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Beautiful Bioluminescence

By Jeremy Philips, PEEC Naturalist



Watching the trees flow back and forth high up on the hillside, seemingly in slow motion, while the constant sound of a cool dusk breeze blows by my ears made me forget completely why I walked out in the middle of this field. I had been searching for a sight of a prairie warbler (*Dendroica discolor*) for about thirty minutes. Suddenly, flitting from one branch to another, I spot what I was listening to perched on a dead branch. It was a little late for birding and the light was fading. My medium priced Bushnell binoculars and I could barely make out size and shape, let alone the color of this bright bird. Disappointed with the look I got from

a thirty minute stake out, I turned and started back towards my car. The sun was setting further but something stalled me for hours that night. A flash appears in the corner of this large field. In the dark parts of the canopy more flashes start to appear. The beginnings of the grand display are about to occur.

Lightning bugs or fireflies, (Lampyridae) are in the coleoptera order, meaning "sheathed wing", are also known as beetles and are not true bugs. True bugs come from the order hemiptera (which can often be identified by a triangle on their back). Lightning bugs give us an amazing spectacle in the middle of summer. They can be seen at all times of the day, but are famous for their bioluminescence just after dark.

How do they light up? Bioluminescence is a chemical reaction within an organism which produces light. In lightning bugs, a substance called luciferin, stored inside special cells of the insect, react with oxygen that is taken in from the surroundings, to produce the greenish-yellow light. The energy that it takes to produce this light is not wasted, it is said that lightning bug light is about 90% efficient! This is compared to the 10% efficiency of an incandescent light bulb (the rest is lost to heat).

Lightning bugs flash mainly to attract a mate of the same species. Usually the male flashes in flight and the female responds with a flash back, although this varies from species to species. In fact one species of lightning bug, photuris, will mimic and attract other species to draw them in close enough to eat. Some do not flash at all.

But this night, searching for this prairie warbler until the waning hours of light was the best thing I could have done. My night was filled with thousands of flittering lights dancing in the field and in the trees.

Freeman Tract Road in Bushkill, a 3 mile long stretch of gorgeous overgrown farmland just off River Road past the Park Service Headquarters, was exactly the place to be. Just after dark, the field lit up like it was the 4th of July.

July is a great time for natural fireworks. Some of the greatest places to see these amazing insects are South of Milford, along Route 209, on Freeman Tract Road in Bushkill or, often, in your own back yard.

For more information, please visit Jeremy's blog, <http://peecnaturejournal.blogspot.com/>..

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CEO Message

Jeff Rosalsky



PEEC has been an important part of my life since my first visit to the Campus over twelve years ago. I began visiting as a neighbor to PEEC, the parent of Tadpoles summer campers, a day hiker and program participant, then a volunteer, then a Board of Trustees member, Vice Chairman and finally Chairman of the Board. I thought I had run the gamut of positions here at PEEC. When the opportunity arose to take over the Chief Executive role however, it was one I embraced.

I am committed to PEEC and its mission to promote environmental education for this and future generations. Each time I see the PEEC campus overflowing with children and adults I know that we are doing a vital job as educators and one that is valued by both the local and regional communities. First and foremost we are a place of teaching and we have always had the most

incredible education staff. I consider myself fortunate to take over the running of PEEC at a time when our instructors are the best I have seen in twelve years. This is enhanced by the quality of our new accommodations and the delicious food from Green Feed Catering.

PEEC still has many challenges with our aging infrastructure. My vision for the future of PEEC, however, is as a place where we embrace “use less, reuse, recycle” in all aspects of how we run the Center. PEEC needs to become a functioning demonstration model of green resource practices and conservation, which is approachable and simple to replicate at the homes, schools and businesses of our visitors. We need to accomplish these goals with ingenuity, creativity and aesthetics at minimal cost and impact on our environment. My vision for PEEC is as a place that continues to spark curiosity, innovation and inspiration.

I want to thank Jim Rienhardt for his leadership over the past eight years, during which we completed the construction of the Visitor Activity Center, the new lodges and family cabins and the Yurt village. We all wish him well in his next endeavor.

Finally, I thank the Board of Trustees and the staff for their continued support of PEEC and their confidence in me to lead PEEC forward.

