



Environmental Explorations

Stubnitz Foundation Grant to Provide Discount for School Field Trip Fees

The Stubnitz Foundation has supported Stubnitz Environmental Education Center throughout its ten years of existence growth in many ways. Previous Stubnitz Foundation grants have funded such improvements as a storage addition to the large meeting room, wildlife exhibits, instructional materials for school programs, sponsorship of community education programs, and signage and lighting for the front of the building.

For 2003-04, a year of increasing budget reductions for schools, the Stubnitz Foundation has granted Stubnitz Environmental Education Center \$5000 for a School Field Trip Program Augmentation Fund.

This fund will allow SEEC to offer a \$1.50 per student discount from the regular \$3.00 per student fee. To qualify for the discount, teachers must apply for the discount prior to their visit by filling out an application form. In it, they share information about environmental education topics that they teach during the school year and how they use the SEEC field trip program in their regular curriculum.

The Stubnitz Foundation grant will reduce student program fees for this year while maintaining SEEC's ability to run those programs. Lenawee students will continue to be able to attend Stubitz Environmental Education Center's School Field Trip Programs.



SEEC Dinner Auction



Picture this--great food, cool jazz, a "Diamond in the Sand" raffle, a fifty-fifty raffle, fabulous live auction items, and silent auction items you just can't live without--they all add up to an exciting and fun filled event! Best of all, the proceeds will benefit environmental education in Lenawee County.

Be sure to be there for the Dinner Auction to Benefit Stubnitz Environmental Education Center on Saturday, October 25, 2003 at the Lenawee Country Club from 5:30-10:00. Tickets are \$50 per person and may be obtained from Pam Bunch at 265-6691, or through members of the Dinner Auction Planning Committee.



Fall 2003



2003-2004 Calendar of Events

Saturday, October 11, 2003 - 8:30-12:00 - Stubnitz Environmental Education Center Fall Open House:



9:00-10:30 - Mushroom Meander - guided trail hike for adults
9:00-10:00 - Fungus Among Us - guided trail hike for families
10:00-10:45 - Endangered Species: Preserving our Wildlife Heritage
11:00-12:00 - The REAL Story of Wolves



The Fall Open House morning programs at Stubnitz Environmental Education Center are free, sponsored by Anderson Development Company, as part of their Lenawee Environmental Day and Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off.

Saturday, October 11, 2003 - 12:30-3:30 - "Fall Dried Flower Wreath Workshop," a Naturecrafts workshop at Stubnitz Environmental Education Center. Registration fee of \$30 includes materials and instruction to create a beautiful dried flower wreath. **Preregistration required by October 3rd** through the City of Adrian at 264-4872.

Saturday, October 25, 2003 - Dinner Auction to Benefit Stubnitz Environmental Education Center 5:30-10:00 p.m. at the Lenawee Country Club. Tickets are \$50 per person, contact Pam Bunch at SEEC, 265-6691 for more information.

Saturday, January 24, 2004 - "Michigan's Wild Woodlands," 1:00-2:00 p.m. In this presentation by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, a variety of live Michigan woodland mammals, birds, and reptiles help to demonstrate the significant role that forests play in maintaining biodiversity and as a renewable resource. Program fee: \$3.00 per person, \$10 per family, \$2.00 per person for SEEC Family/Friends Members.



Tuesday, February 17, 2004 - 8:30- 3:00 — Professional Development workshop for Teachers and Principals: "Creating Your Schoolyard Habitat" A how-to workshop on planning, funding, building and maintaining a wildlife habitat and outdoor classroom in your schoolyard. Register through the LISD Professional Development department at 265-1619 or www.solutionwhere.com./lisd.

Throughout the month of February 2004 - High School Nature Art on display

Thursday, February 26, 2004 - 6:00- 8:00 p.m. Nature Art Gallery and Reception - The community is invited this reception at SEEC to enjoy the excellent talents of Lenawee County high school artists.



Thursday, April 22, 2004 - 9:00— 3:00 Professional Development Workshop for Teachers and Principals: "Teaching in the Outdoors: Environmental Education Curricula Sampler." Methods and tips for teaching in the outdoor classroom, using your class lesson plans as well as sample lessons from the best environmental education curricula available. Participants will also receive training and a manual in Project Wild. Register through the LISD Professional Development department at 265-1619 or www.solutionwhere.com./lisd.



Saturday, May 1, 2004 - 8:30-12:00 Spring Open House
10:00-11:30 Spring Wildflowers and Songbirds guided trail hike

The Spring Open House programs at Stubnitz Environmental Education Center are free, sponsored by Wacker Silicones as part of their Spring Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day.

Thank you for helping



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Thank you to our members, who lend their support to SEEC environmental education programs and services with their membership contribution.

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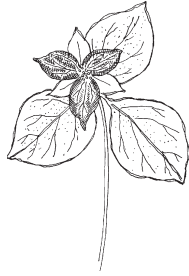
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If you enjoy working with students ages K-6, and/or with students at the secondary level, sharing environmental information and your love of nature, we need YOU! Volunteer interpretive guides are an integral part of SEEC's high quality school field trip program. Volunteers help from 9:30-1:30 on the day of the program. Please call Pam Bunch at 265-6691 for more information.

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Stubnitz Environmental Education Center

In 1989, a unique partnership was formed to create Stubnitz Environmental Education Center (SEEC) in Heritage Park. The Stubnitz Environmental Education Partnership members are:

Lenawee Intermediate School District
City of Adrian
Adrian College
Siena Heights University
MSU Extension Service
Lenawee County Education Foundation
Public and Private Schools of Lenawee County

Dedicated in October of 1993, the mission of SEEC is "to provide all people with a living laboratory for lifelong learning, instilling stewardship for the natural environment." In keeping with that mission, environmental education programs such as school field trips, weekend community education programs, and summer outdoor education day camps are offered throughout the year.



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