

Kentucky Association for Environmental Education



Call For Proposals: Guidelines

Theme: *Creating Balance*

36th Annual KAAEE Conference

Lake Cumberland State Resort Park

September 14-15, 2012

You are invited to submit a proposal for a Concurrent Session that is reflective of at least one of the three strands: Environmental Education in Practice; Environmental Literacy; or Journey into EE.

Proposals are due by April 15, 2012

Guidelines for Proposals:

- Friday and Saturday Concurrent Sessions may be provided in a variety of ways including lecture, audio-visual presentations, activities, hands-on learning, experiments, discussion, and field work.
- Connections with Kentucky Core Content and/or Program of Studies, national standards, and North American Association for Environmental Education standards are strongly encouraged.
- If you are requesting payment or reimbursement of any fees, you must include this information in your proposal.
- All proposals must be submitted using the 'Call for Presentations' form provided by KAAEE. Electronic submissions are preferred.
- Presenters must register for the conference in the category that best fits them (professional, student, retired, etc).
- Proposals are peer-reviewed. Notification of acceptance or rejection will be directed to primary contacts.
- Environmental education often has strong connections to social and economic issues. If applicable, please provide information on the social and/or economic connections included in your presentation. These connections may be a central or peripheral part of your proposed session.

Session Format Preference:

45 minute traditional presentation - This time frame is most suitable for a 30-minute presentation, followed by 15 minutes for discussion and questions, although this may vary. *Note: In some instances, 45-minute panels may be formed comprised of two or three proposals on a similar topic.*

90 minute hands-on presentation - Most suitable for hands-on sessions that deal with a single topic or program, in an interactive setting where participants can have an open discussion with the presenter. Not intended as a lecture. Forums or panel discussions with an interactive component are also suitable.

3 hours or 6 hours - This time frame is most suitable for hands-on sessions that will be conducted on-site or off-site. These sessions may also require time to travel to an off-site location.

Family Activity (45 minutes) – Sessions for children will be scheduled on Saturday. Activities should be as interactive and hands-on as possible.

Conference Strands:

Environmental Education in Practice - These sessions will focus on the knowledge and skills that combine to bring excellence to the field of environmental education. We're looking for innovative learning strategies, professional development opportunities, new directions and research in EE, and unique methods of making learning about the environment relevant to adults, students, and teachers.

Environmental Literacy - We're looking for sessions to give participants an in-depth look at content related to environmental issues and topics. This strand will give in-depth background information on your topic. For example, sessions may explain the science behind wetlands, discuss environmental health in Kentucky, offer instruction on how to identify trees, or investigate sustainability.

Journey into EE - This strand is designed for those who are just starting their career, or those who want to learn more. Appropriate sessions will include the concepts of EE, such as alignment to state and national standards, environmental education ethics, assessment, and new ways to present material.