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Front: Kristen Heckrote, Justin Timmers, Mike Liese, Heidi Normand, Sean Smith
Back: Sarena Barasky, Molly Check, Hannah Taylor, Andrea Harris, Jeremy Phillips, Allison Owczarczak.

What a great staff.....

Kudos to Allison and PEEC's Education Team for putting together and training a great instructional staff to lead, guide and teach the hundreds of students and families who visit us each spring season. We are always impressed with their energy, enthusiasm and passion for what they do every day and thought you would like to meet them.

SUMMER INSTRUCTORS:

Jessica Thompson, Mt Vernon, NY. Marymount College, Biology; Fordham University, Masters in Biology Education/Conservation Biology
Kelly Good, Frost Valley, NY. Neumann College, Environmental Sciences

SUMMER INTERNS:

Kelly Leko, LaMesa, CA., University of Redlands, Env. Sciences.
Anthony Pittala, East Stroudsburg, PA., East Stroudsburg University, Env. Studies
Paul Balik, Chicago, IL., Brandeis University, Politics.
Caitlyn Shortt, Levittown, PA., East Stroudsburg University, Biological Sciences.
Angela Gutierrez, Bushkill, PA., Albright College, English and Secondary Education.
Lauren Carley, Closter, NJ., Reed College, Biology.

Sensory Perception

Heidi Normand

How would it feel
 to stroke the life in grass?
 To feel it's moisture collect in your fingerprint?
 Look like to pierce a cloud just enough
 to make the smallest of indents?

Taste like
 to stroke the softest ocean-smoothed stone
 -worn just so on its journey to you-
 along your quivering bottom lip?
 Smell like, to bury your nose
 into the sun-warmed fur of your cat?
 Or the same fur after a romp in a summer
 rain shower.

Sound like,
 to breathe in sunlight?
 Dawn and dusk?
 Moonlight and dew?
 Feel like to blow through a sandstone canyon-
 you, the wind, like blood coursing through the
 desert.

PEEC Wish List

- i-pod
 - 22" – 24" LCD monitor
 - Adobe InDesign textbook
 - 12 passenger van
 - Double pane replacement windows with screens (for cabins 0-9)
 - 2 inch foam insulation boards
 - R38 fiberglass insulation batts
 - P3 International P4460 kill a watt EZ electricity usage monitor (found on Amazon)
- <http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/registry.html?ie=UTF8&type=wishlist&id=35S78SWG04PE3>



AFFORDABLE FAMILYSTAYCATIONS SUMMER DAY CAMP COMBO

Family of 4 Family Nature Getaway

July 4 – 6, 2009 July 4th Family Nature Getaway

July 31 – August 2, 2009 Dog Days of Summer Family Nature Getaway

\$160 per person includes:

2 nights lodging, 7 meals and a full weekend of family programs. (Discounts available for children 10 and under)

Family of 4 Family Nature Getaway

EXTENDED CAMP OPTION:

July 6 – 10, 2009; August 2 – 7, 2009

\$780 for a family of 4 includes:

5 nights lodging & 5 breakfasts for 4. 5 days of summer day camp with lunch for 2 children (1st thru 7th grade). There is an additional \$60 fee for campers 8th – 10th grade.

For more info and registration

Call Mike Liese at PEEC (570) 828-2310 x228, Email peec@peec.org, Visit PEEC's website at www.peec.org



Voluntarily Volunteering

By Mariann Oswald

In researching the meaning, sense and significance of being a volunteer, my mind wandered, as it often does, back to my own childhood. I don't remember my parents ever volunteering to join a road crew picking up trash or working in a soup kitchen. The more I thought about it, the more I realized my mom was the greatest and most gracious volunteer I've ever known.

Although she may not remember actually volunteering (I was generally the one who took care of that part) I can truly tell you that she didn't hesitate to pitch right in when I came home and announced that I had volunteered her to be a substitute class mom. School fundraisers were the perfect events for volunteering my mom. There were always "volunteer" opportunities; housing members of the Marine Corps Band while they were in town, creating props and costumes for the school play or class party (she made the greatest witch out of coat hangers and crepe paper), taking care of lost animals and making desserts for the pot luck dinner. I was great at volunteering... someone else.

