



Discover, Explore, & Learn!

CEC Program Staff

Program Director:

Stephanie Hays-Mussoni, Program Director, received her B.S. in Natural Resources and Environmental Management (specialization in Environmental Management) with a minor in Biology from Ball State University in 1997. She received her M.A. in Biology with a concentration in education in 2004. Her love for learning, teaching, children and the outdoors brought her to Cope Environmental Center in Fall of 1998 as the first CEC Program Director. She is a Certified Interpretive Guide through the National Association of Interpretation, a Master Gardener, a Project WET, WILD, and Learning Tree Facilitator, and is certified in the 4MAT Teaching model (Levels I and II). Stephanie continues to add new programs yearly. Please contact her with ideas, suggestions, or questions about our programs.



Program Assistant:

Aubrey Wright has a degree from Indiana University and has been a part of the CEC program staff since 2000. Aubrey enjoys working with people of all ages, especially in the outdoors. She leads the Outreach Programs and assists with summer programs and school field trip programs. She is a Certified Interpretive Guide through the National Association of Interpretation and has been trained in Project WET, WILD, and Learning Tree, Healthy Water, Healthy People and Riverwatch. Aubrey has knowledge using the 4MAT Teaching Model and looks forward to using these skills to help your students learn!

Field Trips

Field trips are a vital part of every child's learning experience. CEC field trips allow children to experience nature and the environment first hand. Repeated experiences outdoors are vital to children as they grow

and learn. This is the best way for our future citizens to learn to love nature and in turn, become stewards of our environment. Field trips include games, hikes, and activities to provide a positive outdoor experience for all students. They are the perfect compliment to classroom studies as all field trips are aligned to the Indiana State Academic Standards. Although specific field trips have been created for each grade level, it is possible to adapt any of the current field trips to any grade level. New field trips may also be created to fit a teacher's needs with enough preparation time. Please contact CEC Program Director Stephanie Hays-Mussoni for details.

Outreach Programs in the Classroom

Bring CEC to your classroom! The CEC program staff is available to visit your school to conduct quality educational programs on a variety of topics. Each 30 – 60 minute program is \$40. For programs outside Wayne County, a mileage fee of \$0.30 per mile will be added. Maximum classroom limit is 40 students. Each additional program during the same visit is \$35.00. Adaptable for All Ages:


- Bats
- Nocturnal Animals
- Mammal Showcase
- Energy Savers
- Let's Adapt!
- My Lunch Came from Where?
- Owls
- Reptiles & Amphibians
- Recycling Adventures
- Habitat Treasure Hunt
- Snakes

This is a sampling of available topics. Programs can be developed to fit your needs.

Multiple Visits, Special Field Trips & Overnights

Special field trips, such as multiple visit pond or habitat studies and all-day programs are also possible at Cope Environmental Center. Program ideas that may be facilitated at CEC include, but are not limited to: Native Americans and Surviving the Wild, Eco-Challenges, and Habitat Studies. Full-day field trips and multiple visits require at least one month advance notice. Fees are dependant upon the content and materials required for the program. Please call for details.

"Financial cutbacks have eliminated all field trips for our students. Cope was the perfect solution. They brought the outside to us. It was a wonderful alternative study trip." -Educator from Liberty Elementary School



Cope Environmental Center

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Promoting the sustainable use of the earth's resources through education!

Cope Environmental Center realizes the time crunch that educators work within each school day. We also recognize the importance of hands-on experiences for learners of all ages. Cope Environmental Center strives to help teachers and students by providing various opportunities for schools and other learning organizations.

Brief History of Cope Environmental Center

In 1948, Jim and Helen Cope purchased an 1830s farmhouse on 29 acres in Centerville, Indiana. Jim was a biology, agriculture, and ornithology professor at Earlham, and Helen was a biology teacher at Centerville High School. On this land, they raised five children and over the years transformed the previous farmland into a collage of spectacular natural areas. Jim's love for conifer trees initiated the planting of a Christmas tree farm and later, a collection of over 115 conifer trees. Helen's passion for simple living encouraged large organic gardens, fruit trees, and other means to live off the land with her family. This passion for the land and sustainable living is the foundation for which CEC has been built over the years.



