

Overview from RCP Education Committee Meeting

3/10/2011

For the spring day camp on March 26th we decided to do plant presses, go on a scavenger hunt or hike to gather plants for the plant presses, use already pressed plants for an art activity, and also look for frogs. Amy offered to help with the plant presses as well as go out to Waterloo on Thursday the 24th and help flag frog egg masses. Sarah and Kara will head to Waterloo after a training with Rural Action to help get ready for camp.

For the Family Fun Day on April 9th, we will offer fishing and archery. We need 2 targets, 3 right-hand bows, and 1 left-hand bow. We will not be using the canoes. Kim and Rachel offered to help. The event will begin at 12pm and last until around 2pm.

For the first summer camp, June 20-24, we decided to look into having the campers make their own rock collection out of Ohio rocks. Kara will talk with the Ohio Geological Survey to see if we can get the supplies from them. We also discussed making fossils with plaster and visiting a spring near Ash Cave if we get the funding to have a field trip to Hocking Hills. We will talk with Molly about getting the canoes to do some canoeing out at Lake Hope.

For the second summer camp, Aug 1-5, we are going to consider an overnight backpacking trip, meditative journaling at Hocking Hills, an activity with the streamulator, and have professionals from various environmental professions come to camp to talk to the kids about what they do and maybe even lead an activity. We discussed contacting Mike Greenly to do electrofishing, Kelly Johnson for biology, a Wildlife Officer, Naturalist from Lake Hope, someone from Hocking College's Ecotourism Program, and Josie and Laura's Dad who is a Civil Engineer. We may also contact Pat Quackenbush about leading a hike at Hocking Hills if we go there. Sarah and I will contact Crow and Becky to maybe do something with Native Americans and drumming for one or both of the camps.