I can't seem to come up with a specific time or event that turned things around that first bend for me...when I became the volunteer. I don't remember raising my hand when a call went out for volunteers to clean up after the banquet, or tutor my peers in Micro-economics or when the office restrooms needed cleaning. There I was. And I have NEVER regretted a single moment. Why? Let's see what the experts have to say.

On one web site 18 reasons are listed for being a volunteer. I notice they don't include any reasons for volunteering your mom. Oh, well... here is that list:

1. To make new friends.
2. To build personal and professional contacts
3. To build your self-esteem and self-confidence
4. To develop new job skills
5. To make a difference in the world
6. To increase personal satisfaction
7. To add experience to your resume
8. To develop people skills
9. To develop communication skills
10. To do something as a family

11. To explore career possibilities
12. To feel needed and appreciated
13. To share your skills with others
14. To be challenged
15. To do something different
16. To earn academic credit
17. To improve your health
18. To have fun!

What this list doesn't say is that volunteers are the I-beam, the support of the non-profits. Try and find any non-profit that would not LOVE to have you as a volunteer. Many non-profits are governed by a Board of Trustees who are all volunteers! PEEC is no different.

We need volunteers to help in a myriad of ways, from answering the phones and making lots of copies to mowing the lawn, keeping the gardens beautiful, helping with summer camp and fundraisers... in the limelight and out!

Time? Not everyone has oodles of spare time to knit coasters and build birdhouses, but that doesn't mean there isn't needs for someone JUST LIKE YOU HERE AT PEEC!!

- Pick up some of our Golf Outing flyers and drop them off at your routine stops.
 - Coming for a quick hike? Bring some friends who have never been here before.
 - Participating in one of our great weekend? Bring a camera and take some pictures for our website.
 - Offer (that's another word for volunteer) to help out here and there.
 - Join our Briscoe Mountain Road clean-up crew.
 - Call Mike Liese here at PEEC (find out about our volunteer opportunities)
- Personally, I think my mom helped me because she wanted to build my self-esteem (#3) and help me feel needed and appreciated (#12). Honestly, I wouldn't have thought it a stepping stone to my career, but the desire to make a difference (#5), even if only for one child, has been the greatest motivator. I have met many people (#1) who, although they have taken a different path, have gravitated toward that same desire. I can't say whether that increased my personal satisfaction (#6) because I have never been satisfied that I have done enough.

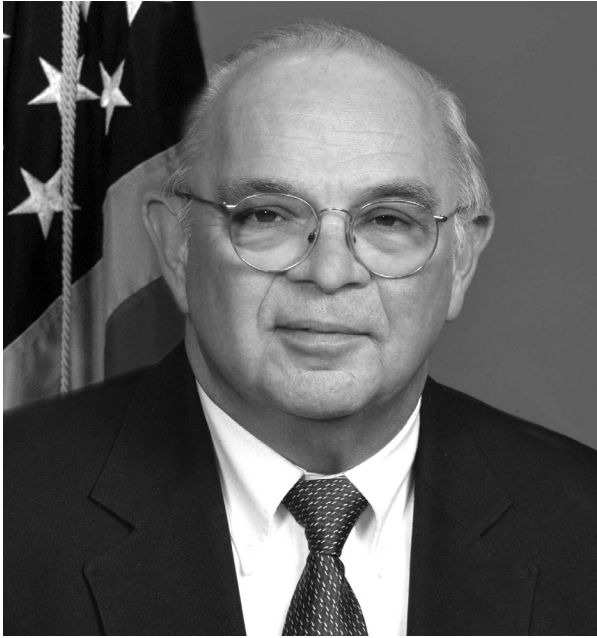
I developed many new skills (#4) like learning minimal Spanish so I could help children in

Mexico have a week of fun making simple art projects, or learning camping skills when I took on the voluntary position of Scoutmaster (#13) to my sons' Boy Scout troop. I took in teens who needed a home-away-from-home, baked cookies and cupcakes 'til my back ached, drove vanloads of people wherever they needed to go and made a LOT of great friends and memories (#s 1, 2, 8, 9 & 10). It was all fantastic! But none of these things have been deal breakers on my resume (#7).