Stephanie Hays-Mussoni, Helen Cope, and Executive Director Lina Gordy.

In 1992 Jim, Helen and their friend Francis Parks formed the Parks Foundation and Cope Environmental Center. Their dedication to simple living also led to the installation of photovoltaic panels for generation of electricity and interest in alternative energy. This passion is carried out today by Cope Environmental Center programs and demonstrations.

Facilities

102 acres of land including...

- 3 wetlands
- 2 ponds
- 13 acres of prairie
- Hardwood forests
- Grasslands
- 115 species of conifer trees
- Education building
- Administration building
- Sustainable Living Demonstration House
- Sap House constructed of reused and recycled materials
- Maintenance building constructed using insulated concrete forms
- Variety of sustainable living demonstrations
- 3+ miles of hiking trails



Jim Cope Conifer Trail

Schedule a Field Trip or Outreach Program

Call 765-855-3188 to schedule your field trip. You can also email us at a.wright@copeenvironmental.org or s.hays@copeenvironmental.org.* Field trips are scheduled for Tuesday through Friday. All programs at CEC will include a hike. Outreach programs at your site are 45 - 60 minutes long and typical programs at CEC are 1-3 hours long (special programs may be longer).

Please note: The grade level field trip ideas in this booklet are only suggestions. They may be adapted to other grade levels. If you are interested in other topics or standards for your field trip or outreach program, please let us know! Our program staff will work with you to build the perfect educational experience for your students.

**Aubrey will schedule fall field trips and Stephanie will schedule Maple Syrup and spring field trips.*



Programs for Preschool

Seasonal Nature Hike (Fall or Spring)

Length: 1 - 1.5 hours

Program Fee: \$2.00 per student (minimum of \$30.00 per group). One adult/teacher per 8 students admitted free. Each additional adult \$2.00 (minimum program fee \$40.00 per group).

Program Description: These hikes will have students using all their senses to explore nature and be on the lookout for signs of animals. Seasonal changes will be highlighted. If time permits, students will play a game to reinforce what they learned on the trail.

Nature Hike with Apple Cider (Fall only)

Length: 1.5 hours

Program Fee: \$2.00 per student (minimum of \$30.00 per group). One adult/teacher per 8 students admitted free. Each additional adult \$2.00 (minimum program fee \$40.00 per group).

Program Description: This program includes the hike described above with the addition of apple cider-making. Students will see how fruit from a tree not only helps the tree spread seeds, but also provides humans with a tasty treat! All cider to be sampled by students has been previously boiled.

Thematic programs at your site (See page 5 for fees.)

- Warm-blooded & Cold-blooded Critters
- Frogs & Toads
- Slithering Snakes
- Colorful Rainbows
- Day & Night
- Buzzing Bumbling Bees
- Chipmunk Cheeriness
- More available upon request!
- Hummingbirds Hooray
- Mammals
- Butterflies & Moths
- Bats
- Outrageous Owls
- Beautiful Bugs

“Our nature hike was very well organized, on the preschooler’s level, and enjoyable! It was a great experience!” -Educator from Ivy Tech’s Preschool



Programs for Kindergarten

Science Explorers (Fall)

Length: 1.5-2 hours

Program Fee: \$2.00 per student. One adult/teacher per 8 students admitted free. Each additional adult \$2.00 (minimum program fee \$40.00 per group).

Indiana State Academic Standards: Science: K.1.1, K.1.2, K.2.1, K.3.2, K.4.1, K.4.2, K.6.1; Social Science: K.3.4

Program Description: Visit CEC to experience the science of nature! This field trip encourages students to ask questions, use their senses to explore nature, and discover a connection between plants and animals. Students will conduct science experiments on the trail, and collect leaves for sorting and charting. They will also make apple cider using a cider press.

