

RCP Education Committee Meeting Minutes for January 27, 2012

Location: Waterloo Aquatic Education Center

In attendance: Kristin Kindler, Amy Mackey, Kim Brewster, Heike Perko, Kristen Lammie, Matt (OU student)

Upcoming Events and Camps at WAEC:

- Winter Owl Prowl (February 16th, 6pm)
- Apple Grafting Workshop (March 25th)
- Spring Day Camp – Amphibians (April 14th)
- Family Fun Day – Archery, Fishing and Gardening (April 21st)
- Summer Daycamps (June 18th – 22nd and July 30th – August 1st)
- Basket-Weaving Workshop to be rescheduled for March – Heike will contact instructor

Spring Day Camp

- Amphibians theme, Amy will contact Karen Enterline ~~retired from~~ Hocking College Biology instructor, as a potential speaker/volunteer
- AmeriCorps will collect amphibians and set-up the day before

Family Fun Day

- Archery, fishing and gardening
- Talk to Sarah or Heike about leading archery (they are certified instructors), talk to Dan Perko to find out who to contact about archery training workshops
- Plant a garden at WAEC with plants to be harvested for August camp?

First Summer Daycamp (June 18th – 22nd)

- Age range: 6 and up
- Theme: plants and animals in the watershed or Watershed Wildlife
- Activity ideas: basket-weaving, make a pit for baking clay (contact OU's art department for clay or just dig it), make container gardens with a worm, grow herbs, build platform birdhouses, bluebird boxes, or peanut-butter woodpecker feeders (log with holes drilled and filled with peanut butter and a screw on top for hanging), hike around Waterloo, canoeing, fishing, archery, pond/stream studies, water quality demo/study on Hewett Fork, indoor crafts and activities
- Daily journals and icebreakers
- Speaker ideas: have Joe Brehm talk about wilderness survival or lead a hike, Rural Action Environmental Education AmeriCorps, Sue Westendorf from OU to talk about turtles
- Field trips to Hocking Hills, Lake Hope

Second Summer Daycamp (July 30th – August 1st)

- "Going Green" or sustainable living theme
- Focus on older kids, age 10 and up
- Activity ideas: make a straw-bale house, make raised beds, tour local farms, vermicomposting, little herb gardens in containers made of recycled materials, decoupage vases made of reused glass bottles

Commented [tpf1]: If you think kids would be interested in electrofishing demo for either camp, we would be more than happy to come and do one!!

- Possible speakers: Chris Chmiel, youth pastor that Heike knows and will find her name
- Field trips to Hocking Hills or Lake Hope, Carbondale Doser?

Funding

- Apply for a Step Outside grant to fund 1st summer camp and pay for Hocking Hills archery trip, fishing at Rose Lake, and transportation
- Apply for Athens Foundation grant to fund 2nd summer camp (materials such as lumber for making raised beds, local foods, and transportation)
- Outdoor Nation grant can be used to fund the first camp if it includes a lot of water recreation
- \$50 donation suggested for each child for both first and second camps, use the extra funding for second camp (only 3 days instead of 5) to fund a larger project

Miscellaneous

- Kristen mentioned that her dad may be able to make a sign or banner for RCP to place on location at events, he can also make cardboard trifolds for RCP
- Amy offered to donate eggs for camp meals
- Look into purchasing or receiving donations from the Chesterhill Produce Auction
- Leafy greens from Ed Perkins, ask about a donation of Snowville Creamery milk and possibly breads from Crumbs Bakery (ask soon)
- In May, AmeriCorps will bring a brochure to the Farmer's Market with camp details, ask for discount on apples and tomatoes, etc. [Sarah's suggestion: Set up an RCP booth for this with display, brochures, and camp information](#)

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**Next education committee meeting will be in the spring, date TBA