My mother's favorite saying, "what goes around comes around" does not always mean something negative. No, indeed. As my children grew, volunteering became a part of our every day lives. My children volunteered me and I volunteered them, and still do (#14!). So, maybe part of being a parent IS being a volunteer, even a hesitant one. Being a parent is also the greatest time to nurture a new volunteer through first-hand experience, humility and patiently teaching that giving is enlightening, encouraging, comfortable (yes comfortable), tons of FUN (#18) and doesn't have to take a lot of time or be self-aggrandizing. It just has to come from the heart.

One last thought... you will DEFINITELY get more out of it than you put in.





Representative John J. Siptroth Receives PEEC Annual Environmental Stewardship Partner Award

PA State Representative John J. Siptroth was awarded the Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) Annual Environmental Stewardship Partner Award on Sunday, April 19th as a part of the opening ceremonies at PEEC's Earth Day Celebration.

John Siptroth has long been a champion for the environment and supporter of efforts to protect the natural, cultural and historical resources of the Pocono Mountains. His grassroots support and on-going work to support PEEC in its effort to educate our rapidly growing community members to become better informed citizens in choosing simple and sustainable ways and means to live their lives...for themselves and future generations is greatly and sincerely appreciated.

The award was a beautifully framed photograph of Pickerel Pond taken last October here at PEEC. The stunning photograph was taken and donated by long-time friend, artist, photographer and workshop leader, John Barclay

PEEC VIP'scannot live without them!!

Volunteers-In-PEEC do anything and everything to help keep us moving forward every day. They teach, garden, mow lawns, help with special events, answer phones, make coffee, sort mail, make copies, distribute brochures....you name it and they do it. Volunteers have logged over 600 hours for PEEC this year. Call us and come join the fun! Call us and come join the fun!!

Andrea Ace
Cathy Adipetno
Annamaria Alimossy
Adrianna Alimossy
Diane Birkhead
Daniel Bowman
Mike & Kristen Brubaker
Brandon Brown
Aaron Brown
Vicki Brown
Bill Cohen
Larry Martone

Douglas Cunningham
Ben Cunningham
Josie & Danny D'Alessandro
Daniel Dewey
Teresa Fusco
Gabe Kieffer
Alanna Kieffer
Tracy Keanna
Dee Kipp
Renee Marx
Rizwan Oskui
Al Johns

Rizwan Oskui
Bill Powers
Carol Rienhardt
Jeff & Gail Rosalsky
Alexa Rosalsky
Jacob Rosalsky
Henry Rosalsky
Marta Serra-Jovenich
Paul & Carolyn Shuttleworth
Ben Weiss
Lou Wentzler

For more information call Mike Liese (570) 828-2310 x 228. Email peec@peec.org. Visit: www.peec.org/members.html



Development Update

By Flo Mauro

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR FRIENDS!!

We have been thinking of just how we can make it easier for folks to support PEEC and how we can thank and recognize each of them. Beginning in July 2009, everyone who supports PEEC will be supported by PEEC, considered as Friend of PEEC and receive our thanks and appreciation but a variety of benefits as well. Friends will now include annual appeal supporters and event sponsors. anyone and everyone who supports PEEC. See page 11 for details.

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PEEC's newest catering staff – GreenFeed Catering.

Left to right: Colleen Messing, LoriAnn Hines

8TH ANNUAL PEEC GOLF OUTING

Monday, July 27, 2009 at the Great Bear Golf & Country Club This is the only real fund-raiser PEEC engages in every year. This is the one and only time we ask our vendors for a distinct donation and become a sponsor for the event. Tee sponsorships are \$125 and tax-deductible. 100% of the proceeds directly support on-the-ground programs for local families and children. In these difficult times, if you find you are not able to support a Tee sponsor on your own, give us a call there may be someone else out there who will share it with you. OR call us to make a prize donation or register to win the prizes. You do not have to be present at the Golf Outing to win. Call Flo at 570-828-2310 x 233 or email fmauro@peec.org PEEC has been a leader in providing meaningful nature experiences to children and their families for over 35 years. Help us reconnect families and children and nature.

<http://www.peec.org/members.html#donate>



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8th ANNUAL
Golf Outing

Monday, July 27, 2009

**GREAT BEAR GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
EAST STROUDSBURG, PA**

\$120 per golfer on or before July 20th
\$140 per golfer after July 20th
Includes continental breakfast, lunch,
prizes, green fees & cart

Sponsorships available at all levels



SUMMER PROGRAMS AND GETAWAYS 2009

SOLSTICE PACK 'N PADDLE

June 21, 2009 7-10pm

Member \$7/Non-member \$9

Celebrate the longest day of the year! Pack a snack, take a walk, paddle a canoe and watch the sunset.

DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES WITH BILL OLSON

June 26-28, 2009

Lodging: Member \$160/Non-member \$175

No Lodging: Member \$110/Non-member \$125

A beginner's course, taught by biologist Bill Olson, to introduce the biology and ecology of odonates. Learn to identify common odonates, observe, see them up close, learn to handle them safely. Includes all meals, lodging (Fri dinner – Sun lunch) and program. Register by June 10.

FROG FROLIC I

June 27, 2009 1-4pm

Member \$7/Non-member \$9

Learn about local frog species while hopping around trying to carefully catch them....wear boots.

INTRODUCTION TO CANOEING

June 28, 2009 1-4pm

Member \$7/Non-member \$9

Learn the basics of canoe safety and steering while you enjoy one of PEEC's beautiful ponds. Wear clothes and shoes you don't mind getting wet.

4TH OF JULY FAMILY NATURE GETAWAY

July 4-6, 2009

Member \$145/Non-member \$160

Bring your family out to PEEC, get closer to nature and enjoy a weekend full of fun and educational activities. Includes all meals, lodging (Sat lunch-Mon lunch) and program.

4TH OF JULY FAMILY NATURE GETAWAY & DAY CAMP COMBO

July 6 – 10, 2009

\$780 for a family of 4 includes:

5 nights lodging & 5 breakfasts for 4

5 days of summer day camp with lunch for 2 children
(1st thru 7th grade)

There is an additional \$60 fee for campers 8th – 10th grade. Supersize the weekend and extend the summer vacation for you and your family!! Enjoy a full week in the Poconos while your children enjoy a full week of PEEC's fantastic Summer Day Camp program led by PEEC staff from 9am to 4pm daily Monday thru Friday.

COMPOSTING & RECYCLING:

Sustainable Living Series

July 11, 2009 1-4pm

Member \$7/Non-member \$9

We all need to reduce the amount of solid waste we send to the landfill. Learn how easy it is.

INTRODUCTION TO CAMPING

July 18, 2009 1-4pm

Member \$7/Non-member \$9

Learn the basics for going into the outdoors; how to prepare, what to bring, and Leave No Trace.

BOY SCOUT ENVIRONMENTAL MERIT BADGE SERIES (5th in the Series)

July 18, 2009 10am - 4pm

Member \$15/Non-member \$20

See the March Badge Series description for a complete list of badges. Scout must attend all sessions in the series to complete all requirements for badges.

SUMMER WILDFLOWER WALK

July 25, 2009 1-4pm

Member \$7/Non-member \$9

Join us to search for the wildflowers of summer and their butterfly companions.

PEEC GOLF OUTING AT GREAT BEAR GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

July 27, 2009 8:30am Start

Cost: \$120 per golfer on or before July 20

Cost: \$140 per golfer after July 20

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER FAMILY NATURE GETAWAY

July 31 - Aug. 2, 2009

Member \$145/Non-member \$160

Bring your family out to PEEC to get closer to nature and enjoy a weekend full of activities. Includes all meals, lodging (Fri dinner-Sun lunch) and program.

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER FAMILY NATURE GETAWAY & DAY CAMP COMBO

August 2 – 7, 2009

\$780 for a family of 4 includes:

5 nights lodging & 5 breakfasts for 4
5 days of summer day camp with lunch for 2 children
(1st thru 7th grade)
There is an additional \$60 fee for campers 8th – 10th grade.
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DRAGONFLY DASH

August 1, 2009 1-4pm
Member \$7/Non-member \$9
Learn about the life cycles and ecology of these mosquito manglers!

FROG FROLIC II

August 2, 2009 1-4pm
Member \$7/Non-member \$9
Learn about local frog species while hopping around trying to carefully catch them.

