



## EE Connections

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### *Professional Development for Educators*

#### **McKeever's Spring Birding Program**



The McKeever Environmental Learning Center is offering a Spring Birding Program for teachers, homeowners and outdoor leaders May 15-16. Session topics include: Bird Families, Using Field Guides, Demo of Binoculars and Field Marks of 20 Birds. Early morning walks and bird outings at McKeever and Goddard State Park are planned as well. Eight Act 48 hours are available and registration is required.

For more information: [McKeever Calendar](#)

#### **RiverQuest Explorer Open House and Teacher 'Happy Hours'**



RiverQuest Explorer Open House and Teacher "Happy Hours" are for principals, administrators, PTA/PTO representatives and community and business leaders with interest in RiverQuest and the new "green" vessel Explorer. Teachers can earn three Act 48 hours as they learn about RiverQuest course concepts, teaching methods and the process of designing a boat based on Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards. Events are on the third Tuesday evening of each month and are exclusively for adults. The events are free, but there is a \$5 parking fee.

For more information: [Eventbrite Riverquest Events](#)

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## **'Festival of the Birds' at Presque Isle State Park**



The 2009 Festival of the Birds at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center in Presque Isle State Park will be May 8-10. The festival will include a variety of birding field trips, workshops and family programs. Pre-registration is \$90/person for the weekend or \$50/day. Special rates are available for students and children. Act 48 credits are available; registration is available online or at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center.

For more information: [Presque Isle Website](#)

## **Watershed Education Workshop at Nolde Forest EE Center**



The Nolde Forest Environmental Education Center will host a Watershed Education Workshop May 16. Workshop participants will receive a teacher manual with lesson plans, resources and background information. The workshop models classroom and field activities emphasizing field research, hands-on investigations and problem-solving skills focusing on local streams. Registration is required and Act 48 hours are available.

For more information: [DCNR Teacher Workshop Calendar](#)

## **'Life on a Sandy Delta' at Crane Hollow Nature Preserve**

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Crane Hollow Nature Preserve staff will host an "Educator's Week: Life on a Sandy Delta" June 7-13, at Camp Oty'Okwa in the Hocking Hills region of Ohio. Participants will explore hands-on best practice strategies for introducing people to the natural world. Participants can earn either three semester hours of graduate credit from Ashland University or up to 45 contact hours. The cost is \$375, or \$498 if seeking graduate credit.

For more information: [PCEE June Events Calendar](#)

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## ***Professional Development Events***

Many more events are taking place this month that may be of interest to you. Here are just a few:

[World Environmental Education Congress, Environmental Education Congress – May 10-14 \(Montreal, CN\)](#)

[Wonders of Wetlands \(WOW\) Teacher Workshop, Silver Lake Nature Center – May 19 \(Bristol\)](#)

[WILD About Peregrines Workshop, Kings College – May 29 \(Wilkes Barre\)](#)

Check out these and other events on [PCEE's Events Calendar](#).