

November 14th & 15th

Eagle Ridge Conference Center near Jackson, MS



Ready Set Green

Mississippi Environmental Education Alliance 2008 Conference

Education is key to addressing environmental problems and overcoming "Nature Deficit Disorder" in children; ensuring clean water, pure air and preserving biodiversity. Our workshops will give you a better understanding of the growing importance of Environmental Education and show you ways to connect children with nature, a fundamental key to their health and the preservation of our planet. Environmental Education is changing rapidly to instill better practices and promote lasting nature experiences.

Get Ready, Set, Green -- Join Us!

I.C.E.U.

Please register by October 24, 2008

Keynote Speaker Ken Finch
The Play Imperative: Restoring the Nature of Childhood

Workshops:

All workshops are designed to instill a lasting appreciation and curiosity in nature and the environment.

- Rocks & Fossils of Mississippi Gravel, doubtless a great favorite -- you will never just walk over a gravel driveway without looking for a fossil. Presented by David T. Dockery, a leading Mississippi geologist, who developed this curriculum.
- Backyard Habitats an interactive program between a child's outdoors at home and the classroom, designed to create and apply a wildlife habitat plan for a home or the school yard. Presented by Jeannine May
- Biodiversity or Endangered Species: Learn how loss of habitat and ecosystems can lead to a decline in biodiversity, and how the Endangered Species Act helps conserve endangered and threatened species. Presented by Terri Jacobson from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Geo-caching: A high-tech treasure hunting game that combines outdoors activities with children's desires to use high-tech equipment. Geo-caching builds a strong sense of community and support for the environment and can be applied to history lessons and more. Presented by Buck Buchanan
- Going Green: Recycling Programs for school classes and home. Recycling is taking on a new meaning, be on the forefront with your class. Great school fund raisers. Presented by Brad DeVaughn
- Environmental Education through Music and Stories, presented by John Stark

Keynote Speaker Ken Finch:

Ken Finch is the founder and president of Green Hearts Institute for Nature in Childhood, focused on restoring and strengthening the bonds between children and nature. Ken has been working in environmental education for 35 years and holds a master's degree in that field. He has served as the director of two of the country's largest nature centers, as a middle manager for two children's museums, and as the Minnesota State Director for the National Audubon Society. Among his extensive volunteer service has been a term as national president of the Association of Nature Center Administrators. Ken, his wife, and their two boys live in Omaha, Nebraska, where Green Hearts is based.



Frequent, unstructured childhood play in natural settings has been found to be the most common influence on the development of lasting conservation values. Yet just as we are learning the value of "nature play," it is vanishing from American childhoods — creating a looming crisis for the conservation movement. Ken Finch will help us consider the implications of this dilemma, and will provide thoughts and guidance on how we can adjust our educational methods and priorities to address the challenge.

Plus:

MEEA Members Meeting, A Guided Nature Walk, Silent Auction, Poster Sessions, Discussion Round

Registration Information: (please complete a separate form for each person)

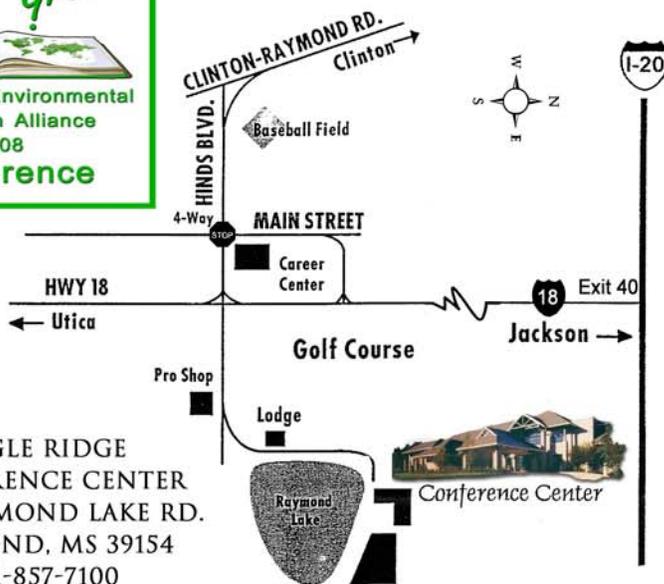
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Eagle Ridge Conference Center at Hinds Community College



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CONFERENCE CENTER
1500 RAYMOND LAKE RD.
RAYMOND, MS 39154
601-857-7100

Location:

Eagle Ridge Conference Center is located at the Hinds Community College in Raymond, MS, 10 miles west of Jackson. From I-20 take Exit 40 and merge onto Highway 18 West toward Hospital and Raymond. Stay on Hwy.18 for 9.8 miles and then turn left at Raymond Lake Road. Bear left at the Golf Course Pro Shop.

Registration:

The registration for this event is \$100, entire conference including lodging (double occupancy) and three meals. C.E.U.s for complete conference only. Partial registrations: Friday only \$25, Conference without lodging \$60. Late registration \$10.

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Friday November 14, 2008			
Time	General	Session	Session
3:00 pm	Registration		
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Exhibits / Fieldtrip Opportunities		
6:00 pm	Dinner / Silent Auction		
7:00 pm	Welcome / Keynote Speaker		
Saturday November 15, 2008			
6:00 am – 7:00 am	Nature and Well-being: a Guided Nature Walk		
7:00 am – 7:30 am	Breakfast		
8:00 am – 8:45 am		Rocks & Fossils of Mississippi Gravel	Discussion Forum with Keynote Speaker
9:00 am – 9:45 am		Backyard Habitat	Discussion Forum with Keynote Speaker
10:00am – 10:45am		Biodiversity or Endangered Species	Geo-caching
11:00am – 11:45am		Going Green Recycling Program	
12:00 pm	Lunch / Silent Auction Closes		
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	MEEA Annual Business Meeting		
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm		Environmental Education through Music and Stories	
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Evaluation & Wrap Up		

Event co-sponsored by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

For more information please contact Angel Rohnke: (601) 354-7303 Angel.Engman@gmail.com or check-out our website and register at www.EEInMississippi.org

- Entire Conference (single occupancy) \$125
- Entire Conference (double occupancy) \$100
- Friday Dinner & Keynote Speaker \$25
- Entire Conference no lodging (meals included) \$60
- CEU Credit (must attend entire conference) \$10
- Late Registration \$10

Please make checks payable to MEEA

Mail to:
MEEA Conference
c/o Angel Rohnke
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Jackson, MS 39202

Total enclosed: _____