



2008
 Growing the
SEEDS
 OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION
Conference
 Feb 29-March 2

presented by: **Houston ISD Outdoor Education Center
 in conjunction with the
 Texas Association for
 Environmental Education**

Join us...

The Outdoor Education Center at Camp Olympia has been hosting the Seeds Conference with TAEЕ since 1995. The facility is located on over 100 acres of the beautiful Piney Woods of East Texas on the shores of Lake Livingston, approximately twenty miles Northeast of Huntsville, Texas. **We hope you will join us for a weekend of environmentally based workshops and inspiring presentations!**

Presenters...

We are excited to host Cheryl Charles as our keynote presenter this year. She has made numerous contributions to the world of environmental education, including serving as the National Director of **Project Learning Tree** and **Project Wild** for close to 20 years. In 2006, she helped to launch a new campaign, "Leave No Child Inside," inspired by Richard Louv's book, *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*. The campaign is an initiative of a new non-profit, co-founded with Richard Louv and others, the **Children and Nature Network**. Other numerous workshops will be offered by expert presenters on topics such as local wildlife and natural history. Various recreational opportunities may include birding, canoeing, astronomy, and night hiking.

Pre-conference sessions...

This year we will be offering the following workshops and trainings as **pre-conference options** on Friday, Feb 29: **Flying WILD**, **WET in the City**, and **TP&W Angler Education Instructor Certification**. The additional fee for attending these sessions is listed below and a description of each session is on the back of this form.

Share-a-thon...

Do you have a favorite activity that you would like to share with other educators? Are you looking for new activities to try with your students? The Share-a-thon will be an excellent opportunity to network, learn and share activities and knowledge with other educators. The Share-a-thon will be on Saturday afternoon. If you would like to share, please contact Paul Vickery at 1.866.334-2267 ext. 4004, 936.870.0204 or paulv@campallen.org.

Details...

Registration will include all workshops, keynote presentations, and entertainment, plus six meals and lodging for two nights in bunk-style group housing. Check in will begin Friday at 4:00 p.m. (except for the pre-conference sessions) and continue through Saturday morning. Sessions begin Saturday morning and will conclude by noon on Sunday. TEEAC and SBEC credit will be given. Directions and additional information will be sent to you upon receipt of registration. Questions? E-mail **growingtheseeds@yahoo.com** or contact Growing the Seeds at 936.594.7074 ext. 406.

Registration...

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

School or Organization: _____ E-mail: _____

(Required for registration confirmation)

Early Registration (before February 1, 2008): \$110 Late Registration: \$125 Students: \$55

Pre-Conference Sessions (mark the one you will attend): Call for availability after 2-1-2008

	Sessions	Cost
	Flying WILD: 2 – 6 pm	\$20
	WET in the City: 2 – 9 pm (with a dinner break at 6 pm)	\$10
	Angler Education Instructor Certification: 2 – 6 pm	Free

Make checks payable to: **Growing the Seeds of EE** Do you plan to arrive in time for dinner on Friday evening? **Y / N**
 Mail to: Growing the Seeds of EE 723 Olympia Drive Trinity, Texas 75862 fax 936.594.3076 or 936.594.8413
 Credit card payments can be made at www.paypal.com to the growingtheseeds@yahoo.com email address.



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Pre-conference session descriptions...

Flying WILD: Flying WILD professional development workshops are designed with urban educators in mind. This training provides formal and non-formal teachers of K-12 students with a comprehensive overview of *Flying WILD: An Educator's Guide to Celebrating Birds*, as well as practical training in its implementation. The curriculum is designed to educate students about birds, their migration, and how people can help birds and their habitats. Workshop facilitators also share information about migratory birds and their conservation needs and help participants become networked into the bird conservation community in their city. During the six-hour hands-on workshop, participants will sample activities and receive a curriculum and activity guide. Activities are adaptable for all grade levels, integrated with core-subject curricula, and aligned to the TEKS. (Presenter: Mary Anne Weber, Houston Audubon Society)

WET in the City: This training provides formal and non-formal teachers of K-12 students with a comprehensive overview of the *WET in the City Curriculum and Activity Guide*, as well as practical hands-on training in its implementation. The urban water education curriculum engages students in explorations of the science of water and complex issues surrounding its management and stewardship. The activities reinforce how to involve students in real world water resource issues. During the six-hour hands-on workshop, participants will sample activities and receive a curriculum and activity guide. Activities are adaptable for all grade levels, integrated with core-subject curricula, and aligned to the TEKS. (Presenter: Eric Duran, Bellaire Nature Center)

Angler Education Instructor Certification: This free hands-on course will teach you how to set up a fishing class for kids and how to access equipment you will need to teach the life-long sport of fishing. You will also be able to reward your students with free fish identification cards and achievement pins. As a certified Angler Education Instructor, you will become part of a growing team that teaches Junior Angler, Master Angler, Basic Fly-fishing, or Intermediate Fly-fishing. (Presenter: Ann Miller, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department)

Tentative schedule

Friday, February 29

- 1:00 -2:00 pm Check in for Pre-Conference Sessions Cafeteria
- 2:00 pm – Pre-conference
- 4:00 pm Check in begins: sign up for cabins and workshops Cafeteria
- 5:30 – 7:00 Dinner
- 7:00 – 10:00 Evening Activities

Saturday, March 1

- 7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast Cafeteria
- 8:00 – 9:00 Registration Cafeteria
- 9:00 – 9:15 Welcome, Announcements, Introductions Muir Room (Upstairs O-Dome)
- 9:15 – 10:30 Keynote Address: **Cheryl Charles** Muir Room (Upstairs O-Dome)
- 11:00 – 12:30 Workshops
- 12:00 – 1:30 Lunch Cafeteria
- 1:30 – 3:00 Workshops
- 3:15 – 4:15 Share-a-thon Cafeteria
- 4:15 – 5:30 Optional Recreational Activities: *may include* Canoeing, Hiking and Birding
- 6:00 – 7:30 Dinner Cafeteria
- 7:30 – 10:00 Evening entertainment and activities The Point

Sunday, March 2

- 7:30 – 8:30 am Breakfast Cafeteria
- 8:45 – 10:15 Workshops
- 10:30 – 12:00 Workshops
- 12:00 – 12:30 Lunch, Evaluations, TEEAC/SBEC Credit Cafeteria