

# AEOE

Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education

Presents our Annual Spring Conference April 30-May 2, 2010

Hosted by Camp Hess Kramer in Malibu, CA

## REGISTRATION PACKET



## *Building Foundations*

Featuring 60+ workshops, inspiring speakers, entertainment, job fair, networking and merchandise.

Keynote Address by **Ed Begley, Jr.**  
Actor and Environmental Leader

Friday Night Entertainment, Contra Dance and Astronomy

Saturday Night Entertainment, **Delta Nove**  
Annual AEOE Skit Night/Talent Show

**Cost: \$150 if postmarked by April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

# AEOE 2010 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 / PREMIUM HOUSING (additional cost) (circle one).

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 April 3 - \$150  
\_\_\_\_\_ Regular Registration postmarked April 4-April 17 - \$175  
\_\_\_\_\_ Day Use (no meals/no lodging) – limited availability\* –  
(\$100 early and regular) \*Contact Helen for availability and/or  
family rates (see below for contact information).

**After April 17, only on-site registration will be available.** If space is available, on-site registration will be \$205 (\$130 day use). Please contact Helen for more information.

**Registration Fee = + \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Presenter Discount** If you are the only/primary presenter of an ACCEPTED workshop, subtract 50% off the corresponding early 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: \$105 for 1 person,  
\$55 for each person (double occupancy)

Roommate if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra Housing Fee = + \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Fee Workshop** Limited availability.

\_\_\_\_\_ Jacque Nuñez: "Yucca Cordage, Basket Weaving,  
and Soapstone Making" \$25

(If this workshop fills before we receive your registration, you will be refunded at check-in or put on a waiting list.)

**Workshop Fee = + \$** \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 \*New Member? Yes / No (circle one)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Student/Intern - \$15  
\_\_\_\_\_ Contributing - \$35  
\_\_\_\_\_ Life - \$200

\*New members will receive a free issue of *Green Teacher Magazine online*. Check here \_\_\_ if you DO NOT want to receive your free copy.

**Membership Dues = + \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Attach check, purchase order, or money order payable to AEOE.

Send forms with payment to: AEOE Conference Registrar, Helen de la Maza / 8 Ardmore, Irvine, CA 92602

Questions? Contact Helen at [delamazah@earthlink.net](mailto:delamazah@earthlink.net) or 714-838-8990.

Or visit [www.aeoe.org](http://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

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

### SATURDAY

6:30am Bird walk, Yoga  
7:00-8:15am Registration  
  
7-8:30am Breakfast  
8:30am Conference welcome & opening Ceremonies  
  
9:45-11:00 **WORKSHOP #1**  
11:15-12:30 **WORKSHOP #2**  
  
12:15-1:30pm Lunch (Registration Open)  
1:45-2:45pm Keynote Speaker Ed Begley Jr.  
  
3:00-4:15 **WORKSHOP #3**  
4:30-5:45 **WORKSHOP #4**  
  
5:30-7:00pm Dinner  
6:00-7:00pm Inclusivity Meeting  
6:00-7:30pm Job Fair  
7:15pm Movie Screening  
7:30pm Talent show & Live auction  
  
9:15pm Live Band

### SUNDAY

7-8:30 Breakfast  
7:30-8:15 Open council meetings  
9:00 Silent Auction bidding ends  
  
9:00-10:30 **WORKSHOP #5**  
  
10:30am Silent Auction results & pick-up  
11:00am Closing Ceremony & awards  
(Howard Bell, Photo Contest, Evaluation prizes)  
  
12:00-1:00pm B-B-Q 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](mailto:delamazah@earthlink.net)

**Online Registration:** Online registration is now available. Go to [aeoe.org](http://aeoe.org) and click on Register. Same deadlines apply to online registration.

**Registration Dates and Deadlines:** Postmark your registration by April 3, 2010 and you will get the early registration rate of \$150. Postmark between April 4 and April 17, 2010 and it will cost \$175; after April 17, 2010 no mail-in registrations will be accepted, walk-in registration only at \$205, paid on site. Please contact Helen to see if space is available - space not guaranteed for walk-ins. Get those registrations in early!

