



Stubnitz
Environmental
Education
Center
in Heritage Park

Environmental Explorations

"Living Green" in our Schools and at Home

In our mission to provide a living laboratory for lifelong learning, instilling stewardship for the natural environment, Stubnitz Environmental Education Center seeks to encourage people to carry that stewardship into their daily lives.

With that mission in mind, SEEC will become the test building to begin a "Green Model Schools" program throughout Lenawee County facilities. Beginning with SEEC, we will endeavor to model procedures and use products in this building that follow operations and maintenance according to the "Green Model Schools" guidelines. Acting as a leader in the process, efforts will then be made to help other buildings within the LISD to make adjustments to move toward Green School operations.

Making changes within a functioning school system is difficult, but once in place, these changes will result in environmental stewardship being taught by modeling and through curriculum integration. Students will be learning to be environmental stewards in their daily school lives.

In addition, Green Schools guidelines will create a healthier school environment for those who work and learn there. Pollution prevention techniques can also save money in school operation, a positive contribution to school budgets which should not be underestimated.

Spreading in a wave starting with SEEC and spreading throughout our county schools, "green living" philosophies will reach even further, as students and school employees bring their new learnings home with them. We will all be working toward the goal of environmental stewardship, which is to think globally, and act locally.



Jack-in-the-Pulpit
found along the trails of Heritage Park in May



Spring 2003



SEEC Calendar of Events

February 3-February 28,
2003 - Lenawee County High
School Nature Art on
display at Stubnitz
Environmental Education
Center.



Thursday, February 27,
2003, 6:00-8:00 p.m. -
Nature Art Gallery and
Reception



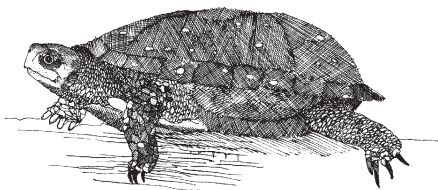
Saturday, May 3, 2003, 10:00-
11:30 a.m. - "Spring Songbirds
and Wildflower" guided trail
hike with Dr. Carl Kaster of
Siena Heights.

Saturday, May 3, 2003,
8:30-12:00 - Spring
Open House at SEEC,
held in conjunction with
Wacker Silicones'
Household Hazardous
Waste collection day.



June 23, 2003-August 1,
2003 - City of Adrian
Outdoor Education Day
Camps at SEEC.

For more information, please contact the
City of Adrian Parks and Recreation Dept.
at 265-4874.



SEEC Family/Friends New and Renewing Members

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

Beverly Bennett
Alison & Janelle Carpenter
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Mark & Lee Ann Gasche
Tom Green
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Judith Holcomb
Tom & Susan Jacoby
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SEEC Volunteers = Nature + Education

SEEC School Field Trip programs have become a vital piece of many teachers' integrated science curriculum, serving as an experiential, hands-on method to meet state Curriculum Framework Objectives. Our fine quality programs, tailored for each grade level, could not be presented without a very special group of people--our SEEC volunteers. We extend a heartfelt thanks to our dedicated and talented group of field trip volunteers:

Charlene Church
Gail Dunaway
Annette Gidner
Judy Holcomb
Rebekah Horn
Sarah Kabel
Megan Kruso
Lois McCormack
Howard Pennington
Bernadine Potts
Melissa Salenbien
Pat Sanders
John Skinner
Kathy Spacht
Ben Thomas
Karla Tiama
Dody Wyman



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 a field trip. Please call Pam Bunch at 265-6691 for more information.



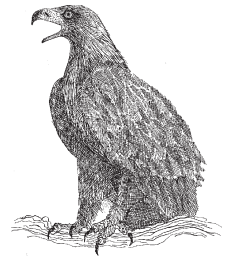
Back to Nature

Attending a Martin Luther King Day seminar on cultural diversity, I was struck by the common thread of nature appreciation which ran through a variety of cultures presented that day.

Native American, Japanese, Chicano, African American, European immigrants, we all come from a rich diversity of backgrounds and cultures which have emphasized land stewardship and love of nature.

For example, Native American traditions emphasize a close relationship with nature instead of control over the natural world. Their stories use natural images to teach both about relationships between people and between people and the Earth.

Environmental stewardship and reverence for "Mother Earth" is a strong thread throughout Native American spirituality and religion. Learning about Native American culture, including its emphasis on living lightly on the land, can strengthen all of us in our efforts to live an environmentally responsible lifestyle.



In that same spirit of discovery, we can benefit as a country from the Japanese mindset of teamwork and striving for the advancement of the group as a whole, when looking at our environment. The importance of conservation and reduction of waste is another value from Japanese culture which can be adopted by all of us for the common good of our planet.

Getting back to our roots, culturally, can also mean getting back to nature. Take some time to glean the best from all of the diverse cultures that make up our wonderful country, as you strive to become a better steward of the land.

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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.