Nature’s Treasure Hunt (Spring)

Length: 1.5-2 hours

Program Fee: \$2.00 per student. One adult/teacher per 8 students admitted free. Each additional adult \$2.00 (minimum program fee \$40.00 per group).

Indiana State Academic Standards: Science: K.1.1, K.1.2, K.2.1, K.3.2, K.4.1, K.4.2, K.6.1; Social Science K.3.2, K.3.4

Program Description: Take your students on a Treasure Hunt! With the help of adults, students will use a trail map to hike along looking for treasure chests containing natural items. Students will use their senses to feel what is inside to determine the contents of each chest. There will also be activities to introduce different animal habitats. This is a great way to get your students outside looking for seasonal changes in nature.

“A full hour of outdoor entertainment and education with enthusiastic group leaders.” -Educator from Northeastern Elementary School



Programs for First Grade

Nature Detectives (Fall)

Length: 2 hours

Program Fee: \$2.00 per student. One adult/teacher per 8 students admitted free. Each additional adult \$2.00 (minimum program fee \$40.00 per group).

Indiana State Academic Standards: Science: 1.1.2, 1.1.4, 1.2.5, 1.2.6, 1.3.3, 1.3.4, 1.3.5, 1.4.2, 1.4.3, 1.4.4; Social Science: 1.3.5, 1.3.8

Program Description: Your students will use their senses to become Nature Detectives at CEC. They will hike through the woods and conduct various experiments and demonstrations to discover how insects move, why some objects fall to the ground faster than others, how the sun warms the land, as well as where animals live and what they need to survive and prepare for winter. Students will make apple cider and use their new detective skills to decide if certain objects will grow when planted. They will also plant a seed of their own to take back to the classroom and observe. Seasonal changes will be incorporated into this fun-filled learning experience!

Nature Observers: Animal Life Cycles (Spring)

Length: 2 hours

Program Fee: \$2.00 per student. One adult/teacher per 8 students admitted free. Each additional adult \$2.00 (minimum program fee \$40.00 per group).

Indiana State Academic Standards: Science: 1.1.2, 1.1.3, 1.2.1, 1.2.6, 1.3.3, 1.4.2, 1.4.3, 1.4.4, 1.6.1; Social Science: 1.3.5

Program Description: Visit CEC as nature awakens! Students will hike the trail learning about several different animal life cycles that are taking place all around. We will look at tadpoles, various insect life cycles, discuss mammal life cycles, and more! Learn what it takes to survive in the wild long enough to start another life cycle. There will also be active games to get your students moving to feel what it is like to be an animal surviving and thriving in nature!

“The Cope Environmental Center offers great programs that tie readily to the Indiana Science Standards in great “hands-on” experiences for our students. Knowledgeable staff- well prepared!” -Educator from Vaile Elementary School



Programs for Second Grade

Plants & Animals: So Happy Together (Fall or Spring)

Length: 2 hours

Program Fee: \$2.00 per student. One adult/teacher per 8 students admitted free. Each additional adult \$2.00 (minimum program fee \$40.00 per group).

Indiana State Academic Standards: Science: 2.3.1, 2.3.4, 2.4.1, 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 2.4.4, 2.4.5

Program Description: Plants and animals rely on the actions of each other to survive and multiply! Students will hike through various habitats to find which different areas animals call home. Animal pelts, skulls, and scat will be used to discover what animals eat and how they survive. Students will discuss what these animals do to prepare for winter or spring and will explore the relationship between plants and animals. In fall, we will make apple cider to trace our food back to plants and to demonstrate an animal/plant relationship (predator/prey activities will be substituted in spring). Activities will enable students to understand the different ways animals deal with seasonal changes.

Insectigations (Spring)

Length: 2 hours

Program Fee: \$2.00 per student. One adult/teacher per 8 students admitted free. Each additional adult \$2.00 (minimum program fee \$40.00 per group).

