

EARTHKEEPERS WORKSHOP

Earthkeepers is a ground breaking programme that starts off with three days of activities that introduce how the natural world around us works and how we are affecting it; it then continues in school and at home with tasks that reinforce and develop understandings as well as key social and communication skills. At four stages during the programme the children earn four different keys which open mysterious chests. They earn two keys during the first three days and the rest are earned later in the programme. This is a highly motivating and effective programme that has been developed and trialed world wide over a number of years by the Institute for Earth Education.

Aims of the workshop:

- To give an introduction to the goals, design criteria and programme of Earthkeepers – an earth education programme for 9 – 11 year olds
- To introduce the whys, whats and ways of earth education and how this applies to the programme in question
- To help participants set up an earth education programme; looking at props, siting of activities, programme package

Earth education is the process of helping people of all ages live more harmoniously and joyfully with the natural world.

This is achieved through:

- developing and strengthening peoples understandings of the major ecological systems and communities that support life on the planet
- helping people develop deep and lifelong emotional attachments to the earth and its life
- helping people 'live more lightly' by reducing their impact on the earth

This is done through designing and developing carefully crafted, dynamic, fun learning adventures such as Earthkeepers

Jon Cree will lead the day. Jon is one of the International Training Co-ordinators for IEE and has extensive experience of leading earth education programmes and Earthwalks, he has been conducting other earth education workshops for many years. Jon is the Training and Education Officer at Bishops Wood Centre in Worcestershire.

PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY

9:00 Arrivals and Registration
Schedule for the Day, Earthkeepers Design Criteria
Whys, Whats, Ways and Leadership Guidelines
10:00 E.M.'s Lab – EK opening ceremony
10:20 The "K" Key and Munch Line Monitors & Great Spec-Tackle
12:00 Lunch
12:45 The "K" Key Ceremony
1.00 Connection Inspection and Time Capsules
1:15 Magic Spot
1:45 E.M.'s Diary and Earthwalk
2.15 The "E" Key Ceremony
2.30 "Seasons"
3.30 The "Y" and "S" Key Tasks
4:00 Earthkeepers Implementation/Question and Answer Time
4:30 Closing Ceremony – E.M.'s Lab (participatory)
5:00 pm Depart
Some sessions will involve doing the activities and some will be explanations of that part of the programme. Please come dressed for the outdoors and prepared to get grubby!

This workshop is part of Northern Education for Sustainability's (NEST) "Education for Sustainability" programme. NEST works in partnership with Gateshead MBC, Newcastle City Council, West Boldon Environmental Education Centre, Northumberland Wildlife Trust and other local partners.

The workshop fee is £67.50
£60 if booked in conjunction with the Earthwalks workshop on 25th March
(includes vegetarian buffet lunch)

Deadline for booking is Friday 12th March 2010

To book please use the attached booking form or contact:

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c/o Countryside Management Services
Unit B3 Durham Dales Centre
Castle Gardens
Stanhope
Co. Durham, DL13 2FJ
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Background

The Institute for Earth Education is an international non-profit educational organisation with branches in Australia, Canada, Italy, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Japan, USA, Finland and the UK where it is a registered charity. The organisation is run by volunteers, largely involving teachers and environmental/outdoor education centre staff, who are dedicated to developing and disseminating dynamic earth education programmes and experiences.

Northern Education for Sustainability (NEST) is a non-profit voluntary organisation that aims to raise awareness of environmental issues and to encourage personal action that will allow local communities to thrive in a healthy global environment. NEST has been running Earth Education workshops in partnership with the Institute since 2001.

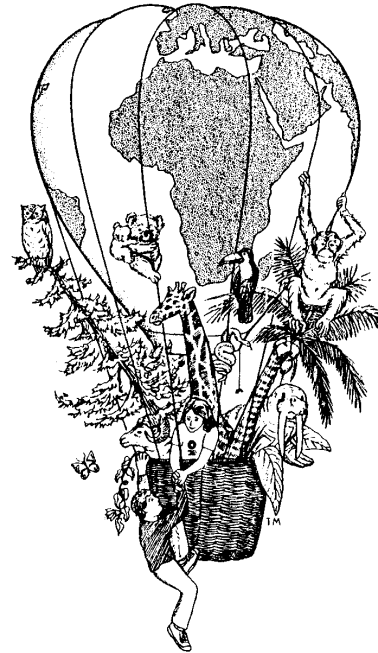
For more information about earth education please visit:

www.eartheducation.org (international website)

www.eartheducation.org.uk (U.K. website)

A chance for hands on experience

NEST will be delivering several Earthkeepers programmes over 2010 and it may be possible by agreement with individual schools for participants of this training to assist in order to develop skills. We are also happy to discuss potential partnerships to run further Earthkeepers programmes locally.



The Earthkeepers Programme Day Workshop

With Jon Cree

International Training
Co-ordinator for
The Institute for Earth
Education
on behalf of Northern
Education for
Sustainability (NEST)

Friday 26th March 2010

at

***Durham Wildlife Trust
Rainton Meadows
Houghton – le – Spring
Co. Durham***

Earth Education is a dynamic way of helping people change their view of the planet and learning to live more lightly on the earth. Join us for a full day of stimulating sessions and demonstration activities introducing a new educational response to our environmental crisis.