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Many readers of the listserve may be interested in attending all or part of the following conference:

Press Release: Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Educators

Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Educators will hold its annual conference, Pennsylvania's Harmony, March 24 -24, 2006 in Ligonier, Pennsylvania. Antiochian Village Conference Center will host the conference, providing meeting rooms, dining facilities, motel rooms, and 300 acres of outdoor space. The conference will begin with breakfast on Friday, March 24th and conclude with brunch on Sunday morning March 26.

Over 60 Pennsylvania Standards based workshops on environmental topics have been planned. Friday there will be a panel discussion by noted Pennsylvania environmental leaders on how groups in Pennsylvania can work together for the good of the environment. On Saturday a College Summit will highlight the morning and in the afternoon, Dr. Patricia Vathis of the Pennsylvania Department of Education will speak on her vision for PAEE. Act 48 and IU credit are available for teachers.

Habitat Harmony will be the title of Friday dinner speaker and entertainer, David Stokes. Mr. Stokes a Wisconsin naturalist and master interpreter will share his stories and songs.

Jean Craighead George, author of over 100 children's environmental books, including Newberry Award Winner, *Julie of the Wolves*, is the Keynote Speaker at the awards banquet on Saturday evening. She will speak on, *When Nature is Fun, Children Learn*.

Preconference activities, Thursday, March 23, 2006, separate registrations.

Pennsylvania Wild Resources Symposium: This symposium is being held by Pittsburgh area nature center leaders. It takes place at Powdermill Nature Center, Ligonier Registration is separate. asap@asap.org Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania at Beechwood.

Green Building Tour: 1:00 - 5:00 A tour of Pittsburgh area green buildings planned by Pennsylvania Resource Center and the Green Building Alliance can be enjoyed by those calling 412 431 449 x247 or emailing halk@ccicenter.org. The tour will start at the CCI building on Pittsburgh's Southside.

Leaf Pack Workshop: 9:00 - 3:30 At Antiochian Village Conference Center. For upper elementary / high school teachers. Discover how you can involve your students in examining the health of a stream by looking at life on in-stream leaves. This workshop uses a combination of classroom and field experiences. <http://www.stroudcenter.org/>.

Thursday evening at the Antiochian Village Conference Center in Ligonier, there will be a meet-n-greet, wine tasting party, A Taste of PAEE. It is open to anyone interested in the environment and discovering the mission and vision of Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Educators. See <http://www.pae.net/> for further details.

Further information can be found at www.pae.net , 724 843 7046 rroperti@zoominternet.net