

# Environmental Education Association of Indiana

50th Annual Conference

Nov. 1-3, 2019



McCormick's Creek State Park  
Spencer, IN



## Spectacular location for EEAI's 50th Anniversary Conference **McCormick's Creek State Park**



McCormick's Creek was dedicated on July 4, 1916 and became Indiana's first state park. The park has 1,961 acres with a limestone canyon, flowing creek, and scenic waterfalls.

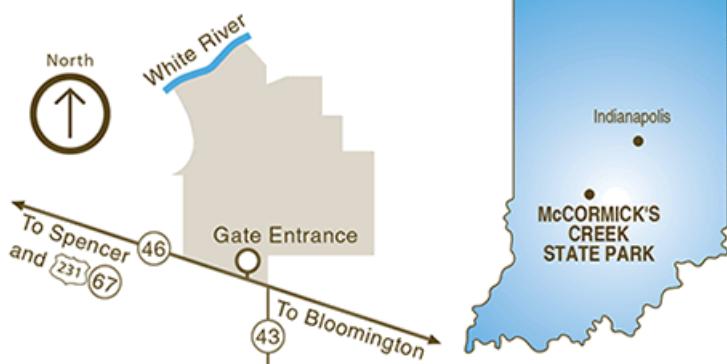


The trails at McCormick's Creek State Park are awesome and offer something for everyone. Bring your boots and binoculars to enjoy this natural wonder.

For Future Information Visit  
Facebook: EEAI 2019 Conference or [www.eeai.org](http://www.eeai.org)

## Where is it?

McCormick's Creek State Park  
250 McCormick's Creek Park Road  
Spencer, IN 47460



## Where can I stay?

In the campground or in the inn.

### Camping option

No reservations are needed to camp at McCormick's Creek State Park in November. It is on a walk-in basis. If there is no attendant at the camping gate go in and pick your site. A patrol person will come around and collect your fee.

## Staying in the Inn

The Committee is coordinating rooms, so you will make reservations for Friday and Saturday nights as part of registration. If you want to stay Thursday night you will have to make your own reservation by calling 1-877-563-4371 or visit [www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/inns/canyon/](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/inns/canyon/)

### Canyon Inn



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### Offsite options

Owen County has a variety of housing options to suit every budget and desired experience. Camp under the stars or enjoy the home-like feeling of a bed & breakfast or experience an effortless stay at an inn or motel.

Visit: [www.sweetowencvb.org/stay/lodging/](http://www.sweetowencvb.org/stay/lodging/) for a list of accommodations that are offsite.

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## Field Trips at a Glance

### Fish Creek Preserve

As a retired teacher, Myriam Wood loves sharing her special place with visitors. For over 50 years, she has been restoring the land by planting pine trees, controlling erosion, and establishing mini-prairies in an old field. Tour the gardens, hills, woods, and creek and learn more about the plight of pollinators and how to help them through landscaping with native plants. No limit

### Buckner's Cave exploration and restoration project

Visit a special caving preserve and crawl into the darkness. After traversing some of the underground chambers, help remove graffiti from the cave walls. Hard hats with lights will be provided, as well as graffiti removal equipment. Wear clothes that can get dirty. Knee pads strongly recommended. A checklist of what to wear and bring will be provided. Limit 20.



### Oliver Winery Creekbend Vineyard and Bean Blossom Bottoms Nature Preserve

Hike the totally flat Sycamore Land Trust property known for its wetland habitats, eagle nest, heron rookery, and newly rebuilt boardwalk. Then, stop at the Creekbend Vinyard to learn about how environmentally sensitive growing practices benefit the land. Wine samples will be available! Limit 20

### Wonderlab



An exceptional educational experience, Wonderlab has hands-on activities for all ages. There is a tidal saltwater aquarium, bearded dragons, beehive, water play area, and more. Bring some money for the gift shop; there are treasures you will want to take home. No limit.

### Flatwoods and Detmer Park

Visit the spot where the glaciers stopped and learn how they affected local geology and groundwater. Last summer, the Indiana Water Resources conference took place at Flatwoods Park and they left behind monitoring wells. The park has also been used for elementary school field days with a water theme, using the sundial, weather station, and working windmill. At Detmer Park, see how a bioswale has been planted to clean runoff for the parking lots and gardens are used to raise food for the hungry. No limit.

### McCormick's Creek State Park

Join staff from Indiana Geological and Water Survey and McCormick's Creek State Park for a geological field trip of McCormick's Creek State Park. In addition to a short, rugged trip through Wolf Cave, you will also learn a few activities you can take back to your properties! No limit





# EE SUPERHERO STRANDS



Our conference will feature 24 concurrent educational sessions which will equip you with the tools and techniques to become a true EE Superhero!

## SUPER POWERS: Science-based Research on Learning Styles & Strategies

Unlock the power of your audience to process, retain, and build upon your environmental messages by utilizing research-based findings on how and why humans learn.



