

Iowa Outdoor Youth Summit

When:

Saturday, April 10, 2010 from 9am – 5pm

Sunday, April 11*, 2010 from 8 am – noon

April 23-25, 2010: Participants follow-up with initial action steps for their efforts as part of Global Youth Service Day

*April 11 is an optional day for participating in outdoor activities that can be shared with novices back home

Where:

Springbrook Conservation Education Center, north of Guthrie Center, IA

Why:

Bring together “teams” of youth and adult mentors from across the state to develop action plans for getting more kids outdoors in their local area

- develop a comprehensive action plan for getting kids outside
- strengthen relationships between environmental and youth development organizations
- initiate, energize and support collaborative work

Who:

- Teams of 1-2 adult mentors and 3-4 young people (under age 25) who want to do something to get more kids outdoors

Cost:

April 10 Working Session

- \$50/team of 4; \$10 for each additional person*
- \$15 for individuals (We strongly encourage teams of at least 4 from a location to facilitate partnerships and support for local projects.)

April 11 Recreation Session

- \$15/person**

*Covers costs of meal/breaks. Iowa DNR Springbrook Conservation Education Center is donating use of the facility; DNR's Aquatic Education Program is subsidizing costs of materials/supplies; Several facilitators are donating their services

**Covers cost of dinner Saturday evening and breakfast Sunday; program costs donated by partners

Participate:

- Register a team by completing the registration form and submitting to the Aquatic Education Program
- Organizations and groups –
 - Come and share your expertise and resources
 - Recruit a team from your area
 - Support a team from your area (registration, travel, help with implementation)

For More Information or Registration Forms:

- Email AquaticEd_Info@dnr.iowa.gov
- Call 641-747-2200

April 10 Overview

Determine Issues (mixed small groups of 5-7)

Identify barriers, perceptions, situations that keep young people from being active outdoors

- Brainstorm potential ideas that address barriers
- Describe desired conditions; describe current conditions

Vision and plan (small groups focused on ideas and factors of interest)

- Develop brief descriptions of desired conditions
- Identify and describe conditions defining the current situation
- Identify people with control over the current situation
- Describe behavior change needed to create movement from the current to the desired situation
- Describe resources necessary to implement desired change
- Identify groups responsible for leading action plans
- Report out

Implementation strategies and action plans (teams)

- Sharing of successes and resources (large group)
- Determine potential alliances (at the Summit and in local areas)
- Re-organize into groups to develop action plans
- Develop action plans, including initial activities for Youth Service Day
- Report out

Moving Forward (following the summit)

- Share the results of the summit and organize initial activities
- Continue networking – Facebook, Twitter, others
- Develop local alliances
- Implement action plans

April 11 Overview

Outdoor activities to try and share

- Partners will lead a variety of outdoor activities (fishing, canoeing/kayaking, hiking, geocaching, etc.)
- Activities offered will be determined by:
 - Participant preferences (gathered by surveys prior to the event)
 - Partner resources