

PCEE presents at Pennsylvania Science Teachers' Association Convention

Kathleen Paul, Director of the Pennsylvania Center for Environmental Education (PCEE) and Melissa Reynolds, Education Programs Coordinator, accompanied Graduate Assistant Heather Harvie to the Pennsylvania Science Teachers' Association Convention in Hershey, Nov. 29 – Dec. 1. PCEE reached out to more than 800 Pennsylvania teachers and administrators through on-site sessions and exhibits during the convention.

Paul presented a well-attended session titled "E & E Tools for Science Teachers" with a focus on PCEE's Web site and upcoming Natural History Database. Harvie, a senior in SRU's Masters Program in Sustainable Systems, introduced the development of PCEE's Natural History Database in a two-day poster session.

The Natural History Database is an interactive mapping tool and database program that will allow users to identify habitats and learn about Pennsylvania plant and animal species. The database is designed to help users identify Pennsylvania "species of concern," but will eventually be expanded to include many more Pennsylvania species. This project is funded by a grant from the Wild Resources Conservation Fund, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

To learn more about the PCEE or the Natural History Database, check out the PCEE website at www.pcee.org.

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Thanks, and enjoy the holidays!