Children, Nature & Summer Camps

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In a high-tech society, sit-down indoor activities, such as TV, video games and computers, dominate our children’s lives. Limited outdoor play has created obstacles for children, and maybe even their parents if outdoor play was not introduced to them as a child. Let’s set a goal: to help our summer camp children develop a better awareness of and appreciation for the environment. Discover new resources to better understand the potential and benefits of the outdoors. Be prepared to take kids outside to play this summer!

Part 1: Discover the World Outside:
Office of Environmental Education
Tour of Online Resources
• Environmental Education Certification
• Grant & Advertisement Opportunities
• Environmental Education Centers as a Resource

Part 2: Funding a Pilot Outdoor Summer Program
• Local Grant Funding and Selection of Outdoor Specialist
• Registration Packet for Parent/Guardian

Part 3: Putting Kids in the Woods: Nature Adventures at Piedmont Environmental Center (PEC)
• Nature Camp Series
• Selected Classes from PEC
• The Eastern Box Turtle Project

Part 4: Making Natural Connections Happen
• Importance of Connecting Children and Nature
• How to Relate Information on a Child’s Level
• Resource Availability

About Our Speakers:

Marty Wiggins
Community Development Manger
Office of Environmental Education
Marty works as a liaison to environmental education centers, local governments and other community-based groups.

Rachel Smith
Adult Environmental Education Program Manager
Office of Environmental Education
Rachel has developed the Informed Consumer Initiative to educate people about environmental and health-related issues surrounding their consumer choice. The goal of the Initiative is to give people the knowledge, skills and resources they need to make informed decisions. She has a Master’s Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in Environmental Education.

Jeff Holshouser, Program Manager
Salisbury Parks and Recreation Department
Jeff has worked with the City of Salisbury since 1990, and currently oversees a broad range of leisure programs for youth and adults throughout the Salisbury area.

Dick Thomas, Executive Director
Piedmont Environmental Center (PEC)
During Dick’s tenure at the PEC, the center has raised over 2 million to provide a new and unique facility; expand school, public and membership programming; develop new resource management and monitoring operations; and heighten public awareness of the PEC and environmental issues. He has a Master's Degree from Antioch University in Environmental Studies.

Bob Pendergrass, Nature Center Supervisor
Rowan County Parks and Recreation
Dan Nicholas Park, Salisbury, NC
Bob has served as Nature Center Supervisor for over 12 years, supervising over 50 species of native and domestic NC wildlife. He manages a nature trail at Eagle Point Nature Reserve and interpretative trails at Dan Nicholas Park. Bob conducted over 300 small animal and specialty programs for groups in 2008.

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