Indiana State Academic Standards: Science: 2.1.2, 2.2.2, 2.3.4, 2.4.1, 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 2.4.5, 2.5.3

Program Description: Visit CEC to find out how insects survive! Our hike will highlight a variety of insects and where they live. We will discover some insects that look like they are from outer space and live under water! There will be some live insect specimen for students to observe and discuss the special characteristics each one has. Students will participate in the Insect Olympics and learn what it is like to be a pollinator. Depending on the timing of the season, an observation hive of our honey bees will also be utilized to discuss communication and relationships between insects.



Programs for Third Grade

Plants Rule the Land! (Fall or Spring)

Length: 2 hours

Program Fee: \$2.00 per student. One adult/teacher per 8 students admitted free. Each additional adult \$2.00 (minimum program fee \$40.00 per group).

Indiana State Academic Standards: Science: 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 3.2.4, 3.2.7, 3.3.5, 3.4.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.4.4

Program Description: Most animals' food, including humans', can be traced back to plants, and most plants trace their ability to make food back to the sun. Your students will become mini-botanists and search the property for a variety of plants. Each student will collect one specimen, and identify it using field guides and other tools. They will then take it back to the classroom to draw the plant, write a brief description about the plant and where it was found (optional). These specimen may then be gathered into a "Classroom Book of Plants." Students will participate in activities to demonstrate photosynthesis, learn to classify plants into groups (dicots and monocots), and find the close human and plant connection by making apple cider in the fall (other activities will be substituted in the spring).

"Classified Info"- Plants & Critters (Fall or Spring)

Length: 2 hours

Program Fee: \$2.00 per student. One adult/teacher per 8 students admitted free. Each additional adult \$2.00 (minimum program fee \$40.00 per group).

Indiana State Academic Standards: Science: 3.4.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.4.4, 3.4.6, 3.4.8

Program Description: Everything on the planet can be sorted into a category! While hiking, students will learn to use a simple dichotomous key to identify trees and discuss how almost all food can be traced back to plants and then to the sun! Activities will demonstrate how pollution can affect animals and humans and will explore the need for clean food, water, and air. Teachers may choose apple cider making as one of the fall activities. If you would like to make cider, please let us know when scheduling.

"Excellent presentation! (The program) tied in very nicely to State Standards in math and science!" -Educator from Vaile Elementary School



Programs for Fourth Grade

The Fabulous Cycles of Plants & Critters, Seasons & Water! (Fall or Spring)

Length: 2 hours

Program Fee: \$2.00 per student. One adult/teacher per 8 students admitted free. Each additional adult \$2.00 (minimum program fee \$40.00 per group).

Indiana State Academic Standards: Science: 4.3.8, 4.4.2, 4.4.3, 4.4.4, 4.4.5, 4.4.6; Social Sciences: 4.3.3, 4.3.7

Program Description: Many things in our world are a part of a cycle! We will explore natural cycles and how they tie together. We will take an "Incredible Journey" through the water cycle, hike to observe the cycles of plants, and explore the magnificent world of a rotting log. Students will discover how the sun's energy travels through the food chain to fuel many things on our planet. Learn how the cycles of the planet impact humans. Fall field trips have the option of making apple cider or participating in another activity. If you would like to make cider, please let us know when scheduling.

Birds of a Feather...and Other Fascinating Animal Adaptations (Spring)

Length: 2 hours

Program Fee: \$2.00 per student. One adult/teacher per 8 students admitted free. Each additional adult \$2.00 (minimum program fee \$40.00 per group).

Indiana State Academic Standards: Science: 4.4.2, 4.4.3, 4.4.4, 4.4.5, 4.4.6

Program Description: Why are birds' bones hollow? Why do birds have different types of beaks? Why do some animals nest high in trees? Why is the skin on amphibians moist and "slimey." These are all ways that animals have adapted to better survive their environments. Students will use a variety of tools to learn how different bird beaks work and are adapted to the varied diets of those birds. Students will also become birds on a migration path to learn the obstacles that accompany the journey north or south each year for our migrating friends. We will discuss amazing things about amazing animals and plants that live in Indiana!



