

~The California Association for Environmental
and Outdoor Education~

Presents the 2012 Statewide Conference



"Little Blue Marble"

April 13 - April 15, 2012

At Camp Hess Kramer in Malibu, CA

REGISTRATION PACKET

60+ environmental education workshops - enjoy a keynote address,
entertainment, job fair, and networking!

~Registration includes the conference, 5 meals and lodging or camping~

Cost: \$150 if postmarked by March 17th

Weekend day rate, family rates, and scholarships are also available

AEOE 2012 SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Name _____
Phone (w) _____ (h) _____ (c) _____
Email _____
Full Mailing Address _____
Organization/School _____ Position _____
Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone (day/eve.) _____
Alternate Contact Name _____ Phone (day/eve.) _____
Medical Information/Special Needs (please list any serious medical conditions, allergies, etc.): _____

Housing preference: CAMPING DORM
Please choose which category you will eat for the weekend Vegetarian Omnivore Vegan

REGISTRATION FEES (Payment must be sent with registration) Please check one:

____ Early Registration postmarked on or before March 17 - \$150
____ Regular Registration postmarked March 18-March 31 - \$175
____ Saturday Day Use (no meals/no lodging) - \$75 early/regular
*Contact Helen for Day Use availability and/or family rates (see below for contact information).

After March 31, only on-site registration will be available. If space is available, on-site registration will be \$215 (\$100 day use). Please contact Helen for more information.

Registration Fee = + \$ _____

Presenter Discount If you are the only/primary presenter of an ACCEPTED workshop, subtract \$75 (or \$50:Day Use) from your registration fee.

Presenter Discount = - \$ _____

Premium Housing

 Private motel-style rooms with bedding provided.

Private bath: \$155 for 1 person,
\$105 for each person (double occupancy).
Shared bath: \$100 for 1 person,
\$55 for each person (double occupancy)

Roommate if applicable _____

Extra Housing Fee = + \$ _____

Discount if employed by an Institutional Member, Subtract \$10

Institutional Discount = - \$ _____

MEMBERSHIP (must be current to attend)

If your membership will expire on or before the conference, please include your dues with your registration. **Please check one:**

____ Basic - \$20
____ Student/Intern - \$15
____ Contributing - \$35 ____ Life - \$200

Membership Fee = + \$ _____

*New Member? Yes / No (circle one)

*New members receive an e-issue of *Green Teacher Magazine*. Check here ____ if you DO NOT want it.

TOTAL: Please add above fees and put total amount here = \$ _____

Attach **ONE** check, purchase order, or money order **payable to AEOE**. No refunds after April 6 (contact Helen ASAP).

To pay with a credit card, complete this information:

Name on Card _____
Billing Address Street: _____
Billing Address City, State, Zip: _____
Credit Card # _____ C.C. Security # _____
C.C. Exp. Date: (/ 20__) C.C. Type: _____ (e.g., Visa, American Express)

Check/P.O. - Mail forms with payment to: AEOE Conference Registrar, Helen de la Maza / 8 Ardmore, Irvine, CA 92602

Credit Card - Mail as above or email scanned forms to delamazah@earthlink.net

Questions? Contact Helen at delamazah@earthlink.net or 714-838-8990. Visit www.aeoe.org for information and updates.

Refund policy: Registration and current membership is required for all AEOE activities. Please note the early and regular registration dates. No refunds are given for no-shows or for cancellations less than 7 days from the start of the activity. 75% of the activity fee will be refunded for cancellations received at least 14 days in advance, and 50% for cancellations received between 7 and 13 days before the activity. Membership fees are non-refundable.

Conference Schedule

This year's conference will be an overlapping schedule to allow you more flexibility and time to do the things you want to do!

FRIDAY

6:00-10:30 Registration
8:00-11:00 Workshop sign-ups
9:00 Contra Dancing & Astronomy

SATURDAY

6:30-7:30 Birding
7:00-7:45 Yoga
7:00-8:15 Registration
7:00-8:30 Breakfast
8:45-9:15 Conference Welcome

9:30-10:30 **WORKSHOP #1**
10:45-12:00 **WORKSHOP #2**
10:45-12:15 **WORKSHOP #2a**

12:15-1:30 Lunch (Registration Open)
1:45-2:45 Keynote Speaker

3:00-4:00 **WORKSHOP #3**
4:15-5:30 **WORKSHOP #4**
4:15-5:45 **WORKSHOP #4a**

5:15-6:15 Job Fair
5:30-7:00 Dinner
7:30-9:00 Talent show & Live auction
7:30-10:30 Movies
9:00-11:00 Live Band

SUNDAY

6:30-7:30 Birding
7:15-8:00 Yoga
7:40-8:40 Breakfast
8:00-8:40 Council Meetings (all welcome)

9:00-10:15 **WORKSHOP #5**
10:30-11:30 **WORKSHOP #6**

11:40-12:00 Closing Ceremony
12:00-1:00 Lunch, clean-up & adios

Conference Information

Registration Includes: Events, most workshops, keynote, meals, and two-nights lodging.

