



Michigan Department of Natural Resources & Environment
2010 Academy of Natural Resources
NatureQuest
July 18-23, MacMullan Conference Center

A G E N D A (as of April 1, 2010)

Sunday, July 18

- 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Registration and check-in - Administration Building (Lobby)
5:30 p.m. Dinner*
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. General Assembly
- Welcome and Introductions w/Kevin Frailey, DNRE Education Services Manager
 - An overview of the week and housekeeping w/Kevin
 - We are the DNRE: An Introduction to the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources & Environment w/Kevin

Monday, July 19 Setting the Stage: Ecology 101

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Terms and Concepts You Need to Know w/Kevin Frailey (DNRE) and Tracy McMullen, DeVries Nature Center
Noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Michigan Plant Communities/Botany 101 w/Michael Kost & Phyllis Higman, Michigan *Natural Features Inventory*
5:30 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. *Optional Program TBA*

Tuesday, July 20 The Birds and the Bees

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Common Birds of Michigan: Identification Techniques and Lessons Your Students Can Use w/Jon Spieles and Shana McMillan, DNRE Interpreters
Noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Bees, Bugs and Six Legged Beasts w/Justin P. Smith, Indian Springs Environmental Discovery Center
5:30 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. The Howling: An Update on the Wolves and Moose of Isle Royale w/Mike George, Chief of Interpretive Services, HCMA

Wednesday, July 21 Michigan Trees and Cold-Blooded Creatures

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Know your Needles: Tree Identification Techniques w/Craig Kasmer, Hartwick Pines Visitor Center Interpreter
Noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Let's Hear it For Herps: Snakes, Frogs, Turtles and Salamanders w/Nick Di Cresce, Metro Beach Nature Center
5:30 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Optional Evening Program - TBA

Thursday, July 22 Michigan Mammals, Scent, Sign and Sounds

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Myths and Tales of Michigan Mammals w/Kevin Frailey (DNRE) & Dorothy McLeer, Interpretive Naturalist, University of Michigan Dearborn
Noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Michigan Geology in your Schoolyard s/Steve Tchozeski, Michigan GeoScience
5:30 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. It Came from Beneath the Sea: The Asian Carp and the Great Lakes (Speaker TBA)

Friday, July 23 Getting Your Students Outdoors

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Native Plantings & Gardening at your School w/Jessie Rummins, Teacher and native gardener
9:30 a.m. Explore Your Schoolyard w/Dorothy McLeer
11:00 a.m. General Assembly
 - Evaluations
 - Loose EndsNoon Lunch

Dismissal and Happy Trails

***All meals will be served at the dining hall in the Administration building.**