Programs for Fifth Grade

Pond/Wetland Investigation (Fall or Spring)

Length: 3-4 hours

Program Fee: \$5.00 per student. One adult/teacher per 8 students admitted free. Each additional adult \$2.00 (minimum program fee \$75.00 per group). Maximum of 50 students and 5 adults able to monitor and assist 10 students at a pond.

Indiana State Academic Standards: Science: 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 5.1.4, 5.1.6, 5.2.7, 5.2.8, 5.4.4, 5.4.5, 5.4.7, 5.5.8, 5.5.10

Program Description: Your students, critters, water, and wetland soil- what a perfect combination for learning about our watershed! Your students will be divided into smaller groups to investigate one of the ponds or wetlands at CEC. We will complete pH and Dissolved Oxygen tests on the water and collect plants and critters to identify and classify. Once all the data is collected, each group will use their findings to determine the quality of their wetland or pond. Each group will report their findings to the other groups and compare and contrast results. Student are required to bring extra shoes or water boots and wear appropriate clothing for wading into the shallow areas of the wetland or pond. A change of clothing is also a good idea...just in case!

Why do we do pond studies?

“Option 1: Find a puddle and photograph it. Show the photograph to a child. Have her read about puddles.

Later, ask her to talk about the puddle.

Option 2: Find a puddle. Add one child. Mix thoroughly. Stomp, splash, and swish. Float leaves on it. Drop pebbles into it and count the ripples.

Measure the depth, width, and length of it. Test the pH. Look at a drop under a microscope. Measure 250 mL of puddle water and boil it until the water is gone. Examine what is left in the container. Estimate how long it will take for 250 mL of puddle water to evaporate. Time it. Chart it. Now ask the child to talk about the puddle. If you were a child, what option would stimulate you to talk about the puddle? That’s what hands-on science is all about - allowing students to experience science fully.”

(Donivan, 1993, p. 29)

Survival of the Fittest (Fall or Spring)

Length: 2 hours

Program Fee: \$2.00 per student. One adult/teacher per 8 students admitted free. Each additional adult \$2.00 (minimum program fee \$40.00 per group).

Indiana State Academic Standards: Science: 5.1.6, 5.2.7, 5.4.4, 5.4.5., 5.4.7

Program Description: While hiking the many habitats at Cope Environmental Center, students will venture through forests, grasslands and prairies, and around ponds and wetlands to explore what plants and animals live in each area and why. Students will create study plots at the various habitats to explore the plant life that is most dominant in their plot. The “Top Three Survivors” of each habitat will be discussed to learn how plants are able to survive in some areas and not others and the different characteristics they have to enable their survival. Students will explore how plants and animals may change an area and how those changes affect other inhabitants. Strategies of plants and animals will be discussed and demonstrated to understand how competition works in the wild and which plants and animals will come out on top!



Cope Environmental Center’s East Wetland- one of five sites on the property used for pond/wetland studies.



Programs for Sixth Grade

Biodiversity Bash!

Length: 3 hours

Program Fee: \$3.00 per student. One adult/teacher per 8 students admitted free. Each additional adult \$2.00 (minimum program fee \$60.00 per group).

Indiana State Academic Standards: Science: 6.3.16, 6.4.1, 6.4.5, 6.4.6, 6.4.7, 6.4.8, 6.4.9, 6.4.10

Program Description: Explore the relationships and interdependence between various species and habitats at Cope Environmental Center. While hiking we will discuss competition for resources between various plants and animals by exploring different habitats. Students will look for plants and animals to join their “Biodiversity Bash.” They will utilize a specified area in 3 different habitats to search for as many living organisms as possible. The more they find, the more they add to their “guest list.” Using microscopes, we will examine samples from each of the different habitats. We will inspect plant and animal cells for their differences and similarities and discuss the flow of energy among producers and consumers. The group will then determine which habitat is the most diverse. This will lead us to explore the web of life and how humans fit into the web.

