

EMECS 9

Students and Schools Partnership (SSP)

"Community-Based Environmental Education"

SESSIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Environmental education can view people as separate from the natural world, as outsiders, manipulators, disrupters, or polluters. This perspective fails to see us as integral parts of ecosystems, where sustainability applies not only to natural resources but also to the communities that depend upon them. The EMECS 9 Students and Schools Partnership will present and discuss concepts and programs at the interface between environmental education and community. Our goal is to identify approaches that show promise not only in promoting environmental knowledge, but also in encouraging environmentally sustainable community development.

**Note: SSP Participants are welcome to participate in all conference breaks and other items listed on the conference agenda. (<http://www.conference.ifas.ufl.edu/emecs9/agenda.pdf>)*

Saturday, 27 August 2011

17:00 - 19:00 Pre-Conference registration and registrant check-in opens
Lodging available for early registrants

Sunday, 28 August 2011

07:00 - 17:00 Conference registration and registrant check-in open
Poster set-up opens at 7:00 AM

08:30 - 09:00 Plenary Session Conference Introduction and Overview

09:00 - 10:25 Concurrent Sessions
SSP Panel, The Power of Social and Mass Media

10:50 - 12:15 Concurrent Sessions
SSP Coastal Community-Based Initiatives to Conserve Coastal Resources

13:30 - 14:55 Concurrent Sessions
SSP Panel- Online vs. Outdoor Education, Dilemma or Opportunity?

15:20 - 17:00 Plenary Session The Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill and the Japanese Tsunami

17:30 - 19:30 Welcome and Poster Reception

19:00 - 20:30 SSP Meeting to begin crafting Student Conference Declaration

Monday, 29 August 2011

08:30 - 10:25 Plenary Session: Keynote Speakers

10:50 - 12:15 Concurrent Sessions

SSP Excursion I: Learning to Care: History, Culture, and Future of Coastal Seas

Host: Living Classrooms Foundation and students from LCF Partnership Schools

SSP participants will walk to the Douglass-Myers Maritime Park Campus, arriving for lunch and a welcome from Baltimore area students. After lunch they will enjoy demonstrations of partnership programs with Baltimore schools and take part in hands-on activities used in teaching environmental stewardship to urban students. Emphasis will be on how that stewardship is promoted through knowledge of community history and culture.

12:30 Walk to Living Classrooms Foundation venue

13:00 - 13:45 Lunch at LCF Douglass-Myers Maritime Park Campus

14:00 - 18:00 LCF-hosted activities: Environmental Education in an Urban Setting

18:30 - 21:15 Dinner at LCF with Baltimore City students and educators

19:30 - 21:15 Live Performance by Geoff Kaufman (open to all EMECS registrants)
"Natural Reflections: Re-finding our Place in Nature through Word and Song"

Tuesday, 30 August 2011

SSP Excursion II: A Colonial Coastal Town Sets Course for its Future

Host: Washington College, Town of Chestertown, and Chesapeake Semester Students

SSP participants will board the R/V Callinectes at the Chesapeake Exploration Center on Kent Island and travel up the Chester River to Chestertown, county seat of Kent County. Along the way they will learn how archaeology is contributing to our knowledge of Chesapeake history and how that knowledge is translating into care for this coastal ecosystem. After landing they will be introduced to the partnership between the Town of Chestertown and the Center for Environment and Society that is working to define an environmentally sustainable for the Town and its citizens. After lunch they will visit the GIS Laboratory learn about the Chesapeake Semester from past and current students. Participants will return by bus over the William Preston Lane Jr. Chesapeake Bay Bridge for the EMECS 9 Farewell Dinner.

07:30 Depart Baltimore by bus to boat dock on Kent Island;

11:30 Arrive Chestertown; bus tour through historic town to WC campus

12:00 - 12:45 Lunch at Commons; welcome address by WC President Mitchell Reiss

13:00 - 14:00 **Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Lab:** GIS applications in education and coastal community assistance

14:15 - 15:15 **Chestertown Town Hall: A Coastal Community Defines Its Future**
Mayor Margo Bailey and staff, hosts

15:15 - 17:30 Depart Chestertown by bus, travel over Chesapeake Bay Bridge to Baltimore

18:00 - 21:00 **Conference Closing Dinner Banquet**

Wednesday, 31 August 2011

08:30 - 09:55 Concurrent Sessions
SSP Open session to discuss Student Conference Declaration draft

10:25 - 12:00 **Closing Plenary Session**
SSP Session Report
SSP Student Conference Declaration

12:00 **EMECS 9 Conference Officially Concludes**