

# Request for Proposals: Deadline April 10, 2009

## 2009 Missouri Environmental Education Conference



13th Annual Conference  
**Friday-Sunday October 16-18, 2009**  
Richwood Valley Campus, Ozarks Community Technical College  
South of Springfield, MO

**COME JOIN US NEAR PEAK FALL COLOR IN THE OZARKS!!  
SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND ENTHUSIASM!!**

### *Conference Theme: Outdoors in the Ozarks*

We invite you and others interested in environmental education to submit presentation proposals for our 2009 conference! Presenters will receive free registration for the conference (a presenter and one co-presenter per proposal).

We are stressing **outdoor and hands-on** activities this year! Last year's participants asked for more hands-on and hand-outs! Presentations not related to our theme are also welcome. Nearly all presentations will occur on Saturday and Sunday, with most Sunday presentations before noon.

**Indoor, outdoor, and combination indoor/outdoor presentations** are possible. The site features a stream, wooded area, and paved nature trail, so presentations could be partly inside and then move outside for the second half. **Off-site field trips, workshops** and **1-2 day off-site Pre-Conference workshops** may also be proposed. Outdoor presentations should have a rainy/stormy weather plan or risk possible cancellation if weather turns bad.

**Time limits:** Presentations: 50 or 100 minutes, with most approximately 50 minutes; Field trips: Half day or all day; Conference Workshops: 50 or 100 minutes, or half day.

**Non-Profit Environmental organizations:** We are offering a **free display table** for your organization if a representative from your organization is accepted to present a session that presents valuable topical information as well as valuable information about your organization that participants can use.

### *New 2009 Conference Strands*

**Environment/Outdoor Education:** This inclusive strand includes what in the past could have been both "formal" and "informal" education sessions, as well as content sessions. At least two of these presentations will be presented during each time period.

**Secondary Strand:** This strand is intended for those who present environmental education to middle and high school age students, whether in social studies, interdisciplinary, or science contexts, and whether as formal or nonformal educators. **Envirothon** presentations will be included in this strand.

**Primary Strand:** This strand is intended for those who present environmental education to elementary or preschool age students, whether in social studies, interdisciplinary, or science contexts, and whether as formal or nonformal educators.

**Session scheduling:** Attendees will be asked when registering to select the sessions they prefer to attend, and some sessions may be presented twice if interest warrants.

