

## CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

### DAILY OVERVIEW

#### Sunday, August 4th

Field Trips

#### Monday, August 5th

Field Trips

#### Tuesday, August 6th

Registration Opens

Field Trips

Workshops

#### Wednesday, August 7th

Field Trips

Workshops

President's and New Members'

Reception

Opening Ceremonies:

*The Boston TEE Party Begins*

Affiliates Cakewalk

#### Thursday, August 8th

Keynote Speakers

Presentations, Symposia & Hands-

On Sessions

Cyber Café

Exhibit Hall

Field Trips

*Night On The Town & NAAEE*

*Coffee House*

#### Friday, August 9th

Keynote Speakers

Presentations, Symposia & Hands-

On Sessions

Awards Luncheon

Cyber Café

Exhibit Hall

Field Trips

Evening with the Blue Man Group

#### Saturday, August 10th

Keynote Speakers

Presentations, Symposia & Hands-

On Sessions

Cyber Café

Exhibit Hall

Field Trips

Closing Banquet: *A Night at the*

*Beach*

*Undersea Safari* with Chris

Rowlands

Boston TEE Party Auction

#### Sunday, August 11th

Field Trips

### The Boston "TEE" (Total Environmental Education) Party

Total Environmental Education is a rich, multi-faceted, lifelong environmental education that encourages, welcomes and encompasses a diversity of concepts, mediums, formats, methodologies and approaches in the pursuit of sustainable futures. The "The Boston Tee Party" will follow four strands, each in some way reflective of Boston's pivotal place in United States and world history. Each strand will feature workshops, concurrent sessions, poster sessions, interacts and a keynote speaker.

#### Strand 1: From Nature to Sustainability: Environmental Education Through Time

This strand will encompass environmental education as a tool for teaching science and natural history. Environmental education programs have taken place for many years in both formal and informal settings. Some of the basic tried and true methods are still as effective today as they were fifty years ago. But the field has also grown and expanded over the years, shifting the focus from nature study, to the achievement of sustainability. New exciting and innovative programs have been added to the environmental education menu over the years. Programs developed by non-profits, schools, and other organizations will be highlighted as well as the impacts EE has had on the formal education system.

#### Strand 2: Designing and Planning Spaces for People: The Role of EE in Community Character & Community Appearance

Environmental education is key to developing positive attitudes towards stewardship of our communities. Referred to as sustainability, sense of place, community character or any other term, a community's identity and livability are essential to its viability. As our communities grow and expand there is a tendency to create homogenous environments across the world, removing the individuality and unique characteristics of urban, suburban and rural communities; characteristics that were once treasured because of land formations, natural elements and cultural influences. Community design and planning, landscape design, architecture, visual character and pollution, land use and the impacts of sprawl on the environment will be addressed through these sessions.

#### Strand 3: Towards the Just City: Environmental Justice and Diversity through Environmental Education

Recent research has shown that states with greatest inequalities have less stringent environmental policies i.e. human inequality is bad for environmental quality. Taking a world wide view, sessions under this strand will deal with the importance of including environmental justice and equity issues as a theme which permeates environmental education. This strand will include issues of race, gender, disability, sexual orientation amongst others. The concepts of 'difference', cultural competency and diversity of both audience and providers in environmental education will also be incorporated into this strand.

#### Strand 4: Leading the Way: The Role of Higher Education in Environmental Education

Higher education institutions are pivotal in creating the kind of just and sustainable futures towards which we must move. They have a major impact on environmental education through better campus management, links with local communities, degree programs, pre-service teacher training, in-service workshops and research. The contributions and impacts of environmental education programs and research in colleges and universities around the world are stressed in this strand.