## SUPER SKILLS: Best Practices for EE Excellence

Engage your audiences with proven methods for delivering programs that provide content in riveting, audience-appropriate and entertaining ways.



## SUPER KNOWLEDGE: Natural Resources Research



Discover what current research continues to reveal about the fascinating natural resources of our region.

## SUPER STRATEGIES: Connecting STEM Education to EE

Explore ways to provide STEM-appropriate programming with a natural resource focus.



visit [www.eeai.org](http://www.eeai.org) for updates on concurrent sessions

# Friday, November 1

## Pre-Conference Workshop

8:30 - 12:00

### Guidelines for Excellence in EE Workshop: Professional Development for Environmental Educators

The North American Association for Environmental Education has developed a series of guidelines that set the standards for high-quality environmental education. Quality environmental education programs help develop an environmentally literate citizenry that can compete in our global economy; has the skills, knowledge, and inclinations to make well-informed choices; and exercises the rights and responsibilities of members of a community.

How does one achieve excellence in environmental education? In this workshop, participants will be presented with a set of competencies for environmental educators in a variety of job settings and examine professional responsibilities of environmental educators.

### Donna

**Donna Rogler** is the Indiana Project Learning Tree Coordinator and Education Specialist for the Indiana Division of Forestry.



**Renee Strnad** is the North Carolina Project Learning Tree Coordinator with North Carolina State University Extension Forestry. Renee serves on NAAEE's Affiliate Network Steering Committee and is a member of the Guidelines Trainer Bureau. Join these two ladies on a journey to learn about EE best practices and EE Excellence. We all strive to be our best and this Pre-Conference Workshop will put you on the right path to excellence.

### Renee



8:00 - Registration Opens

lunch – on your own

1:00-2:00 – Kickoff/Welcome Woo hoo!



2:15-3:15 – Educational Sessions

3:30-4:30 – Educational Sessions

6:00 – Awards Banquet, followed by Kathy McGlaulin on Guidelines for Excellence in Environmental Education

*EEAI Has Talent Showcase-* Bring your talent...any talent to this contest. It is not all about singing this year.

**Kathy McGlaulin**- Retired National Project Learning Tree Director. Kathy will be the General Session Keynote Speaker. She has a wealth of knowledge with years of experience in EE. Everyone will gain new insights from her during this session.



# Saturday, November 2

6:30 – Early bird hike

7:30 – Breakfast

8:30 – Gathering of all attendees in Oak Room for announcements

9:00-10:00 – Educational Sessions

10:15-11:15 – Educational Sessions

11:30 – Lunch

12:30 – Field trips and free time at the park

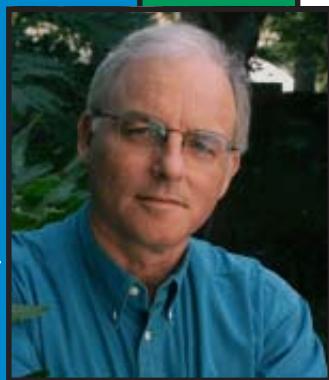
6:00 – Dinner, followed by Richard Louv and book signing

Saturday evening – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception



## Saturday Night Keynote Richard Louv

**Richard Louv** is a journalist and author of nine books, including Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children From Nature-Deficit Disorder, The Nature Principle: Reconnecting with Life in a Virtual Age, and most recently Vitamin N: The Essential Guide to a Nature-Rich Life: 500 Ways to Enrich Your Family's Health & Happiness.



# Sunday, November 3

6:30 – Inspirational hike

7:30 – Breakfast

8:30 – Gathering of all attendees in Oak Room for announcements

9:15-10:00 – Educational Sessions

10:00-10:30 – Checkout break

10:45-11:30 – Educational Sessions

11:30 – Farewell announcements in Oak Room



## EEAI Fun Facts

EEAI was formed in 1969 and called the Conservation-Outdoor Education Association of Indiana. The name was approved and changed to the Environmental Education Association of Indiana in 1979. The first annual meeting took place May 16, 1970 at Indiana Central College, Indianapolis, IN.



## Registration

Registration for this conference will be available on the EEAI website soon. You will be able to register online or by mail.

For Future Information Visit:

[www.eeai.org](http://www.eeai.org)  
or

Facebook:  
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## Auction

We will be doing an Auction at the conference. All proceeds go to help EEAI with scholarships and conference costs. Please bring items along with your cash, checkbook, or credit cards!



## Bookstore

Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge will be bringing their one-of-a-kind bookstore to the EEAI Conference! Puppets, jewelry, gadgets, gimmicks, and more natural history books than you can even imagine will be offered for sale. Even career "nature book hoarders" will find something to love (and bring home!) at this bookstore!

## Things to know!

Alcohol is only allowed in your private rooms or at the CCC Building.

The wifi and mobile reception at McCormick's Creek State Park is spotty at best. The phone for the park is 812-829-4881

Do you play an instrument? If so bring it along. The evening socials will be a perfect place to play some tunes.

Bring your outdoor gear to do some hiking and exploring.

Please also bring a mug and/or water bottle.

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