

The “101 Alternatives to the Chalkboard” 2007 Educators’ Conference

(Promoting environmental literacy since 1975)

Presents:

Bring It On Home,

Building a Sense of Place through Nature

When: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 28, 29, and 30

Where: YMCA Camp Kern (32 miles northeast of Cincinnati)

The “101” Conference is THE weekend outdoor education workshop experience designed to inspire teachers and outdoor educators with creative and fun ways to provide exciting learning experiences.

Enjoy large and small group sessions, campfires, night hikes, good eating, and plenty more. As always, we will address specific Ohio academic content standards.

Cost: \$78 Includes all sessions, food and lodging.

\$40 for those wishing to attend on Saturday only (lunch included)

See below for info on discounts and scholarships

Please make checks payable to YMCA Camp Kern

Featured this year:

Our Keynote Presenter/Performer is **David Stokes**. Through the use of songs, stories, movement, riddles, audio/visual and hands-on materials, participants are actively engaged in fun and learning. DAVID’S PHILOSOPHY:

I believe in entertaining while educating.

I believe no one is too old to get involved.

The secret to life is to participate.

It is never too late to have a happy childhood!

I believe in hands-on/minds-on learning.

The most powerful nation in the world is IMAGINATION!



David Stokes & friend

Discount Madness: If you have been to a 101 Conference anytime this millennium (since 2000) and you bring someone who has not, then you get one third off of your registration fee. Act now, act fast, before we come to our senses. Must pre-register by September 21. We also have some discounts and scholarships available for student teachers and for outdoor education program staff and interns. Call for more details.



“Make it and Take it” is back again by popular demand. Participate in an interdisciplinary, hands-on modeling of creative ways to have fun teaching the state academic standards. This is for classroom teachers as well as outdoor educators. The emphasis will be on weather related instruments and crafts.

Paul Knoop Bird Hike. Join Paul Saturday morning for a pre-

breakfast bird watching experience. This is a “must do” event for aspiring naturalists and veteran birders alike. Paul brings years of field experience and a heartfelt passion about the environment together on this beautiful hike.

Children’s Programming (free). Saturday only. Enjoy Saturday’s sessions while Camp Kern staff provide a fun, outdoor experience for your children. Available 9am to 3pm on Saturday only. (Call for details and reservations). Activities will include: Fossil Hike, Pond Study, and Team Challenges. Ages 7 to 13.

Book Store Kathy Wildman, a 101 conference enthusiast, will be selling her wares. She runs “**Whatdidyoubringme?**” a store and online source for natural history items, t-shirts, neckties, books, etc. Sales support K-12 educational outreach using school gardens to teach hands on science. Visit her web site at: <http://whatdidyoubringme.homestead.com>

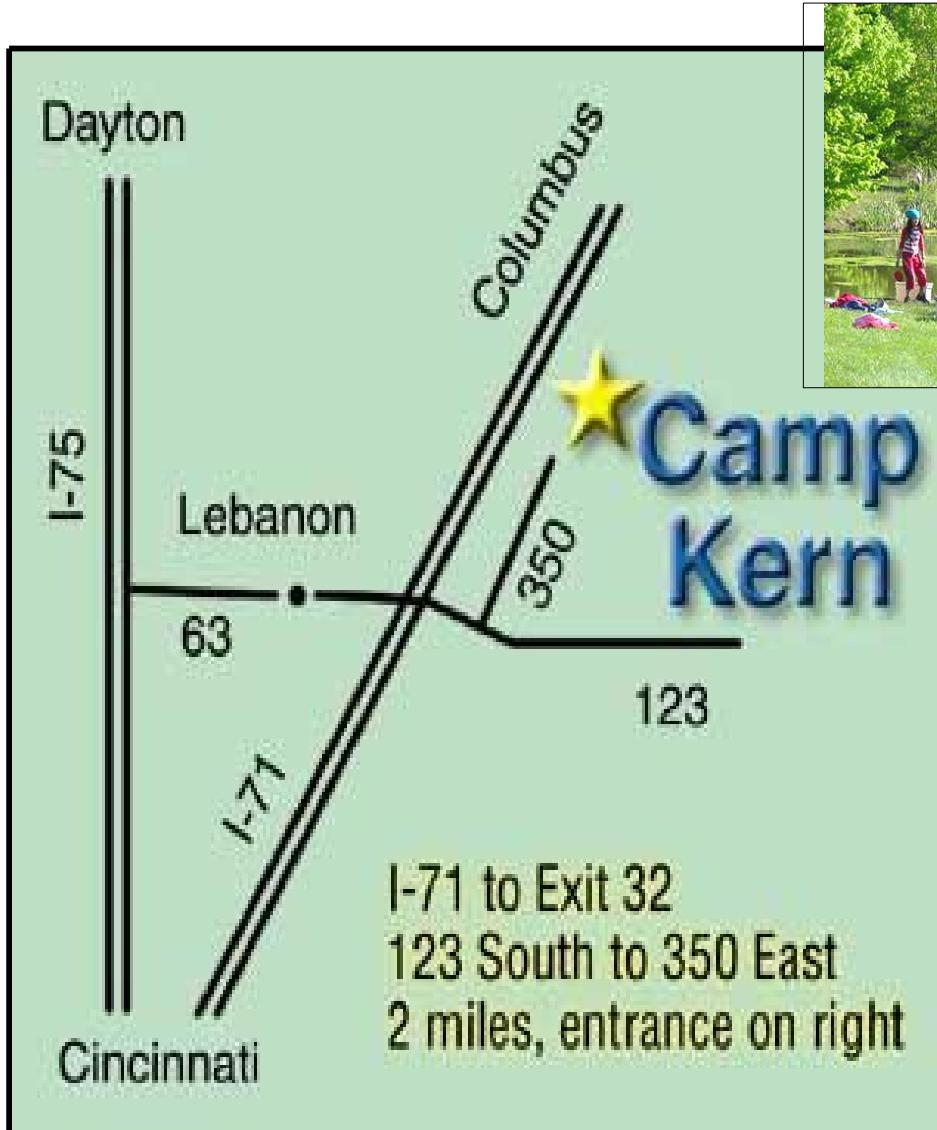
Flying Wild with Sam Zook and Michael Stewart (held Friday, September 28 from 8:30am to 4pm). This pre-conference workshop will present the new Flying WILD and PLT’s Places We Live module in a combined workshop. Both of these offer help to middle and high school teachers to present students with service learning through natural interests in birds as well as the places we live. People need to have a sense of place to save what is truly important in their lives. Cost is \$27.