Conference Registrar: Helen de la Maza:
714-838-8990 or delamazah@earthlink.net

Online Registration: Online registration is now available. Go to www.aeoe.org and click on Register. Same deadlines apply to online registration.

Registration Dates and Deadlines: Postmark your registration by March 17, 2012 and you will get the early registration rate of \$150. Postmark between March 18 and March 31, 2012 and it will cost \$175; after March 31, 2012 no mail-in registrations will be accepted, walk-in registration only at \$215, paid on site. Please contact Helen to see if space is available - space not guaranteed for walk-ins. Get those registrations in early!

Employees of Institutional Members: If you are an employee of an Institutional Member of AEOE you receive \$10 off conference registration fees.

Family rates: Available for non-participating family members, contact the Conference Registrar.

Saturday Day Use: No Meals/No Lodging Rate: A limited number of special registrations will be accepted. THIS RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE MEALS, LODGING OR CAMPING. Day rates are \$75 for registration received by March 31 and \$100 on-site registration. You may attend workshops and events, **including evening events**, but you **must** provide your own meals and stay off site.

Payment: Checks, Credit Cards, Money Orders or Purchase Orders accepted. If you are paying with a P.O., it must accompany your registration form. If there is a time concern, please contact the Conference Registrar (see above).

Confirmation: You will receive confirmation of your conference registration via email within approximately two weeks of when you mail it. Please include an email address! If you have not received the confirmation within this time frame, please contact the Conference Registrar, to make sure that your registration was received.

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Scholarships: Several scholarships are available for low income applicants!! Send in your scholarship application along with the conference registration to:

Laura Vandezande
Scholarship Committee
PO Box 193
Avalon, CA 90704

See the “Joie’s Daisies” section in the Spring Newsletter or on the web at www.aeoe.org for details. You must postmark your application and registration by the early registration deadline of March 17, 2012 to qualify. Questions please contact Laura at lauraleaf23@yahoo.com

Housing: Included in the basic conference cost, housing is typical camp dorm style with bedding not included. Most cabins are a few minutes walk from the main dining hall area, but you can drive in to drop off your things and park. Bring a sleeping bag or sheet or blanket and pillow. Earplugs are a plus if someone in your cabin snores! Camping is on flat open lawn areas. Bring a tent, but cooking on site is not allowed.

Meals: Meals will be served buffet/cafeteria style. All meals will have vegetarian and vegan options (see registration form). Those with more specialized diets need to bring their own food. Coffee, teas, and other beverages will also be available in the dining room. No food/lodging folks will not be allowed in the dining room during meals.

Volunteering: We will need volunteers to help with meal set up and clean up, parking, logistics and other vital parts of the conference. Contact Gregory Lewis: southern.chair@aeoe.org for more info on what is needed. **THANK YOU!!!**

Bring Your Name Tag!: Rather than consuming paper and plastic resources and making name tags for attendees that are then discarded, we'd like you to bring your own. Some of you may have site/ organization name tags, or tree cookie name tags you have made for summer camp. These will be perfect! For those of you who don't have any laying around your house, we will have blank name tags so you can color your own.

Parking: Parking is very limited and we strongly encourage carpooling! To encourage you further, there will be a \$5 parking fee (for future scholarships), which will be waived if you carpool with at least 3 people per vehicle. Pay parking fee at registration. Those carpooling will also receive a raffle ticket to win one of many great prizes.

Job Fair: Are you looking for the next step in your career or simply a chance to learn about the range of outdoor and environmental education job opportunities to be found in California? Then be sure to bring multiple copies of your resume to the conference and take advantage of this chance to network with employers from around the state.

On the other hand, if you are a supervisor interested in sharing information about your program and would like to host a table at the job fair, please be sure to contact Gregory Lewis prior to March 31, 2012 at southern.chair@aeoe.org

Merchandise: Our favorite vendors, Acorn Naturalists, will be back with books, tools, and more—check out their website at www.acornnaturalists.com. We will also have a limited amount of AEOE and conference merchandise (recycled materials, flying discs, mugs, pencils, t-shirts, tote bags, stickers, etc.) These will be for sale at registration and throughout the conference. And don't forget the auctions to benefit our Scholarship Fund! Bring cash or checks for AEOE merchandise, Acorn Naturalists takes credit cards.