8TH ANNUAL POCONO QUILT CAMP WITH PATTI SHREINER & CAROL HILL

"GET BIASED... QUILTING TAPE, THAT IS"
Session 1: August 7-9, 2009
Lodging: Member \$155/Non-member \$170
No lodging: Member \$95/Non-member \$110
Includes all meals, lodging (Fri dinner-Sun lunch) and program.
Session 2: August 9-14, 2009
Lodging: Member \$325/Non-member \$355
No lodging: Member \$265/Non-member \$295
Let Patti Schreiner and Carol Hill take you on an adventure into the use of bias tape. Choose a technique such as stained glass, Celtic, floral appliqué or something fitting your own individuality. Stitchers of all levels are welcome. Includes all meals, lodging (Sun dinner-Fri lunch) and program. **Register by July 25.**

FERNS & LYCOPHYTES WEEKEND WITH BILL OLSON

August 7-9, 2009
Lodging: Member \$160/Non-member \$175
No Lodging: Member \$110/Non-member \$125
Join biologist Bill Olson exploring the abundant variety of ferns and lycophytes. Evening programs compliment field trips. Includes all meals, lodging (Fri dinner –Sun lunch) and program. Register by July 25.

MOON WALK

August 8, 2009 8:30-10:30pm
Member \$7/Non-member \$9
Join PEEC staff as we enjoy a short hike under a moon-lit sky.
Remember to wear hiking shoes.

BOY SCOUT ENVIRONMENTAL MERIT BADGE SERIES (6TH IN THE SERIES)

August 8, 2009 ~ 10am - 4pm

Member \$15/Non-member \$20
See the March Badge Series description for a complete list of badges.
Scout must attend all sessions in the series to complete all requirements for badges.

JAMAICA BAY BIRDING

August 15, 2009 ~ 6am - 6pm
Member \$30/Non-member \$35
Join us at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge in NY City as we observe thousands of migrating shorebirds. Bring binoculars, field guides and a bag lunch. Limited to 12 participants, transportation provided...register Aug. 1.

SUSTAINABLE CLEANING OPTIONS:

Sustainable Living Series

August 15, 2009 1-4pm
Member \$7/Non-member \$9
Learn the best practices to clean your home while protecting water resources and your own health.

MEET YOUR LOCAL FOREST

August 16, 2009 1-4pm
Member \$7/Non-member \$9
Join the US Forest Service, as they explain the composition and forest ecology of our area.

INTERGENERATIONAL ELDERHOSTEL

August 21 - 26, 2009
For more information or to register for a PEEC Elderhostel program, visit the Elderhostel website at www.elderhostel.org or call (877) 426-8056.

DRUMMING WORKSHOP WITH OBI KAYE

August 30, 2009 10am-4pm
Member \$20/Non-member \$25
A very hands-on introduction to world cultures using percussion instruments as the tool for understanding. Obi Kaye will incorporate drumming presentations and "hands-on" participation in both playing rhythms and basic drum making with reused materials to make Berimbaus, rain sticks, maracas, and other instruments from reused materials. Bring your own materials to make a unique drum of your own. Bring a bag lunch...register by Aug. 15.

LABOR DAY FAMILY NATURE GETAWAY

September 4-7, 2009
Member \$160/Non-member \$175
Bring your family to PEEC, get closer to nature and enjoy a weekend full of fun and educational activities. Includes all meals, lodging (Fri dinner-Mon lunch) and program.

SOILS AND COMMUNITIES

September 5, 2009 1-4pm
Member \$7/Non-member \$9
Understanding the soil provides an understanding of what supports life on Earth.

CANOE TRIP: LIVING LIGHTLY ON THE LAND

September 11-13, 2009

Member \$185/Non-member \$200

This trip will provide an introduction to overnight canoe camping, Leave No Trace (LNT) practices, basic paddling skills, and how to pack for an overnight outing. PEEC staff will help participants rent equipment from a local outfitter. Call for more information...register by Aug. 25.

FALL WARBLERS & RAPTORS WEEKEND

September 12-13, 2009

Member \$85/Non-member \$100

Join experienced field leaders as we search in and around the Delaware River Valley for migrating fall warblers and raptors. Includes all meals (Sat lunch - Sun lunch), Saturday night lodging and program. **Register by Sept. 1.**

NUTS OVER TREES

September 13, 2009 1-4pm

Member \$7/Non-member \$9

Learn how to identify our local trees and the nuts they produce.

WILD & WOOLY ELDERHOSTEL

September 18-22, 2009

For more information or to register for this knitting program with Patti Shreiner, visit the Elderhostel website at www.elderhostel.org or call (877) 426-8056.

