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Sustainability Education to be Featured at 2005 NAAEE Conference

Explore how business leaders and environmental educators can learn from each other to more effectively integrate sustainability concepts into their work at the 2005 North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) conference to be held October 25-29 in beautiful Albuquerque, New Mexico.

NAAEE is now a partner in the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (UNDESD), which began January 1, 2005. This year's conference features ways that EE can help UNDESD partners contribute to a world where business, industry, government, and citizens are good environmental stewards, use fewer of the planet's resources, and are involved making decisions together about how their communities should develop.

Workshops, field trips, and conference sessions in a variety of formats from formal presentations to hands-on activities will help you learn how to channel your skills and passion for bringing this vision of sustainability to fruition. When you arrive in Albuquerque, you'll find that the conference agenda is set out in groups of topics ("strands") designed to help you navigate the sustainability field. To register, visit <http://naaee.org/pages/conferences/index.html>.

- 1. Sustainable Environment** Get a broad view of how EE's efforts align with the goals of sustainability. Learn best EE practices in field-tested curricula, green schools, conservation education programs, green technologies in architecture and renewable energy and alternative resource uses, such as grey water recycling, mass transit, and Xeriscaping.
- 2. Sustainable Society** Want to focus on the social and political facets of EE? Explore how multicultural issues and a sense of place affect a healthy and sustainable environment. These sessions will feature how organizations cooperate across borders internationally and culturally. Focus on partnerships that create sustainable EE organizations and community initiatives. Help local business and community leaders integrate sustainability concepts into common projects.
- 3. Sustainable Economy** Learn how to help the business world and EE profession speak the same language. This language includes life cycle analysis, full-cost accounting and marketing. Review case studies that illustrate sustainable business practices and community smart growth initiatives. Identify techniques and curricula that bridge ecology and economics. A component addresses how EE associations and businesses can work together on community-based projects.
- 4. Global Responsibility and Perspectives** Explore how EE can help nations meet the challenges of global climate change and the loss of biodiversity. Identify international financial institutions and their impact on societies and environments around the world. Do you know how to calculate your ecological footprint? What's the Earth Charter, and why should institutions of higher education adopt it? Look at the impact of our actions locally and globally.
- 5. Traditional and Leading-Edge EE** Build your knowledge of the best EE programs from around the world, as well as the latest research findings that further the knowledge-base of EE (including what we know about educators, learners, practice, curriculum, etc.) or bridge theory and practice of EE.

Albuquerque is a city of about 600,000 people and is centrally located in New Mexico along the banks of the Rio Grande. A gateway to the rich and diverse cultures of the American Southwest, it is home to numerous historical, cultural, and ecological places of importance. At an altitude of over 5,000 ft and at the junction of Interstates 25 and 40, Albuquerque is uniquely situated to host visitors wishing to explore the dynamic cultural and natural treasures of New Mexico.