

## Resources for Environmental Education In Southern Illinois



### USDA Forest Service – Shawnee National Forest

Supervisor's Office (618) 253-7114 Harrisburg (Sue Hirsch)

Hidden Springs RD (618) 658-2111 Vienna

Mississippi Bluffs RD (618) 833-8576 Jonesboro (Linda Hauser)

<http://fs.usda.gov/shawnee>

Classroom visits or field trips/site visits

\*Smokey Bear - wildfire prevention/prescribed burning

\*Woodsy Owl – land stewardship

\*Non-native Invasive Species, Wilderness, Leave No Trace, Wetlands, Birds, Forestry, Monarch Magic, Bats, History of Shawnee and any other natural resource topics, as requested

[www.fs.usda.gov/conservationeducation](http://www.fs.usda.gov/conservationeducation) (FS Conservation Education)

\*Resources & curriculums on climate change, PollinatorsLIVE, Woodsy Owl & Smokey Bear, Discover the Forest (The Lorax), Jr. Forest Ranger and much more

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

\*Science education research journals (Free!) for middle school students

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

\*School science education journals (Free!) for upper elementary students (5<sup>th</sup> grade level)

[www.fs.fed.us/r6/nr/wildlife/animalinn](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/nr/wildlife/animalinn) (Animal Inn – There's Life in Dead Trees!)

### US Fish and Wildlife – Crab Orchard and Cypress Creek Wildlife Refuges

[www.fws.gov/midwest/craborchard/](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/craborchard/) 618-997-3344

\*Visitor Center

\*Discovery Trunks to borrow

\*On-site field trips/classroom visits

\*Earth Day Event for school groups

[www.fws.gov/midwest/CypressCreek/](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/CypressCreek/) 618-634-2231

\*Field trips (Cache River Wetlands Center)



### US Army Corp of Engineers – Rend Lake

[www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Rend](http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Rend)

\*Visitor Center & outdoor classroom

\*On and off site visits on variety of topics

\*Earth Day Event for schools for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders

### Illinois Department of Natural Resources – (Cache River, Giant City, Ferne Clyffe, Cave in Rock, Mermet, Ft Massac)

[www.dnr.illinois.gov](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov)

<http://dnr.state.il.us/education/listservers.htm> (Listserve for IDNR education announcements)

\*Free educational materials to educators (Activity Books, posters, etc.)

\*IL Natural Resource trunks for loan

\*Field Trip Packs – **NEW locations!** Includes many items to assist your early childhood students explore nature & suggestions for teachers on how to incorporate natural resources activities into their lessons.

\*ENTICE – (Environment and Nature Training Institute for Conservation Education) educator workshops from the IDNR offer background information, hands-on activities, lessons, supplemental resources, Continuing Professional Development Units and the opportunity to work with natural resources professionals.

\*Grants and \*State Park information/programs

## Henry N. Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands

Center – 618-657-2064

\*Visitor Center

\*On site field trips

## Touch of Nature Environmental Center

618-453-1122 [www.ton.siu.edu](http://www.ton.siu.edu)

\*On-site field trips & programs

\*Maple Syrup Programs, Lake Ecology via canoe, Interpretive Treks, Pond Studies and much more

## Land for Learning – 618-833-8030

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

\*School camps - canoeing, aquatic studies, Leave No Trace, Native traditions and more

## Jackson County Health Department

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

\*Recycling programs, \*Garbage Gazette

\*School waste reduction grants

\*Book and video loan, \*Recycling fundraisers

## Beautify Southern Illinois

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

\*Events and Calendar link – calendar of volunteer and workshop opportunities for many agencies and nonprofits

## Little River Research & Design 618-529-7423 (Carbondale)

[www.emriver.com](http://www.emriver.com) \*Fluvial geomodels which simulate river processes

## National American Association of Environmental Education (NAAEE) [www.naaee.org](http://www.naaee.org)

[www.eelink.net](http://www.eelink.net) \*National conferences, jobs, news, resources

## Environmental Education Association of Illinois (EEAI) [www.eeai.net](http://www.eeai.net)

\*Annual conference & workshops held throughout year, \*Free Resources & Mini Grants, \*Networking opportunities, \*Memberships include quarterly newsletter

## VIDEO

**ARKIVE** – Images of Life on Earth

Short videos of wildlife & their habits – butterflies emerging from chrysalis, squirrels building nest, etc.

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

**WildWatchcams** – Washington Dept of Fish and Wildlife <http://wdfw.wa.gov/wildwatch/>



## Free Again Wildlife Rehabilitation (Herrin)

618-988-1067 [www.freeagaininc.org](http://www.freeagaininc.org) \*Programs with injured wildlife

## Ag in the Classroom/Soil & Water Conservation –

Williamson County 618-694-9893

[www.agintheclassroom.org](http://www.agintheclassroom.org) \*ISAT program,

\*Educational materials, \*Kits for loan, \*classroom visits

**University of Illinois Extension Offices** - wealth of information online and at county offices

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/state> \*Schools Online (student interactive websites) on worms/insects/trees, etc.

## National Projects: (Workshop include CPDU's & Activity Book) - \$ varies

Flying Wild (Middle school)

Project Learning Tree (Pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> grades)

Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood (3-6 yr. olds)

Project Wild (K-12)

Growing Up Wild (3-7 yr. olds)

Project Aquatic Wild

Project Wet (K- 12<sup>th</sup>)

WOW (Wonders of Wetlands)