Pond/Wetland Investigation (Spring or Fall)

Length: 3-4 hours

Program Fee: \$5.00 Per student. One adult/teacher per 8 students admitted free. Each additional adult \$2.00 (minimum program fee \$75.00 per group). Maximum of 50 students and 5 adults able to monitor and assist 10 students at a pond.

Indiana Academic Standards: Science: 6.1.2, 6.1.3, 6.2.8, 6.3.8, 6.3.13, 6.3.15, 6.3.16, 6.4.8, 6.4.9

Program Description: Your students, critters, water, and wetland soil (or mud!) - what a perfect combination for learning about our watershed! Your students will be divided into smaller groups to investigate one of the ponds or wetlands at CEC. We will complete pH and Dissolved Oxygen tests on the

water and collect plants and critters to identify and classify. Once all the data is collected, each group will use their findings to determine the quality of their wetland or pond. Each group will report their findings to the other groups and compare and contrast results. Student are required to bring extra shoes or water boots and wear appropriate clothing for wading into the shallow areas of the wetland or pond. A change of clothing is also a good idea...just in case!



Students are led back in time to learn the science and history of Maple Syrup production (see page 7 for more info about this program!).

*“The habitat content was grade appropriate and the vocabulary was repetitive so that the children were able to remember.”
-Educator from North Side Elementary School*



Seasonal Programs & Additional Opportunities

Working on a special unit in your classroom?

Let CEC develop the perfect field trip to meet your specific needs! We will work with you to develop one or more field trips to enhance your classroom curriculum. Typical fees for special programs of 2 - 3 hours range between \$2.00 - \$5.00 per student.

Nature Appreciation Hikes

Interested in just getting your students outside to appreciate the outdoor world? General nature hikes may last from 1 - 2 hours depending on your needs. Fee is \$2.00 per student. Hikes may also be focused on specific topics such as Wildflower Identification, Tree Identification, or Bird Behavior and Identification.

Self-Guided Field Trips

We welcome teachers who are comfortable leading their class on a hike with self-led activities. There is no charge for this option. All self-led trips must be scheduled 2 weeks in advance and will be worked into the program schedule when possible. Teachers must meet with the Program Director prior to the field trip.

Service Learning Opportunities

Are you looking for a way to encourage your classroom, after-school group or club to give back to the community? Service Learning opportunities are abundant at CEC. Spring and fall projects include but are not limited to: pulling invasive plants, chipping trails, gardening, trail maintenance, and more. This is a great time to incorporate outdoor learning through self-led hikes!

2006 Fall Back to School Teacher Day

Date/Time: September 9th, 9am-12pm

Program Fee: FREE

Visit CEC in the fall to see what we have to offer! There will be food, door prizes, tours, activity samplers, question and answer sessions, and more. This is a perfect opportunity to plan your class field trips, get to know CEC, and take away new ideas to use in and out of the classroom! If you are interested in being contacted for this event, please contact Stephanie at 765-855-3188 or s.hays@copeenvironmental.org. *2007 Date: TBA*

Maple Syrup Programs

Length: 2 hours

Program Fee: \$3.00 per student. One adult/teacher per 8 students admitted free. Each additional adult \$2.00 (minimum program fee \$60.00 per group).

