

A Trail To Every Classroom



*A Place-Based,
Service-Learning
Professional Development
Workshop Series
Connecting
Youth & Communities
Along the
Appalachian Trail*



APPALACHIAN TRAIL
CONSERVANCY



Rediscover the outdoors and your sense of exploration while learning effective, meaningful ways to lead your students to their own discoveries of nature, physical challenges, and the distinctiveness of their own communities.

The significance of the Appalachian Trail is not its length, but its story of civic engagement in preserving a recreational, natural, cultural, spiritual, and now, educational, resource for challenges and dreams.

Through this cumulative series of workshops, you will create your own experiential learning curriculum based on state educational standards that integrates hands-on study of Appalachian Trail resources in your community and the opportunity for teacher and student networks from Georgia to Maine.

Research shows that place-based learning and service-learning increases:

- Student achievement
- Community engagement
- Environmentally responsible behavior

“I believe every teacher should be a part of such an exciting, integrative, inspirational program! This is one of the few workshops that provided me with tools, networking opportunities, ideas . . . to enable my classroom to come to life . . .”

—Jennifer Wyland, Life Science Teacher, Kutztown M.S., TTEC 2008

“The Trail to Every Classroom program engages young people in nature. It brings together Trail managers, teachers, and children, allowing a safe place to engage in physical exercise, explore nature, learn about the Trail as a natural and cultural resource, and collectively get their hands dirty. This is exactly the kind of program we need to see more of as away to connect children to nature.”

—Richard Louv, Author, *Last Child in the Woods*, 2005



Highlights



- The Trail to Every Classroom (TTEC) program is offered free of charge including all lodging, meals, and materials.
- Presenters include national experts in Place-Based Learning, Service-Learning and Curriculum Development.
- You are expected to develop curriculum with an Appalachian Trail focus.
- Five graduate credits are optional and offered for a fee of \$250.00 through Lebanon Valley College. Credits awarded December 2011.
- Support for your curriculum development and implementation through an increasing network of educators, as well as A.T. and Trail management partners.

Physical Demands

Each workshop will include a hike ranging from one to five miles.

Oh come on, you can do it!

We will provide suggestions to get you started hiking even before the workshops begin.



2011 Workshop Series Schedule

1st Local Workshop

— then →

Summer Institute

— then →

2nd Local Workshop

Introduces teams of teachers to the Trail and its resources locally

SPRING 2011

GEORGIA / TENNESSEE /
NORTH CAROLINA

April 29 - 30

Len Foote Hike Inn
Amicalola Falls State Park, Georgia

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

May 6 - 7

Mountain Lake Resort
Blacksburg, Virginia

NORTHERN VIRGINIA / WEST VIRGINIA
MARYLAND / PENNSYLVANIA
NEW JERSEY / NEW YORK

May 6 - 7

AMC Mohican Center
Delaware Water Gap,
New Jersey

CONNECTICUT /
MASSACHUSETTS / VERMONT /
NEW HAMPSHIRE / MAINE

May 13 - 14

AMC Highland Center
Crawford Notch, New Hampshire

Brings all participants together focusing on Place-Based Learning, Service-Learning, and curriculum development

July 25 - 29, 2011

National Conservation
Training Center
Shepherdstown, West Virginia



Focuses on curriculum implementation and sustainability

FALL 2011

GEORGIA / TENNESSEE /
NORTH CAROLINA

September 23 - 24

Great Smoky Mtn Institute at
Tremont, Tennessee

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

October 14 - 15

Wilderness Adventures,
Eagle Landing
Fincastle, Virginia

NORTHERN VIRGINIA / WEST VIRGINIA
MARYLAND / PENNSYLVANIA
NEW JERSEY / NEW YORK

October 28 - 29

Kings Gap Environmental
Education Center
Carlisle, Pennsylvania

CONNECTICUT /
MASSACHUSETTS / VERMONT /
NEW HAMPSHIRE / MAINE

November 4 - 5

Marsh Billings Rockefeller
National Historical Park
Woodstock, Vermont

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APPLICATION FORM



The workshop series is offered free of charge including food, lodging, and materials. Participants are responsible for travel and the cost of graduate credit.

DEADLINE
* **March 11** *
DEADLINE

Name _____

Position _____

School _____

District _____

Teammates also applying _____

Administrator's name _____

Preferred mailing address _____

Town _____ State _____ ZIP _____

School telephone _____

Home telephone _____

School e-mail _____

Home e-mail _____

Please provide a letter of support from your administrator as part of this application expressing commitment and support for your participation and respond to the following questions on a separate page:

1. How does your school currently incorporate place-based learning and service-learning in curriculum?
2. Please describe what you hope to gain professionally and personally by participating in TTEC.

Teams of two or more from each school are *strongly* encouraged to apply. Individuals also welcome. You should be willing to:

- Come with the support of your administrator recognizing two days away from school
- Participate in ALL workshops and summer session
- Be willing to hike up to five miles in one day
- Develop **Appalachian Trail-based** curriculum unit which utilizes the local landscape and may include taking students out directly on the A.T. Also, meet the goals of your school and grade level, exemplifying the best practices of Place-Based Learning and Service Learning
- Provide written documentation of your curriculum for possible inclusion in a model program to be disseminated nationally
- Participate in program evaluations

Return your completed application, including letter of support by:

March 11, 2011

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