



Audubon PENNSYLVANIA

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Dear Educators,

Audubon Pennsylvania is excited to offer a unique opportunity to PA Educators. Join us May 16 & 17, 2009 for our 2nd Annual Educators Birding Seminar.

This FREE 2-day seminar will provide the necessary tools, training and resources to integrate important current environmental education topics into your classroom. Our topics this year will include:

1. How to use binoculars
2. Bird identification
3. Biologically diverse habitats and their health requirements
4. How to population surveys in the form of 'point counts'
5. Studies on population in riparian corridors
6. The importance of watersheds to migratory species
7. Curriculum seminar for [Creating a Field Guide to Your Schoolyard](#)

Audubon PA and the John James Audubon Center has been a supplemental resource for environmental education for both the traditional teacher and local community organizations for the past 15 years. Keeping with this tradition, we are please to announce that Audubon PA will be partnering with a leader in watershed training for teachers in southeastern PA, the Churchville Nature Center, of Bucks County Parks and Recreation. Additionally, Churchville Nature Center is an Act 48 accredited training center for watershed education.

Teachers will be able to gain access to the following birding locations in both Berks and Bucks counties: Churchville Reservoir & Lake Ontelaunee, an Audubon Pennsylvania Important Bird Area. Guest presenters will be from Audubon Pennsylvania, Churchville Nature Center, Lehigh Valley Audubon and Still Water Publishing author Jane Kirkland.

Teachers are asked to complete a scholarship application that can be found at <http://pa.audubon.org> through the John James Audubon Center page. Application must be received by May 1st to be considered for this seminar.

Educator Expectations

1. Educators are required to complete 2 monitoring days beginning May 20 and ending no later than June 30, 2009.

2. All data collected on birding trips must be turned into the team leader by July 3, 2009.
3. Educators will individually develop a mini“ Important Bird Area” curriculum that can be used in their own classroom setting. This project is due by August 15, 2009.
4. Educators will develop a mobile interpretive exhibit that acts as a citizen science model to be placed in local community facilities. The focus will be on the importance of riparian health as it directly relates to bird populations. This project is due by August 30, 2009.

All applications are due to Audubon PA no later than May 1, 2009. All educators wishing to attend must fill out a scholarship application. Joint applications may be filed if more than 1 educator would like to apply from a single school.

Additional applications may be found on Audubon Pennsylvania’s website:
<http://pa.audubon.org>.

Additional questions may be directed to the Audubon PA Education Department by emailing millgrove@audubon.org. Please place ‘Educator Seminar’ in the subject line, or by calling 610-666-5593 x109.



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Educator Birding Seminar Scholarship Application

Name of Applicant: _____
 School Name: _____
 School District: _____
 School Address: _____
 School Phone: _____
 E-Mail: _____

Teacher(s) Applying: _____

1. () Public () Private
2. () Elementary () Middle () High () Other
3. Discipline: _____
4. How often is science used in your classroom? () seldom () often () daily
5. Do you ever utilize local parks/school yards for educational purposes? () Yes () No
6. Have you ever taken part in an Audubon sponsored program before? () Yes () No
7. Do you ever use local nature centers/museums to supplement your classroom curriculum? () Yes () No. If yes, please explain in detail.

8. Have you ever brought in educators or guest speakers to help facilitate science curriculums? () Yes () No. If yes, please explain in detail.

9. Are you permitted to go on field trips during the school year?
 () Yes () No. If yes, please explain in detail.

10. What exposure to birding have you had? Please explain.

11. What do you hope to gain from this seminar? Please explain.

12. How do you hope this seminar will influence your teaching?

Educator(s) signature:

Application Deadline May 1, 2009

Please Mail Application to:

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