

FIRST Call for Papers

Biennial Conference of the Aquatic Resources Education Association, September 23 - September 28, 2006 Hot Springs, AR

The following topic areas have been identified through member interest and previously submitted abstracts. Other topics will be added based on interest and submissions.

1. The Role of Angler Recruitment and Retention in Aquatic Education Programs
2. Best Practices in Aquatic Education: Issues, Tools and Examples
3. Innovative Programming
4. Developing Stewardship Through Aquatic Education Programs
5. Building and Diversifying Partners in Aquatic Education Programs

You are cordially invited to submit presentation proposals for review and inclusion in the conference program. Papers will be selected based on originality, quality, and use of related research and application to aquatic resources education programs.

All abstracts must be received no later than the deadline of Monday, May 15, 2006

The AREA Conference:

The Aquatic Resources Education Association (AREA) is a professional association of national, state and territorial natural resource and fishery education managers, program coordinators and education specialists, university faculty and others involved or interested in the management and delivery of aquatic resources education programs. AREA is an affiliate of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

AREA sponsors a conference every two years for exchanging information about aquatic resources programs, program management and program evaluation to assist its members in the administration and delivery of aquatic resource education programs.

Submitting a Presentation Proposal

1. Abstracts are required for all presentations
2. Individual presentations will be 20 minutes in length and 10 minutes for questions. Longer sessions may be requested for panels and special topics or programs.
3. Presentations should fit in the following presentation categories:
 - A. Program Evaluation - evaluation of program and/or materials effectiveness, needs assessments, public surveys and related research
 - B. Professional Development - training of education program staff, volunteers and other partners, programs and materials to assist with management of education programs.
 - C. Model Programs - programs that use current research and can be replicated easily.

Abstracts must be submitted digitally (MS Word, WordPerfect 6.0 or greater, or ASCII), either on disk or through e-mail. Abstracts may be submitted via e-mail to: tfedler@gru.net. Diskettes (3.5") should be mailed to:

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The following information, in the format below, must accompany each abstract:

1. Presentation category
2. Title of presentation
3. Author(s), affiliations, addresses and telephone numbers.
4. Name and title of presenter (as it will appear in program)
5. Audio/Visual equipment needs
6. Abstract (no more than 250 words). The abstract should provide an overview of your presentation, your results, etc.

Authors are expected to provide a manuscript of the presentation for publication in the "Proceedings of the Aquatic Resources Education Association Conference". Manuscripts are due at the time of your presentation. Papers will be submitted to a peer-review process and edited prior to publication.

For additional conference information, point your browser to:
<http://www.AREAnet.org>