Transportation: Need a ride? Can you give a ride? Need airport or flight information, an airport pickup, or looking to carpool with someone? See the ride board on the website for more details – www.aeoe.org

Journal Swap: If you are interested in participating, please bring 25 copies of your own program's journal to the conference... and you will take away 25 from other programs. Gather examples of other programs' student workbooks! Look for journal swap table during recreation time on Saturday.

Photo Contest: It is once again time for the Annual AEOE Photography Contest! Bring photos (B/W or color) ready to display to participate! The theme for this year will be "Little Blue Marble." Submit up to 3 entries, size 8x10 to 11x14 inches. Judging will be held at 1pm on Saturday and great prizes will be awarded at the closing on Sunday. (AEOE not responsible for lost or damaged photographs.)

Skit & Talent Show: Attention Spring AEOE Talent Night Performers – for you to be a part of the Saturday night skit & talent show, we need the following:

1. Your name(s) and contact info (e-mail and phone)
2. The title and nature of your act
3. Set up time needed, and length of act *

We must have the above to include you in the extravaganza. RSVP by applying on the web site www.aeoe.org no later than April 7, 2012, and be ready to check your shame at the door!

*Due to the current talent glut we respectfully request you keep it less than 7 minutes – we want to embarrass as many people as possible. Thanks!

Howard Bell Award: Presented on Sunday morning at the Closing Ceremony. More information at www.aeoe.org.

Auctions: There will be a live auction as well as a silent auction. Money from the auctions will go into the scholarship fund. If you are interested in donating anything to AEOE to auction off at the conference, contact Tara Murgatroyd at tmurgatroyd@ymca.org

Conference T-shirt: Original artwork of the "Little Blue Marble". Conference tee shirts, printed on organic cotton, will be available at the conference.

Guidelines for Respectful Behavior: As a professional organization, we expect responsible and respectful behavior from our members. AEOE does not condone the consumption of illegal substances or underage drinking at its events. Anyone who is being disruptive will be asked to leave without a refund. We also ask our members, when outside of the few designated "late night" areas, to be very quiet at night when people are sleeping.

Conference Committee: AEOE depends on dedicated volunteers to make these conferences happen. This year, those volunteers have so far included:

Conference Coord. – Gregory Lewis

Conference Registrar - Helen de la Maza

Workshop Coord. – Robb "Big Brown Bat" Stolberg

Volunteer Coordinator – Gregory Lewis

Publicity - Tom Drake, Michael Charnofsky

Printed materials – Tara Murgatroyd

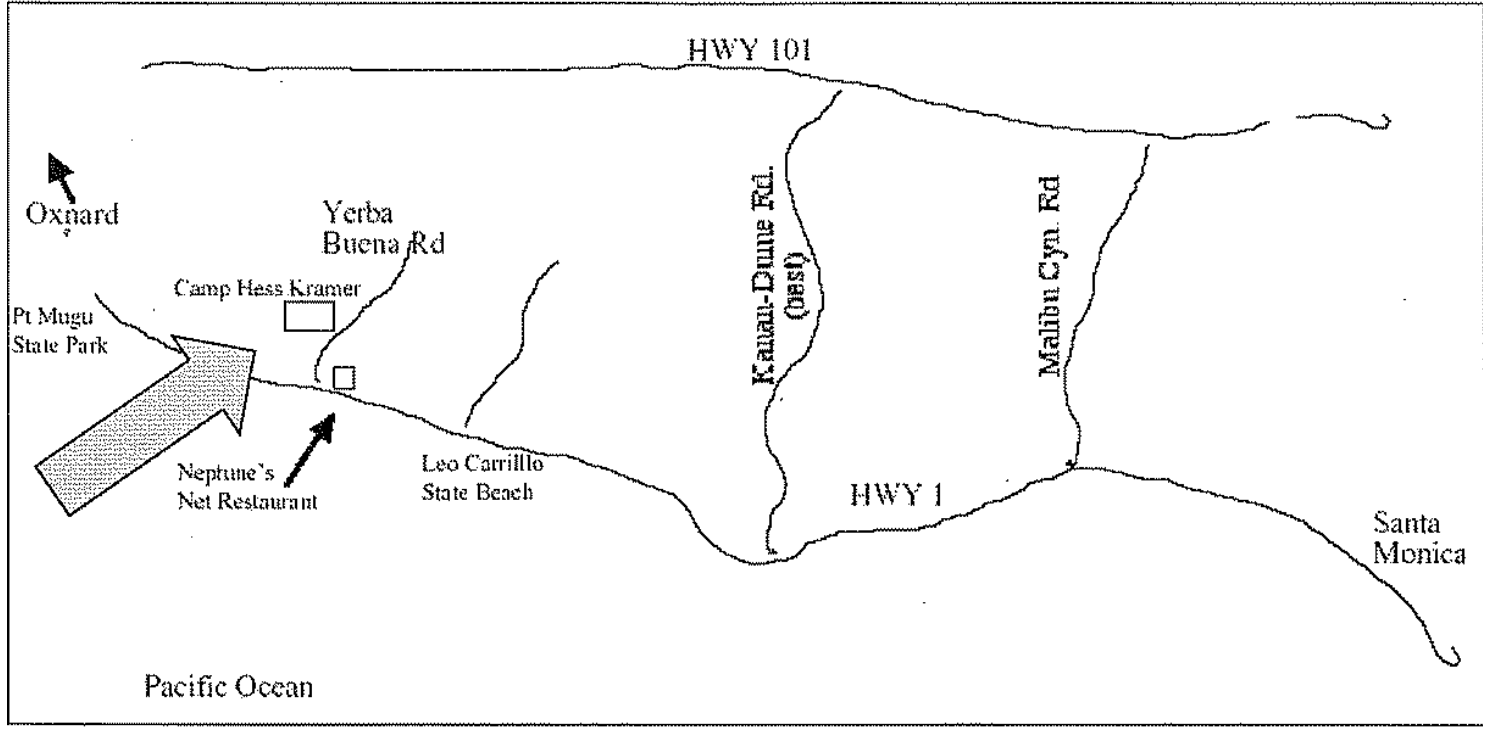
Merchandise/Treasurer – Zayanne Thompson

