshops in order to participate and successfully complete the program.

Sat., Dec. 4 – MEECS Ecosystems & Biodiversity (Belle Isle Nature Zoo, Detroit)
Sat., Jan. 22 – Great Lakes in My World (Belle Isle Nature Zoo, Detroit)
Sat. Feb. 12 – Hands-On Nature (optional Friday overnight at Hawk Woods Nature Center in Auburn Hills)
Sat. March 12 – Designing & Conducting Scientific Research with Students Outdoors (Belle Isle Nature Zoo)
Sat., March 26 – Gardening at School with Students (O.W. Holmes Elementary School, Detroit)
Sat. April 9 – Visits to Natural Areas in Detroit (Belle Isle Nature Zoo, Detroit)
Sat. May 21 – Exploring Detroit River & Local Wildlife (Detroit) Discovery Cruise with Michigan Sea Grant
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