Indiana State Academic Standards:

First Grade Science: 1.1.2, 1.1.3, 1.2.1, 1.3.1, 1.3.3, 1.4.2, 1.4.4; Social

Science: 1.1.1, 1.1.6, 1.3.5, 1.3.6, 1.3.8

Second Grade Science: 2.3.1, 2.3.6, 2.4.3; Social Science: 2.1.1

Third Grade Science: 3.3.5; Social Science: 3.1.1

Fourth Grade Science: 4.1.5, 4.1.8, 4.2.1, 4.4.4; Social Science: 4.1.2

Fifth Grade Science: 5.3.4, 5.3.5, 5.3.8, 5.3.9

Sixth Grade Science: 6.4.1

Program Description: Bring your students to CEC for an early springtime treat! Students will learn the origins of pure maple syrup. Students will learn the inner workings of trees, how seasonal cycles affect them, and why we depend on trees for more than just a sugary treat to put on our breakfast meals. Beginning inside, we will look inside a tree and begin to uncover the mystery of maple syrup making. We will journey outside to meet a Native American that will shed light on maple syrup's origins, then visit an early settler that will demonstrate the "newer" ways of making syrup. We will then tap a tree using a modern tool of the trade. Finally, we will travel to the Sap House to see how maple syrup operations work today. Of course, the finale will be a sample of pure fresh maple syrup made right here at CEC! This program fills quickly. Registration begins January 16. Programs begin the last week of February.

"This is the best field trip I have ever gone on! I am a mother of 3 and have attended most of my children's field trips. This is by far the best- so much information, presented so well. I think it should be required for every child and teacher!" -Parent chaperone on maple syrup program field trip



Planning Your Visit or Outreach Program

Ready to plan your classroom's next adventure? This section will help you prepare. When reserving your place in the CEC program schedule, we will ask you for the following information:

- Teacher name & grade level
- School name, address, phone & fax
- Alternative phone number
- Requested program or topic
- Program date & time options
- Number of students & adults
- Any students with special needs?
- Are you a Classroom Member?
- Are you applying to the *Get on the Bus Fund* (see p. 19)?

Contact Cope Environmental Center!

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Picnic Areas and Availability

If you would like for your class to enjoy lunch in one of our picnic areas, please indicate this when you schedule your program. **We do ask that you provide your own trash bags to take your lunch waste back to your school.** We do not have the capacity to dispose of the trash generated by the many school groups that visit our property on a weekly basis. We will provide recycling receptacles and give instructions for their use when your students begin lunch. This is a great time to encourage and challenge your students to generate as little waste as possible or no waste at all. It is an eye-opening activity to inventory and weigh the waste from your lunch back in the classroom.

Funds and Fees

Cope Environmental Center is not supported by taxes. We are a private not-for-profit organization supported by private donations, memberships, program fees, and grants. We work very hard to keep program fees as affordable as possible while still providing a quality experience for your class.

Get on the Bus Fund:

This fund was developed to help offset transportation fees for schools that have a population of 50% or more children that participate in the free lunch program. If your school fits in this category, CEC has a limited amount of funding each year to help offset a portion or all of your transportation fees. This is a 'first come, first served' fund. The fund is only offered to classrooms in Wayne County at this time. Note: Classrooms that receive Get on the Bus Funds are still responsible for paying the program fee.

Classroom Memberships:

New this year, the classroom membership has many benefits to ensure a great year of experiences for your classroom! The cost is \$3.50 per student (minimum \$70 per classroom) and includes the following benefits:

- 2 field trip visits to Cope Environmental Center (one fall and one spring, Maple Syrup Trips are an additional \$1.00 per student.)
- 5 copies of the Evergreen newsletter (quarterly) with special teacher and student inserts.
- \$10 Discount on Outreach Programs
- Membership access to Enchanted Learning Website

Find a Classroom Membership from online at CopeEnvironmentl.org!

Important:

We expect your visit to CEC to be a safe and educational experience. CEC staff is trained in First Aid/CPR and is always prepared for unforeseen circumstances. If you would like more info about our training or how we can meet your special needs, please feel free to call.

Pictures taken on the CEC property of school programs may be used in publications such as the *Evergreen* Newsletter, the Pal-Item newspaper, CopeEnvironmental.org or related materials.

2006-07 Teacher Guide



“Cope Environmental Center is Wayne County’s Science treasure chest. It’s a hands-on learning experience for all students on all grade levels.”

First Grade Teacher ~ Richmond, IN



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