

Explore the Great Lakes!



Great Lakes Academy

July 29 - August 2, 2013
Buffalo, NY

"This was the best workshop I've ever been to. I can't believe it was free!" 2012 participant—
H.S. teacher Buffalo Public Schools

Join us for a week of fun Great Lakes activities that educators can use in the classroom and beyond!

Free workshop includes:

- Science Afloat program aboard the *Spirit of Buffalo* to explore the Buffalo River and Lake Erie
- Training in three curricula related to the aquatic environment
- Two activity guides filled with over 100 lesson plans and activities that are correlated to state and national standards
- Field experiences with ideas for connecting students to the outdoors



Topics include water sampling, local plants and animals, geology, history, aquatic invasive species, ecology and habitats, and restoration projects.

Teachers will receive free in-class lessons presented by an environmental educator and ongoing support with involving students in stewardship.

Educators will receive a \$200 stipend for attending the academy and completing follow-up activities!

For more info call Brittany DiLeo at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve
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Free Professional Development Workshop Connect to the Great Lakes

A Workshop that Inspires

In 2012, over 100 educators participated in these workshops. 100% of them rated the workshop as "excellent" or "good". Some have used activities in the classroom within weeks.

Evening Workshops: 4-7pm
Thursday, November 8 & 15
Tuesday, November 13 & November 20
Wednesday, January 30 & February 6, 2013

Full Day Workshops: 9:30am-4:00pm
Saturday, April 20, 2013
Saturday, April 27, 2013
Saturday, May 18, 2013
Saturday, June 22, 2013
Saturday, June 29, 2013
Thursday, July 18, 2013
Tuesday, August 14, 2013
Saturday, August 17, 2013
Saturday, September 21, 2013

Workshops are held throughout Erie, Niagara, and Monroe Counties. Please call for location of the date you are interested in. Free private workshops also offered to individual schools. Great for professional development days

Cross-curricular Activities

Science teachers won't want to miss this training, but the workshop incorporates ELA, math, geography, government, history, physical education, and art too.

Dive into the exciting world of freshwater ecosystems and explore how to connect students to the Great Lakes through science based activities. Get inspired by creative teaching strategies as you experience hands-on lessons.



Free Materials

Each participant will receive Project WILD Aquatic and the new Project WET 2.0 activity guides to use in the classroom. Filled with more than 100 lesson plans, these national, field-tested guides are only available by attending a workshop. Most activities correlated to Common Core Standards.



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