Accommodations: We will be using heated cabins with a centrally located bathhouse. Cabin sign up occurs during Friday registration. You will need to bring a sleeping bag or bedding and clothes that will allow you to be outside and comfortable in any kind of weather. Guests are not permitted to bring alcohol onto the



premises. Nearby Hotel Accommodations are available. Call for more details.

College Credit: One semester hour of graduate credit will be available from Ashland University. Fee: \$183. Credit will be granted upon completion of all requirements (attending the entire conference and writing a summary of all sessions attended). For more information contact Gary Corn at 513-772-5532 email to ashland@greatoaks.com



**This event made possible by YMCA Camp Kern,
The Environmental Education Council of Ohio,
and The Ohio Environmental Education Fund**



Small Group Sessions focus on how to actively involve young people (and adults) in meaningful connections with nature. Call or email for an update of session offerings. Sign up for sessions begins at Friday registration. Below is a list of likely offerings:

Who Am I? Wildlife Mysteries Solved! David W Stokes The Frog Chorus Nature Education

What animal is a hammer? A strainer? A straw? Using inquiry, we will examine adaptations of Ohio animals, where they live and why. Live animals & biofacts will engage the participants.

What's She Got That I Ain't Got? (Grant Writing 103) Carolyn Watkins Ohio EPA, Office of Environmental Education

Want to write better grants? Compare weak and strong proposals side-by-side to see which is more fundable. Be certified as an Ohio Environmental Education Fund peer reviewer. This is a double session.

Beyond the paddle Dave Moran ACA Canoe Instructor

Enjoy a double session that will dabble in some old school canoeing as we float a three mile stretch of the Little Miami River. We will likely include poling, snubbing, and sailing. This is a double session.



Reflecting on Our Own Environmental/Land Ethic

Michael J. Stewart Miami Co. Park District
Through several activities, we will examine our own land/environmental ethic and make an attempt at journaling it and putting it down.

Teaching Teambuilding in the Classroom or at Camp

Chris Addison Camp Kern Facilitator
Discover meaningful activities that can be done anywhere. Emphasis will be on how to facilitate teambuilding with 3rd to 9th grade students.

Building a Wetland Dave Moran YMCA Camp Kern
Camp Kern is in the process of building a four acre wetland. We will tour the site and view the progress. We will also look at funding, curriculum, maintenance and more.

The Giant's Swing

Amy Gibb and Kelly Mothorpe YMCA Camp Kern

High adventure with a low tech twist. Become a human pendulum (optional) on this exciting and potentially educational ropes course element. In addition to the fun of swinging, the group will explore the place of high adventure elements in outdoor education and will also tour our other ropes course elements.

Hike to Camp Kern's "Sun Serpent" Bob Terwillegar

Educator

Hike to a 700 year old solstice calendar. Learn the details of the discovery and ultimate significance of these unique prehistoric astronomical markers. (A van is available for those who do not wish to hike.)

Ohio Wildlife History Timeline Carolyn Watkins Ohio EPA, Office of Env. Education

The Division of Wildlife's tabletop model shows how species were lost and in some cases successfully reintroduced over 300 years of Ohio history. Aligned with science and social studies standards.