**Family rates:** Available for non-participating family members, contact the Conference Registrar (see above).

**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 \$100 for registration received by April 17<sup>th</sup> and \$130 on-site registration. You may attend workshops and events, **including evening events**, but you **must** stay in off site accommodations and provide your own meals.

**Payment:** Checks, 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, (see above) 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:

Kim Taylor  
Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 762  
Yosemite, CA 95389

See the “Joie’s Daisies” section in the Spring Newsletter or on the web at [www.aeoe.org](http://www.aeoe.org) for details. You must postmark your application and registration by the early registration deadline of April 3, 2010 to qualify. Questions please contact Kim Taylor [kimtaylor75@gmail.com](mailto:kimtaylor75@gmail.com)

**Housing:** Included in the basic conference cost, housing is typical camp dorm style with bedding not included. Most cabins are about a 10 minute 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 close to the dining hall—some areas with ocean views near the path to the beach. Bring a tent, but cooking on site is not allowed. Premium motel-style housing is available in the conference center adjacent to the dining hall for an extra charge. (See registration form).

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

**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.

**Volunteering:** We will need volunteers to help with meal set up and clean up, parking, logistics and other vital parts of the conference. Contact Coleen Ryan: [ryancoleen@gmail.com](mailto:ryancoleen@gmail.com) or at (413) 374-3436 for more information on what is needed. **THANK YOU!!!**

**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 Bryan Snyder prior to Sat April 10, 2010 at [foolsby@hotmail.com](mailto:foolsby@hotmail.com)

**Merchandise:** Our favorite vendors, Acorn Naturalists, will be back with books, tools, and more—check out their website at [www.acornnaturalists.com](http://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! Bring cash or checks: Acorn Naturalists takes credit cards, but AEOE does not.

**Howard Bell Award:** Presented on Sunday morning at the Closing Ceremony. More information at [www.aeoe.org](http://www.aeoe.org).

**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](http://www.aeoe.org)

**Auctions:** Auction Donations Needed! There will be a live auction as well as a silent auction to raise money for scholarships to our conferences. If you are interested in donating anything to AEOE to auction off at the conference, contact:  
Jennifer Dittmer at [alwaizsmiling@gmail.com](mailto:alwaizsmiling@gmail.com)

**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 "Building Foundations." 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. For more information contact Carrie Bryant at [oedirector@pathfinderranch.com](mailto:oedirector@pathfinderranch.com) (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 to Big Brown Bat at [bigbrownbat@yahoo.com](mailto:bigbrownbat@yahoo.com) no later than April 10, 2010, 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!

**Conference T-shirt:** Original artwork by AEOE member. Conference tee shirts, printed on organic cotton, will be available at the conference.

**Professional Development Credit:** Earn One unit of professional development credit through Cal State San Bernardino with your participation in the AEOE Statewide conference. Cost per unit is \$60. Pick up registration forms from Tonya Mandl at the concierge table.

