



Create, Cultivate, Collaborate: Designing Our Shared Future

2010 New England Environmental Education
Alliance/SWEEP/Promise of Place Conference

October 21-23, 2010
Lake Morey Resort,
Fairlee, Vermont

Call for Workshops

We invite you to submit workshop proposals for the 44th Annual New England Environmental Education Alliance (NEEEA)/Promise of Place (POP) Conference, hosted by SWEEP, Vermont's State-Wide Environmental Education Programs association. The merging of the NEEEA and POP conferences allows us to bring together a wide circle of people who, in some capacity, connect people with their place--the human and natural communities.

Workshop proposals should address one of the conference strands:

- **CULTIVATING a Sense of Place**

Exploring and defining our "places" through a variety of media, such as-

Storytelling	Using outdoor classrooms	Questing
Exploring the "commons"	Citizen science programs	Redefining public spaces
Community leadership	Investigating local ecosystems	GIS mapping
Historical societies	Preservation groups	Conservation commissions

- **CREATING New Solutions for a Healthy Future**

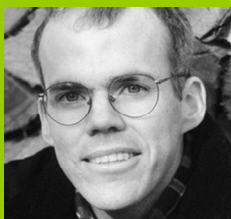
Envisioning and activating programs to sustain future generations, like-

Green design	Sustainable agriculture	Service learning
Transition towns	Green energy	Alternative transportation
Urban agriculture	Community gardens	Farm-based education
Sustainable businesses	Advocacy groups	Watershed & lake associations

- **COLLABORATING to Build Vibrant Communities**

Catalyzing likely and unlikely partnerships to improve communities, such as-

Multi-generational programs	Mentoring programs	Non-profit partners
Technology-based programs	Learning communities	Land trusts & easements
Multi-dimensional camps	School/business partnerships	Faith communities
Government/private sector	Energy providers & innovators	Health and wellness leaders



Join us on Friday, October 22, for a keynote address by Bill McKibben, author, educator, environmentalist and founder of 350.org, an international climate campaign.

We encourage proposals from a broad spectrum of individuals, including those outside the traditional definition of environmental and place-based education--town planners, public health workers, business owners, policy makers, farmers, artists, engineers, hunters and sportsmen, builders and designers, historians, energy innovators, classroom teachers, and students. We believe that the unique overlaps of such groups are important to the security and health of our future and that we all play a special role in catalyzing the learning that moves individuals of any age to act in their communities with care and understanding: *to create, to cultivate, to collaborate*. We seek workshops and presenters that inspire, challenge, enlighten, and engage a diverse group of attendees and help us to move our communities toward sustainability by linking the tendrils of place, a commitment to the health of the living world, and a vision of human communities thriving within the means of nature.

Conference sessions may be offered in 1 1/2 or 3 hour blocks, and could include the following formats:

- **Field Experiences**
Visits to local projects, planned communities, unique habitats or natural history exploration
- **Workshops**
Activities or presentations addressing a workshop strand. Multiple approaches (discussion, brief lecture, visual, participant activities, games, etc.) are encouraged during workshops. *Note: Presenters are responsible for providing all A/V equipment. Flip charts and colored markers will be provided by the Lake Morey Resort.*
- **Round Table Discussions**
Group and/or panel discussion

Preference will be given to workshops with a strong hands-on component.

We welcome and encourage presenters to take advantage of our conference workshops and professional networking opportunities. All presenters who plan to participate in the conference outside of their workshop time are required to register for the conference. *A \$50 registration discount will be given to the primary presenter of a workshop (one discount per workshop).*

Check out the following websites for updates on the conference program and for registration information:

www.vermontsweep.org

www.neeea.org

www.promiseofplace.org

Writer, photographer, farmer, conservationist, and co-founder of the Center for Whole Communities, **Peter Forbes**, will present our opening keynote on Thursday, October 21.



The New England Environmental Education Alliance is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting quality environmental education across New England in partnership with the state environmental education organizations: COEEA, MEEA, MEES, NHEE, RIEEA, VT SWEEP. Each year the conference is held in a different New England state and is co-sponsored by that state's organization. Since 1976 the NEEEA annual conference brings together environmental educators from a wide variety of backgrounds for professional development including skills building, training, in current trends, new research and recent discoveries. Attendees, ranging from students and new front-line educators to administrators and veterans of the field, benefit from the opportunity for peer networking and overall inspiration.

Please print and complete all blanks. When finished, mail to:

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DEADLINE: March 30, 2010

Presenter Name:

Title or position:

Organization:

Address:

Email:

Website:

Phone:

Fax:

1. *What is the title of your workshop? (as it would appear in the conference brochure)*

2. *Please indicate the strand to which your workshop is most closely aligned.*

- Cultivating** a Sense of Place
- Creating** New Solutions for a Healthy Future
- Collaborating** to Build Vibrant Communities

3. *Please provide a 30 - 50 word description of your workshop (as it would appear in the conference brochure).*

4. *Please provide a one-page summary of your workshop, including your three main objectives, how your participants will be actively involved, and how your workshop will address the conference goals. (include as an attachment to the application)*

5. *What length of presentation session would best meet your needs? (check one) (Note: Set-up and break-down time of 15 minutes is allotted between workshops.)*

- 1.5 hours 3 hours 3+ hours

6. *Where would you like to hold your workshop? Please indicate any special space requirements.*

- indoors outdoors outdoors with an indoor option

7. *What audience would you like to attract to your workshop? (check all that apply)*

- Formal educators (prek- 6)
 Educators (grades 6 – 8)
 Educators (grades 9 – 12)
 Nonformal educators
 Program managers
 Program evaluators
 School administrators
 Community members
 Community planners
 Community associations (i.e., energy or transition town committees, grange, VAST, etc.)
 Agriculture groups and businesses
 Land management groups, individuals and associations
 Green and energy businesses
 Natural resource businesses
 Government (any branch or department, including local government)
 All of the above
 Other (please specify)

8. *What size group would be best for your workshop? (check all that apply)*

- 10 – 20 20– 30 30 and beyond

9. *What best describes your workshop type? (check all that apply)*

- PowerPoint or slideshow
 Field trip
 Hands-on skill based
 Debate or panel
 Group discussion
 Outdoor field walk
 Creation of a visual art project
 Creation of a performing art project
 Lecture
 Other (please describe)

10. *Please provide a one paragraph personal biography.*

11. *Name, phone and email address of someone who can serve as a reference for your abilities as a presenter.*