

46th Annual

Teachers Conservation Workshop “TCW”

Sponsored by:

Mississippi Forestry Association
620 North State Street, Suite 201
Jackson, MS 39202

2009 Workshop Date

June 21-26
Northeast Community College
Booneville, Mississippi

*Note: We usually conduct two sessions of TCW each summer. This year we were not able to acquire dormitory space for the South MS session, so only one workshop will be conducted.

What is “TCW”?

The Teachers Conservation Workshop, which we affectionately call “TCW” is a practical, hands-on conservation workshop with emphasis on forests and other natural resources. The latest information on conservation is presented in the classroom and in numerous field trips including industries, harvesting operations, management practices, and nature trails. Participants learn by demonstration and practical exercises how relevant conservation practices can be integrated into classroom work and student projects.

Instructors include professionals from Mississippi State University, Mississippi Forestry Commission, forest industries, consulting foresters and many natural resource organizations and companies. Participants will be certified to use teaching materials of the nationally acclaimed, award-winning environmental education curriculum Project Learning Tree.

This is a highly active workshop. Come prepared for forestry field trips, nature walks, and wading in streams. In addition to the scheduled activities, participants enjoy networking with other educators. Scheduled activities start early and end late. Participants must attend all scheduled sessions to receive academic credit or CEU's.

Who is Eligible?

Teachers, school administrators, youth educators, undergraduates, and others may apply. Due to limited space, only forty participants will be enrolled. Consideration will be given to teaching duties, subject assignments, the number of times applicant has already attended TCW, as well as the date applications are submitted. Participants may repeat the workshop every five years.

Registration / Enrollment

A registration fee of \$75 is required. Fee includes an official TCW shirt and all course materials. The fee is not refunded for cancellations after June 12. Register early! Since only one session will be conducted, the workshop will fill up fast. Class size is limited. Those accepted to the program will be notified.

Sponsorships

A limited number of registration fee (\$75) sponsorships may be available from local organizations. Contact the local county offices of the Mississippi State University Extension Service or Mississippi Forestry Commission to find out if the local County Forestry Association (CFA) is offering sponsorships for teachers. Contact your local office of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to find out if your local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is offering sponsorships.

Accommodations

Meals and lodging are provided by MFA. Participants are housed in semi-private dormitory rooms, with most meals served in the dining facilities at each location. A letter including a detailed schedule and a list of “items to bring” will be sent to all registrants. Clothes for hiking, wading, industry tours, classrooms, and an informal banquet will be needed.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

The Teachers Conservation Workshop qualifies for 4.0 CEUs. Completion of a final examination and lesson plan provides an opportunity for one additional CEU. Registration for CEUs will be completed after you arrive at the workshop. The fee will be no more than \$15.00 and will be collected during the workshop.

Academic Credit & Tuition

Teachers Conservation Workshop may be used for graduate and undergraduate programs in education upon approval of advisors. Academic credit is available through the Continuing Education offices of our three major universities. Contact the university of your choice for tuition rate and to complete their admissions requirements. The appropriate TCW course number's, and contacts are:

Mississippi State University

Graduate: EDE/EDS 6990

Undergraduate: EDE/EDS 4990

Contact: Valerie Tate

Program Coordinator

Division of Academic Outreach

Ph. 662.325.8876

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vtate@aoce.msstate.edu

University of Southern Mississippi

Graduate: SME 553

Undergraduate: SME 453

Contact: Tara Burcham

Alternative Learning Coordinator

College of Science and Technology

Ph. 601.266.5910

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University of Mississippi

Graduate: EDUC 555

Undergraduate: EDUC 333

Contact: Jo Stark

Coordinator of Credit Program Service

Outreach & Continuing Education

Ph.662.915.5953

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jstark@olemiss.edu

*Note: Register early and complete your registration and admission to the university of your choice prior to the workshop.

TCW Alumnus Award

Completion of the Teachers Conservation Workshop will qualify you for the prestigious TCW Alumnus of the Year Award. This award is presented annually to an alumnus of the workshop who has effectively implemented conservation education activities (based on what they learned at TCW) in their classroom or laboratory exercises for their students. Nomination forms are available from MFA. If you have a co-worker who has previously attended TCW and is using conservation education methods and techniques, please let us know.

Mississippi Forestry Association

The Teachers Conservation Workshop is sponsored by the Mississippi Forestry Association (MFA), an organization representing 3,000 landowners, forest products manufacturers, professional foresters, and others. MFA member organizations, industries, businesses and individuals make special donations of lodging, meals, tours, door prizes and their time to make TCW an enjoyable learning experience. Visit the MFA website at <http://www.msforestry.net>

For More Information

If you have questions about the workshop, please contact:

Tom Monaghan, Program Coordinator
Mississippi Forestry Association
Box 9680, Mississippi State, MS 39762
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Email tomm@msforestry.net

2009 Teachers Conservation Workshop Registration

Name: _____

Position / Subjects Taught: _____ Grade Level: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

School / Employer Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I plan to take the workshop for: ___ Graduate* ___ Undergraduate* ___ CEUs

* I wish to receive graduate/undergraduate credit through: ___ MSU ___ UM ___ USM

Have you attended TCW before? _____ If so, what year? _____

Please enclose a check for \$75.00 for your registration fee.

Enclose registration fee and return this form to:

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