

## Award-winning Website Designer Joins PA Center for Environmental Education

Slippery Rock, PA – February 23, 2009 – Julie Graf, an award-winning website designer from Pittsburgh, has been named communications coordinator for the PA Center for Environmental Education. Housed at Slippery Rock University, the center serves as a 'one stop shop' for the environmental education resource needs of Pennsylvania. Graf is responsible for coordinating all of PCEE's technological and online resources and assisting in the development of online educational materials.

Before joining PCEE, Graf developed an extensive background in website design as former Senior Interactive Designer at Ripple Effects Interactive (now BarkleyREI) in Pittsburgh, PA. Her knack for creating websites with superior usability and visual appeal has won her over 40 industry awards. She was also featured in ID Magazine's 2002 Interactive Design Review, beating out websites like Nike for the prestigious Gold award.

She has worked on large scale websites and interactive projects with clients in both the education industry (Allegheny County Community College, Point Park University, Carnegie Mellon University and Penn State) and the tourism industry (Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Tourism Department), as well as agencies such as the Pittsburgh Digital Greenhouse, AARP, National City Bank, Glaxo Smith Kline and the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh.

Graf also has experience as an Instructor for Outward Bound Wilderness and has led trips in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and on the Appalachian Trail. She led courses for both adults and at-risk youth.

Further information about PCEE is available on their website at [www.pcee.org](http://www.pcee.org).

**About PCEE:** The Pennsylvania Center for Environmental Education (PCEE) was created by Executive Order of the Governor in 1997 to "provide an avenue for increased participation by educators, local officials, citizen and non-profit groups, business and industry as partners in the implementation of quality environmental education on a state-wide basis." Administered by the PA State System of Higher Education, PCEE is housed at Slippery Rock University.

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