



Michigan Department of Natural Resources
2012 Academy of Natural Resources

NatureQuest

July 15-20, MacMullan Conference Center

A G E N D A

Sunday, July 15

- 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Registration and check-In - **New Conservation Education Center**
5:30 p.m. Dinner – Resource Center (Dining Hall)
7:00 – 7:30 p.m. Welcome and Overview
Kevin Frailey, DNRE Education Services Mgr.,
Jon Gray, Safari Club International, Novi, Chapter
7:30 - 8:45 p.m. ***We are the DNR: An Introduction to the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources*** w/ Kevin Frailey

Monday, July 16 Ecology 101 & Herps 101

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Terrestrial Ecology w/Tracy McMullen, DeVries Nature Conservancy
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.
5:00 p.m. Adjourn for the day
5:30 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m - ***Optional evening program – From Student to Steward: DNR's Stewardship Program can add Service Learning to your school,***
w/Heide Frei, DNR SW Resource Steward

Tuesday, July 17 Aquatic Ecology and Bugs

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Aquatic Ecology w/Tracy McMullen, Heidi Frei, DNR Stewardship
Noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Bees, Bugs and Six Legged Beasts w/ Justin P. Smith, Indian Springs Environmental Discovery Center
5:00 p.m. Adjourn for the day
5:30 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m.- ***Boatloads of Great Lakes Fun*** w/Dan Keto, Kalamazoo Nature Center
8:30 p.m. ***From Canoe to Ore Ship, a cruise through Great Lakes History.***

Wednesday, July 18 Birds and Trees

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast.
8:00 a.m. Common Birds of Michigan: Identification Techniques and Lessons Your Students Can Use. w/Jon Spieles, Interpretive Program Mgr, and Shana McMillan, Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery Interpreter

- Noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Know your Needles: Tree Identification Techniques w/Craig Kasmer Hartwick Pines Visitor Center Interpreter
5:00 p.m. Adjourn for the day
5:30 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. *Optional Evening Program - Out of the Smoke and into the Flame*
w/ DNR Forest Fire Public Information officer Ada Takacs

Thursday, July 19 Michigan Mammals & Schoolyard Rocks

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Michigan Geology in your Schoolyard: Steve Tchozeski,
Michigan GeoScience
Noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Myths and Tales of Michigan Mammals: Dorothy McLeer, Interpretive
Naturalist, University of Michigan-Dearborn
5:00 p.m. Adjourn for the day
5:30 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m.- **A Zooeducation** w/ Dennis Laidler, Potter Park Zoo

Friday, July 20 Getting Your Students Outdoors

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Explore Your Schoolyard w/Dorothy and Tracy
11:15 a.m. General Assembly (upper Classroom)
Noon Lunch

Dismissal and Happy Trails

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