Scholarships – Laura Vandezande

Auctions – Tara Murgatroyd

History Display – Jymn "Scooby" Meier

Howard Bell Award – Heather Butler



Directions to Hess Kramer

From the south and east: Take 101 NORTH to Malibu Canyon Road or Kanan-Dume Road (recommended). Take Malibu Canyon or Kanan-Dume (best) WEST to Hwy 1. Take Hwy 1 NORTH past Pepperdine, Leo Carrillo State Park, and the Los Angeles/Ventura County line. You will soon come to Neptune's Net Restaurant on the right. Turn RIGHT at Yerba Buena Road. Camp Hess Kramer will be on the left side of the road a short distance uphill. Turn LEFT into Gate #2. (There should be AEOE signs directing you.) Go past the back side of the dining hall, curve left, go down a little hill and follow directions to park.

From the north: Take 101 SOUTH to the Hwy 1 SOUTH exit (Oxnard). You will pass Sycamore Canyon State Park, and approximately 3-5 miles past the park you will see Neptune's Net restaurant on your left. Turn LEFT onto Yerba Buena road. Camp Hess Kramer will be on the left side of the road a short distance uphill. Turn LEFT into Gate #2. (There should be AEOE signs directing you.) Go past the back side of the dining hall, curve left, go down a little hill and follow directions to park.

What to Bring

Gear: Sleeping bag/pillow/blanket (bedding not provided in dorms), pajamas (dorms!), tent (if camping), flashlight, alarm clock/watch, towel, toiletries, ear plugs, warm weather clothing, sunscreen/hat, swim wear (for the ocean), cool weather clothing, rain gear (it does actually rain in So. California.)

Other Supplies: Maps—ours is just a guide! **Money** (cash or checks) for Acorn Naturalists, AEOE merchandise, and auctions; notebook and writing instrument; tape recorder for stories and songs; information on your program (brochures, etc.), job announcements, resumes for the job fair, program journals, songbooks; **a mug** for beverages (disposable cups will not be available); stories and songs to share; Tecnu - if you go exploring, there is Poison Oak!

Toys: Camera, binoculars, field guides, musical instruments (drum circles Friday and Saturday night after bands, several music workshops, and other music jams often!), yoga mat.

NO cooking allowed on site (so don't bother bringing cooking gear); NO pets; NO illegal drugs.

A Taste of this Year's Workshops

We've received a deluge of applications for fantastically intriguing, fun-sounding, and eclectic workshops! As this registration packet goes to print we're still receiving more applications! What follows is a description of the workshop strands for Little Blue Marble. Check the AEOE website for a list of workshops as they become available!

Little Blue Marble is all about our vast and complex world. This can be in regards to what students and teacher need, but also what we can be doing for the earth itself.

There are six workshop strands:

Natural History

Administrative/ Professional Development

Diversity

Teaching Techniques

Interdisciplinary

Science and Sustainability

Go to the **AEOE** website to see updated workshop lists
and the latest conference news!

www.aeoe.org



"Little Blue Marble"

Conference T-shirts available!

There are no T-shirt pre-orders this year, so remember your cash or check!

Organic Cotton shirts in men and women sizes will be for sale at Conference Check-in.

Other environmentally sustainable items will be available for sale.