**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.** – Steve Morris & Coleen Ryan

**Conference Registrar** - Helen de la Maza

**Keynote Liaison** – Jessica Niven-Kohring

**Workshop Coordinator** – Tara Murgatroyd

**Entertainment** – Michael Charnofsky, Laura Vandezande

**On-site Volunteer Coordinator** – Laura Vandezande

**On-site Housing Coordinator** – Jymn Meier

**Publicity** - Michael Charnofsky, Tom Drake

**T-Shirt Design** – Kris Pamintuan

**Job Fair Coordinator** – Bryan Snyder

**Merchandise/Treasurer** – Zayanne Thompson

**Scholarships** – Kim Taylor

**Charitable Giving / Auction**- Jennifer Dittmer

**Auctioneer/MC**– Big Brown Bat (Robb Stolberg)

**Photo Contest** – Carrie Bryant

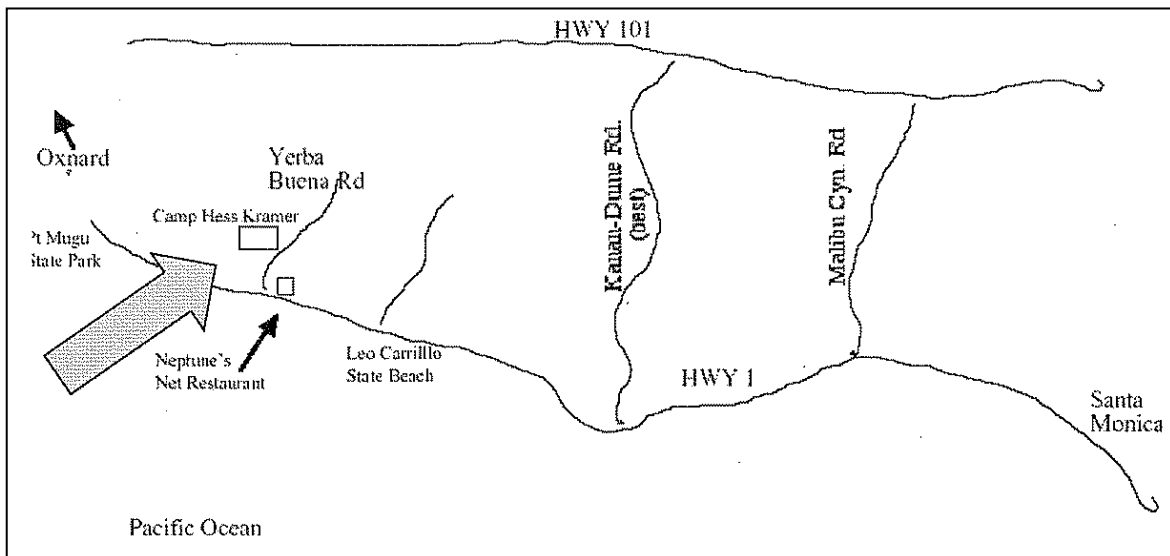
**History Display** - Janice Smith

**Green Conference Coord.** – Cathy Harkness

**Howard Bell Award** – Tara Murgatroyd

**First Aid** – Ryan Brennan

**Website Information** – Ryan Brennan



## 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 books, 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, journals, songbooks, etc.; **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, surfboards/boogie boards/wet suits (famous surf at County Line.)

**NO** cooking allowed on site (so don't bother bringing cooking gear with your camping 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 reviewing more applications! What follows is a description of the workshop strands for Building Foundations. Check the AEOE website for a list of workshops!

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Building Foundations is all about preparing now for the future we imagine possible. This can be in regards to what students and teacher need, but also what we can be doing for the earth itself.

What are we doing now to get ready for the future we are hoping for?

**Diversity Strand (D)** "Building foundations of diversity" If we want to serve a diverse audience and have a better representation of the population in the environmental education field how are we going to get there? What are we doing now that will help us move in that direction? How do we address diverse audiences (race/ethnicity, age, socioeconomic strata, special needs, sexual identity and religion) and work toward common goals? How do we increase diversity among educators to better serve these audiences? Together we can work to come up with strategies to make outdoor and environmental education more inclusive.

**Natural History Strand (N)** "Building foundations of knowledge" Learning more about the natural history of science and nature builds a foundation of knowledge that future learning can build and grow off of. Learn more about the environment around you, including the natural history, native plants and ecology.

**Teaching Strand (T)** "Building foundations for more effective learning" Learn about and discuss teaching methods and strategies for the environmental education field, what works and what doesn't. Work on comprehensive and relevant lesson plans for your students. Workshops topics could include methodology, science standards, English language learners, pedagogy, scaffolding and teaching techniques for the classroom or the trail.

**Professional Development Strand (P)** "Building your own foundation" Investigate ways to enhance your career in Environmental Education. Work with other leaders in the outdoor and environmental education fields to share ideas about how to grow yourself and your teams and share strategies that have been proven successful at your site.

**Sustainability Strand (S)** "Building a sustainable foundation" Ensuring that we are working to create a sustainable future. Learn about sustainable living, communities and fostering sustainable behavior. Find ways to connect sustainability with students back at home.

**Recreation Strand (R)** "Building a well rounded foundation" Take a break, have some fun! Learn fun games to incorporate into lessons to teach cooperation, team building and effective processing. Stretch your legs! Take a break and spend some time running around.

Go to the [AEOE website](http://www.aeoe.org) to see updated workshop lists  
and the latest conference news!

[www.aeoe.org](http://www.aeoe.org)



# Conference T-shirts and Totebags available!

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

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

Other environmentally sustainable items will be available for sale including **recycled mugs** (disposable cups will not be available at conference).