ADA EQUINOX WALK - DINGMANS FALLS

September 20, 2009 1-3pm

Member \$7/Non-member \$9

Discover the beauty of Dingmans Falls with PEEC staff as we walk along this ADA accessible trail. We will meet at the Dingmans Falls visitor center parking lot.

RAPTOR RUSH HOUR

September 26, 2009 8am - 2pm

Member \$15/Non-member \$20

Join PEEC staff as we travel to Sunrise Mountain in NJ to witness the autumn raptor migration along the Kittatiny Ridge. Bring a bag lunch and a chair. Transportation provided for the first 12 registered attendees, then car pool...register by Sept. 13.

BOY SCOUT ENVIRONMENTAL MERIT BADGE SERIES (7TH IN THE SERIES)

September 26, 2009 10am - 4pm

Member \$15/Non-member \$20

Come to PEEC and work with sustainability instructors to complete requirements for Boy Scout Merit Badges. Bring a bag lunch. See the March Badge Series description for a complete list of badges. **Scout must attend all sessions in the series to complete all requirements for badges.**

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE

To register, call PEEC at 570-828-2319 or download application form: www.peec.org/pdfs/PEECProgramRegistration.pdf

For a complete listing of all 2009 events visit: www.peec.org/eventssubject.html

Please register me for the following program(s). My check/money order for the full amount, or a \$50 per person non-refundable, non-transferable deposit is enclosed. Include lodging request and/or dietary needs below or on a separate sheet of paper (\$35 additional fee for single occupancy). Make checks payable to PEEC or provide credit card information and mail completed form to the following address:
PEEC, RR2 Box 1010, DINGMANS FERRY, PA 18328

Workshop Title(s): _____ Date(s): _____
Name(s): _____ # of people attending: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: (work) _____ (home) _____ Email: _____

ARE YOU A FRIEND OF PEEC MEMBER? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Will You Need Linens? ☐ Yes ☐ No (\$12/set of linens and \$1/single item: towel, sheets, pillow, washcloth, & blanket)

Special Dietary Needs or Lodging Requests: _____

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION: (Check One) ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa

Card# _____ Expiration Date: _____ Amount To Be Charged/Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Signature: _____ (Required) Date: _____

Download a workshop registration form online at: <http://www.peec.org/pdfs/PEECProgramRegistration.pdf>

Friends of PEEC

The Board of Trustees and staff want to thank everyone who supports PEEC. We are pleased to ANNOUNCE A NEW AND IMPROVED benefits program for all "FRIENDS OF PEEC". Beginning in July 2009, we will consider everyone who supports PEEC as a 'Friend' and thereby eligible to receive benefits. 'Friends' include our annual members, folks who contribute to the year-end appeal, our event sponsors and more. Your support for PEEC enables us to provide high quality programming that honors our Mission "to enhance environmental awareness, knowledge, and appreciation through hands-on experience in a natural outdoor classroom."

"Friends of PEEC" Membership Benefits

- Electronic copy of Quarterly Newsletter (PEEC Seasons)
- Electronic copy of Monthly Updates including Calendar of Events
- Invitation to Special "Friends of PEEC" only events
- Free admission to select Association of Nature Center affiliates across USA
- Recognition in PEEC Publications and Website

INDIVIDUAL

\$30 Eastern Phoebe

Includes all basic benefits for an individual contributor

FAMILY/ORGANIZATION

\$40 Tree Swallow

Includes above but for the entire family!

\$75 Cerulean Warbler

Includes above plus a 10% discount on all any/all day programs

\$100 Scarlet Tanager

Includes above plus a 10% discount on any/all residential programs

\$250 Blue Heron

Includes above plus a 10% discount on any bookstore purchases

\$500 Red Shouldered Hawk

Includes all of the above plus a special gift

All Friends of PEEC are recognized in PEEC Publications and Website Your current membership level from 2008 will remain the same until your new annual support is received. We will be asking everyone to renew their support each June. Please be as generous as you can, your support is critical to the sustaining the quality of programming that PEEC offers. We will also be asking all Friends of PEEC for year-end support in December. We thank you for your passion and interest in supporting the Pocono Environmental Education Center.

