



LAWRENCE Nature Center Education Committee Meeting

DATE: Monday, September 26, 2011

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: LAWRENCE NATURE CENTER, 481 Drexel Avenue, Lawrence Township, NJ 08648

RSVP: To Sue Herrmann at: lawrencenaturecenter@gmail.com

LNC Board members, LTPS teachers, and anyone in the general public interested in science & nature education for our community, may attend.

Agenda topics will include: Future programs, speakers, teacher resources, LNC brochures, nature center videos/ podcasts, and public comments and wishes for LNC education.

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www.lawrencenaturecenter.net

NEXT MEETINGS: Oct 24 + Nov 28, 2011 at 7 pm. NO December meeting

SEPT 26, 2011 MEETING MINUTES

Attendance – Sue Herrmann, LNC VP & Education Chair; Rick Dutko, LNC Naturalist & BD; Linda Burroughs, LNC BD, TCNJ; Linda Townsend, LNC BD, Pre-K teacher; Helen Dutko, LNC BD, After-school teacher. Absent – Amy Dunn, Lawrence MOMS Club East.

OLD Business:

- (1) “LNC is an approved site for LTPS class trips” - Include on LNC Web site
- (2) Centralize ALL LNC photos – Download on to new computer, disks, and/or ISB port – Use more photos on Web site
- (3) Rick – will write a lesson plan for Herptile boards – Red-back salamanders are in Drexel Woods in April/ May each year
- (4) We would like to continue visiting schools for Science Fairs – Rick, Linda B, and Sue had a great time at Ben Franklin School in March 2011 presenting TURTLES.

NEW Business:

- (1) Future programs for Lawrence Township school children – recent contact with Eldridge Park School Principal, Kathy Robbins. Rick plans to read Stela Luna to Kindergarten classes in October.
- (2) LNC future programs and speakers – Rocks & Fossils 10-10, BATS 10-26, Mushrooms ?, Lyme Disease 4-22-2012
- (3) Plans to draft a new LNC brochure for public, school, Web site, and LNC visitors distribution - Contents: Goals & Objectives of LNC, Web site address, email address, LinkedIn Public Profile, major educational calendar dates, Information about becoming an LNC volunteer & board member, etc
- (4) Videos and “podcasts” were discussed as a possible updated addition to the LNC Web site. Rick’s son might be able to assist us with this idea. He is at LHS. Also, a Girl Scout is working on a wood duck box for along the Shabakunk Creek. She wants to prepare a video about this box prep.
- (5) LNC works with both Rider University and The College of NJ on various projects. It is hoped we can develop lessons with field trip attachments that will interest the public and area K- 12 schools.
- (6) Rick Dutko volunteered to work with Linda Burroughs on a general PowerPoint Presentation for Lawrence Nature Center. This PP will be available on our new laptop computer whenever we need it. It will include lots of photos, as well as text.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan K Herrmann, Chair of Education Committee, Lawrence Nature Center