


WHO IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR?

An Environmental Educator is someone who guides individuals of any age in understanding how the environment works and the challenges that it faces, empowering them to apply these understandings to their lives.

Environmental Educators can work in a wide variety of fields, but they will always be supporting practices that make sustainability relevant to people's lives. Instead of framing nature as something "outside" of an adult's daily responsibilities, this approach provides adults with the tools and resources that they need to incorporate earth-friendly practices into the way that they do business.

Fields of EE

- Local Government
- Agriculture
- General Public
- Business & Industry
- Environmental Non-Profits
- Higher Education
- Childhood Education




OUR HISTORY & MEMBERSHIP

The Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Educators (PAEE) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to unite, support and empower a community of environmental educators, throughout Pennsylvania and beyond. PAEE was founded in 1977 by a small group of environmental educators and has continued to change and grow through the leadership of a working Board of Directors with very diverse backgrounds. PAEE is also the state affiliate of North American Association for Environmental Education.

Members include those involved with childhood education, home schooling, parks and nature centers, state agencies, youth programs, agriculture, business and industry, environmental nonprofits, higher education, local government, and anyone interested in the environment.

Our membership is as diverse as the environment in which we live, providing members an opportunity to network with other environmental educators. Our members include musicians, authors, web design specialists, principals, teachers, professors, students, retired individuals, naturalists, and industry professionals, just to name a few.




Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Educators

www.pae.net

Environmental education is a learning process that increases people's knowledge and awareness about the environment and associated challenges, develops the necessary skills and expertise to address the challenges, and fosters attitudes, motivations, and commitments to make informed decisions and take responsible action.—The Tbilisi Declaration (UNESCO, 1978)



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PAEE

MEMBERSHIP

Membership includes one year membership with PAEE beginning on April 1st and ending on March 31st and the quarterly journal mailed to your preferred address.

Individual - \$30

Full Time Student - \$20

Retired - \$20

Affiliate Membership - \$100

(Includes 3 memberships and recognition on PAEE website and in the Journal)

Membership forms are available at www.paee.net Join or renew between December 1st 2009 and March 31st 2010 and have your membership run until March 31st 2011.



PAEE ANNUAL AWARDS

PAEE recognizes the extraordinary efforts of both individuals and organizations dedicated to promoting environmental education throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Awards include individuals who have dedicated their time to advancing the quality and opportunities of environmental education in Pennsylvania in both teaching and non teaching areas; organizations that have an exemplary environmental education program; companies that have made significant contributions to promote environmental education within the Commonwealth of PA; and a government official who serves on a local, state or national level and has demonstrated significant support for environmental education within the Commonwealth of PA.

PAEE ENDORSEMENTS

PAEE provides endorsements to environmental education programs/activities. The endorsement is not an award, but certification that the program or event promotes and results in an informed public that takes action.



An article about the organization and event or program will appear in the Journal, the event will be listed on the PAEE website, a press release given to the local newspaper, a graphic for publications, and recognition at the next PAEE conference.

Visit www.paee.net for more information about the Endorsement Program and an application.

OUR SERVICES

THE JOURNAL

The PAEE Journal is published quarterly and is provided as a benefit of membership. It includes environmental education resources, successful EE programs, updates regarding EE in Pennsylvania and the nation, and other items of interest and importance to both Environmental Education and PAEE.

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The annual conference is for anyone interested in the environmental education field. The conference provides ACT 48 hours to teachers and a variety of workshops for all fields of categories of EE. PAEE's Annual Conference occurs every March. Please see the PAEE website www.paee.net to view the most current information about our upcoming Conference and view information from our past conferences.

THE PAEE WEBSITE—www.paee.net

The PAEE website includes information about membership, job openings, conference information, information about joining the PAEE List-Serve, Board of Directors contact information and much more.

