



EE Connections

An electronic newsletter linking Pennsylvania with environmental news and information.

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PCEE News

PCEE Welcomes New Communications Coordinator



PCEE is proud to welcome our latest staff member to the team, Julie Graf! As Communications Coordinator, Julie will be responsible for coordinating all of PCEE's technological and online resources and assisting in the development of online educational materials.

She comes to us with an extensive background in website design as a former Senior Interactive Designer at Ripple Effects Interactive (now BarkleyREI) in Pittsburgh. Her knack for creating websites with superior usability and visual appeal has won her over 40 industry awards. Ms. Graf has worked on large scale websites and interactive projects with clients in both the education and tourism industries, as well as numerous other national and regional agencies.

After deciding to take a sabbatical from Interactive Design, Julie was trained as an Instructor for Outward Bound Wilderness and has led trips in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and on the Appalachian Trail for both adults and at-risk youth.

Julie is "excited to bring her passion for design and the field of interactive user experience to a position that resonates with her love for the outdoors and environmental and experiential education." She looks forward to "developing hands on educational resources that will make EE come alive for students, teachers and other adults across Pennsylvania."

For more information: [PCEE website – Meet the PCEE Staff](#)

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Still Time to Register for PAEE Conference



Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Educators



The Pennsylvania Association for Environmental Educators is hosting their annual conference from March 19 - 21 at Raystown Lake Resort and Conference Center in Entriken. Conference speakers include Caldecott award-winning author Molly Bang, and author, activist and shrimp boat captain Diane Wilson. Folk singer John McCutcheon is scheduled to perform; tickets are free to conference attendees.

One of the many interesting seminars at the conference will include a demonstration of how the numerous PCEE website resources can support the environmental education needs of both formal and non-formal educators.

PCEE will also have a strong Slippery Rock University student presence, as three of our graduate students will be presenting at the student summit. Thanks to a recent grant from the PA Dept. of Environmental Protection, we are moving ahead with the production of an online "Outdoor Classrooms" resource guide. **Melissa Wardian**, lead student on this project and majoring in environmental education, will present on her progress so far and on some initial ideas for the final project. **Drew Campbell**, majoring in both environmental education and sustainable systems, will describe "Critter Quest PA" – an interactive online mapping programming geared toward middle school students. "Question of the Week," a popular activity that teaches about Pennsylvania's environment, will be discussed by **Casey Brooks**, a candidate in the sustainable systems program.

There is still time to register for this conference; see www.paeenet.net for details. This is one event you won't want to miss!

For more information: [PAEE Homepage – conference information](#)

The Wait is Over: 'EE News' is Now Online



Do you find that you can't wait from month to month to hear the latest news in environmental education? We have the solution – "EE News" is now live on the PCEE website!

"EE News" will be updated constantly with the latest environmental education news, categorized in the same manner as the PCEE newsletter. You'll find headlines for general news, professional development, grants and awards, and news specific to K-12 educators. Check it out today, and be sure to come back often for ongoing updates.

For more information: [PCEE website – EE News](#)

PCEE Newsletter Expands to Include 'Other Professionals'



In the ongoing quest to service the environmental education needs of *ALL* Pennsylvanians, PCEE's website and newsletter will now include news sections dedicated to professional development opportunities outside the field of education. This month's newsletter offers articles highlighting a "creative approaches for ecological landscaping" seminar and "Manure DuJour" lunchtime webinars within the newly created "Other Professionals" section.

Readers will still find the education-related professional development opportunities they've come to rely on within the "Professional Development for Educators" section.

For more information: [EE Connections – Other Professionals](#)

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