

RCP Education Committee Meeting Update for May

Agenda:

Introductions	5 mins
Activity planning for camps	1 hour
Action items and decide date for next meeting	15 mins

Other materials: Tentative camp schedules

First Summer Daycamp (June 18th – 22nd)

- Age range: 6 and up
- CAMP REGISTRATION IS FULL – A waiting list has been started.
- Theme: Watershed Wildlife
- Applied for a Step Outside grant to fund 1st summer camp and pay for Hocking Hills archery trip, fishing at Lake Hope, have not heard back yet
- 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 birdfeeders, 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, clay-bake critters, habitat dioramas
- contacted Jack Cantrell about traveling bee hive (he can't do it but will mention the opportunity at his next beekeepers meeting)
- Daily journals and icebreakers
- Speaker ideas: Rural Action Environmental Education AmeriCorps
- Field trips to Hocking Hills (archery and hiking – archery range is 1st come, 1st served), Lake Hope (nature center, swimming, fishing). Dave Sapienza is leaving his position – arranged visit for Thursday afternoon with Tammie
- Vans reserved for Thursday and Friday (2 for each day) – need OU staff/student drivers! Amy and Natalie volunteered to drive.
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – especially for Wednesday (Kristin and Kim will be at MAIS training). We contacted Mary at RSVP to contact senior volunteers.

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

- Received The Athens Foundation grant!!!!!! - \$1,700 to fund 2nd summer camp (materials such as lumber for making raised beds, local foods, and transportation)
- Theme: Sustainable Living
- Focus on older kids, age 10 and up
- Two campers currently registered
- Activity ideas: make raised beds, tour local farms, vermicomposting, little herb gardens in containers made of recycled materials, decoupage vases made of reused glass bottles, plastic

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!!

bottle greenhouse (look up on Internet – Blue Rock Station), recycle relay, have campers make guided imagery pages for a book to be used at future camps

- Possible speakers: spoke with Geoff Greenfield (Third Sun Solar) who lives in off-grid house and will get back to us about giving a tour, have local speakers talk about wilderness survival, ask Rina or Mike Schooley to do worm/composting skit, Amy fish shocking demo or talking about raising chickens (or Natalie)
- Eco-House, Good Earth Farm??
- Field trips to Hocking Hills or Lake Hope, Carbondale Doser?
- Vans still need to be reserved ASAP as soon as field trip days are set

Funding

- Applied for a Step Outside grant to fund 1st summer camp and pay for Hocking Hills archery trip, fishing at Lake Hope
- Received \$1,700 Athens Foundation grant to fund 2nd summer camp (materials such as lumber for making raised beds, local foods, and transportation)
- \$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's dad made event signs 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](#)
- Volunteers needed for both camps!!
- Contacted RSVP for senior volunteers

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**Next education committee meeting will be _____