Barbara Brummer, Chairperson, PEEC Board of Trustees
Jeff Rosalsky, CEO, PEEC

Friends of PEEC ... New and Renewing from February 2, 2009 – May 15, 2009

BARRED OWL

Steven Shaws

CERULEAN WARBLER

Stacy Rodriguez

TREE SWALLOWS

Ralph Di Mondo
Alia Morgolis
Mandy Boslow
Karen Horen
Lars Loercher

Patricia Bermudez
Dore'Vorum
Janet Fabiyi
Karena Myers
Maria Esquela

SCARLET TANAGER

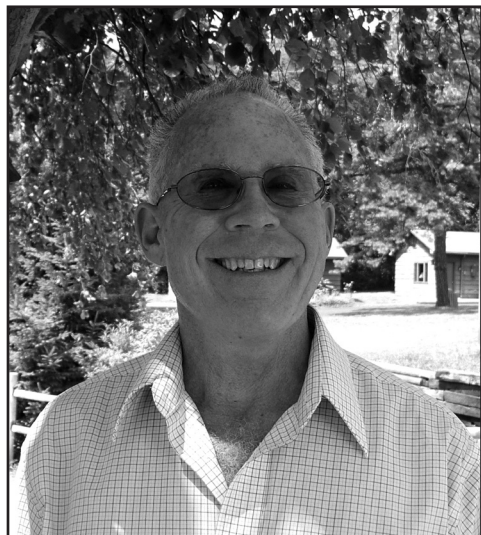
Darrell Phillip

EASTERN PHOEBE

Jocelyn Canfield

Jim's Farewell Message

By Jim Rienhardt



Summer is now upon us with our 400+ daily visitors enjoying canoeing, pond studies, team building, orienteering and many other activities focusing on PEEC's NATURAL WONDERS.

It was a difficult and bitter-sweet decision to resign as CEO from PEEC, but a once in a life time opportunity came to my door step which I could not pass up. As of June 1st I will move on to finish my professional career with a corporate-profit sector company – Puente Construction Enterprises, Inc. as Marketing/Sales Director.

PEEC will always have a special place in my heart and professional career. I feel that I have made a contribution in making PEEC a better place for children and families to become connected to nature, as well as enhanced PEEC's infrastructure!

I thank all of the PEEC managers, staff, and trustees, volunteers, National Park Service and partners for their tireless dedication and commitment in making PEEC the best residential environmental education center in the nation during my eight year tenure! It truly is a TEAM that makes the PEEC canoe go in a straight and smooth path!

I will close with the following:

A BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE

An old man, going a lone highway
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast and deep, and wide,
Thru which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim;
The sullen stream had no fears for him;
But he turned, when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old Man" said a fellow pilgrim, near,
"You are wasting strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day;
You never again must pass this way;
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide---
Why build you the bridge at the eventide?

The builder lifted his old gray head:
"Good Friend, in the path I have come, "He Said,
"There Followeth After Me Today
A youth, who's feet must pass this way.
This chasm, that has been naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

By: Jim Rienhardt

"Remember, by working together we can make a difference!"



AWAKENING A
SENSE OF WONDER

*"Children have a natural affinity
towards nature.*

*Dirt, water, plants and small animals
attract and hold a child's attention
for hours, days, even a lifetime."*

~ Robin C. Moore and Herb Wong

Day Camp

SUMMER NATURE STUDY

June 15-August 14, 2009

9 am - Noon

TADPOLES

Age/Grade Level:

3 years old – Kindergarten

Tadpoles must be accompanied by an

adult 16 years or older. Weekly Cost:

Members: \$65 / Non-members: \$75

9 am - 4 pm

WET & SLIMY

Grade Level: 1st - 4th Graders

Weekly Cost: Members: \$135

Non-members: \$145

9 am - 4 pm

JUNIOR NATURALISTS

Grade Level: 5th - 7th Graders

Weekly Cost: Members: \$135

Non-members: \$145

9 am - 4 pm

SENIOR NATURALISTS

Grade Level: 8th - 10th Graders

Weekly Cost: Members: \$195

Non-members: \$205

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

VOLUNTEER

COUNSELOR PROGRAM

Grade Level:

10th graders and above



For more information or to register
visit www.peec.org/daycamp.html



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 Enjoy a week in the Poconos while your kids are loving PEEC's Summer Day Camp

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Summer Equinox 2009

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