Nature Discovery Hike

Andrew Gerhard YMCA Camp Kern

Venture out on a naturalist's exploration of the forests and fields of Camp Kern with its veteran naturalist.

Monarch Mania

Sarah Dalton MetroParks of Columbus and Franklin County

Be transported directly into the world of the monarch butterfly via an inter-active game. After experiencing the hazards of migration, participants will view a slide show showing the development cycle of the butterflies. You will participate in a math tie-in graphing activity. You will also have a chance to see rearing equipment, obtain milkweed seeds, and ask questions of the naturalist.

Water WorldAllison Shaw-Cols.OLS. & Franklin Co. Metro Pks.
Theresa Barber –Columbus Public Schools

Enjoy some great hands-on ideas and activities that will bring the water cycle into your classroom or offsite program. After a short indoor session, we will be hiking to Kern's newly acquired pond to explore.

Service Learning... “Beyond content standards, developing good citizens.”

Bunny Rossnagel Metroparks of Toledo

Discover what you can offer your students beyond the content standards. Bring the real world into your curriculum and start the process of building responsible citizens.

**Numbers to Ponder** Cathy Knoop Population Connection

There are over 6 billion reason to include population education curricula in your classroom! Using this introduction to Population Connection's teaching resources, we will explore our relationship to the natural environment. Participants will receive a CD with over 50 of Population Connection's most popular teaching activities! (activities are aligned for all grade levels to Science, Social Studies, Language Arts. and Math standards)

Flying Furry Wonders

Marne Titchenell Cols. & Franklin Co. Metro Pks. OSU School of Environment and Natural Resources

Come ready to learn all about the furry wonders of our night skies that we call BATS! This session will include a brief talk about current bat research taking place in southern Ohio forests, hands-on activities, craft ideas, and all the information on bats you can handle!!

Conference Schedule

Friday September 28

6:00 to 7:00pm Registration
7:15pm Welcome and Introductions
7:30 to 9:15 pm Entertainment and Kickoff Event
9:15 pm Campfire and Snack

Saturday September 29

7:00am Bird Hike with Paul Knoop
8:00 am Breakfast
9:00 – 10:30 Small Group Session I
10:45 – 12:15 Small Group Session II
12:20 pm Lunch
1:15 to 2:45 pm Small Group Session III
3:00 to 5:00 pm “Make it, Take it” Open House



5:00 to 5:30 pm Break
5:30 pm Dinner
7:00 pm David Stokes' performance



HAVE TO HAVE A HABITAT

Using songs, sounds, sign-language, humor and audience participation we will examine common Earth habitats and Ohio's representatives; Ocean, Lakes, Forests, Meadows, Burrows, Treetops.

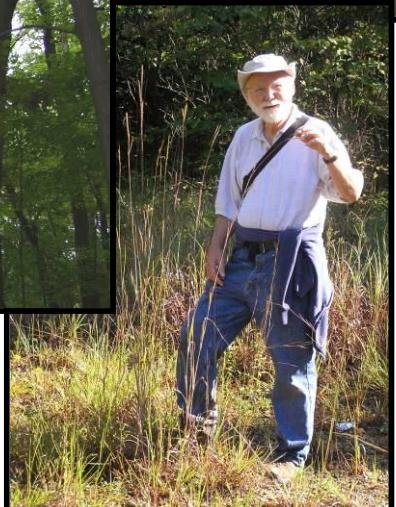
8:30 pm Night Hikes
9:15 pm Campfire and Open Stage Songs/ Story Telling with Jim Viles, Master of Ceremonies



Sunday September 30

7:00 am Bird Hike
7:30 am Light Breakfast

8:30 am Chapel
9:00 to 10:30 am Small Group Session IV
10:45 am Brunch and Goodbyes
Noon – 3:00 Hike to Camp Kern's Serpent Effigy (optional)



**For more information, contact Dave Moran at
YMCA Camp Kern.**

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Registration Form

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Name:

Address:

E-mail:

Phone:



Are you coming for the whole conference or for Saturday only?

Whole Conference (\$78) Saturday only (\$40)

Bring a friend discount. What is your Friend's Name? _____

Whole Conference (\$52) Saturday only (\$26)

Flying Wild Pre-conference

\$27

Are you a vegetarian? _____

Are you planning on bringing a child for the Saturday Children's Programs?

Yes No

Total \$ _____

You may mail, fax, phone, or e-mail your registration.

Please make checks payable to YMCA Camp Kern. Payment is due before or upon arrival.

Contact Dave Moran at YMCA Camp Kern. 5291 St Rt. 350 Oregonia, OH 45045

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Please be aware that the activities may carry a risk of injury. Please be aware of these risks and your ability. Ask for help when needed. Please let us know if you have any special needs or concerns.

THANK YOU