



South Carolina Teachers' Tour: EDUC-678-K60

Teaching Sustainable Forestry in Environmental Education

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Spend seven days learning about the original “*GREEN INDUSTRY*” in our state -- *FORESTRY!* Tour the forests and forest industry of South Carolina, examine sustainable forestry practices and learn practical *S.T.E.M.* (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) applications. This outdoor environmental education course is designed to provide an unbiased look into the impact forests have on our state’s environment, economy, and quality of life. Key topics include forest management; emphasizing sustainable forestry, ecosystem management and bio-diversity; wildlife conservation, including endangered species protection; forest product production, including harvesting and processing into products, and the contributions of the forest industry on S.C.’s economy. Classes include tours of private and public forestlands, lumber, paper and other wood product mills, along with cultural events highlighting the history of South Carolina’s land use. Participants will receive resource materials to use in their classrooms along with environmental education training. Course also includes 3 days of training in Environmental Education, teaching how to use the environment and forests to teach the Curriculum Standards in science, social studies, language arts and math.

WHEN AND WHERE: The 3-day Advanced EE workshop is Tuesday, June 17th through Thursday 19th, 2014 at Harbison State Forest in Columbia. The 4-day Tour is Monday, June 23th through Thursday, 26th, 2014 in Charleston and surrounding counties.

ELIGIBILITY :

- Priority will be given to full-time certified K – 12 teachers with interest in environmental studies, life sciences, biology, tech-prep, and/or natural resource education. All applications will be considered for placement. Interested educators must complete an application and submit it by the **deadline of April 15, 2014.** Successful applicants will be notified by May 15, 2014. Due to the large number of applicants, participants are encouraged to submit their applications early. Call (803) 798-4170 for late applications.
- Tour is limited to 35 participants. (25 limit for graduate credit + 10 seeking non-credit)

REQUIREMENTS:

- Available to participate in a four-day course with overnight stay and travel. Individual participation only - spouses and/or children, etc. not permitted.
- Actively participate in all activities, which will include walking, hiking, summer temperatures, insects, etc.
- Ability to disseminate the information learned to schools, community and professional associations.

COST :

- The sponsors of the Teachers’ Tour provide all meals, lodging, materials, and transportation during the tour **FREE.**
- Those wishing **3-hours of non-degree graduate credit**, offered through the University of Charleston, will be required to pay a fee (\$150) upon acceptance into the tour. (Attendance at all 7 days of the event and additional work is required for credit).
- This course may also qualify with your school district for 45 certificate renewal credits under Category 6 – Professional Training for free. (Preapproval from your school district is advised for this.)

Find out more by visiting our web site at www.trees.sc.gov/tour.htm

APPLICATION

Office use only:

S.C. Teachers' Tour – June 17th to 19th and June 23th through 26th, 2014

PLEASE PRINT

Name : _____

Home Address: _____

City : _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: (____) _____ Home e-mail _____

T-shirt size (circle one): S M L XL 2X 3X

School Name: _____ School E-mail: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

School Telephone: (____) _____ School Fax : (____) _____

Grade(s) Taught : _____ Subject(s) _____

Extracurricular teacher/school activities in which you participate; honors, awards and achievements:

How did you learn about the Teachers' Tour ? _____

Check ONLY ONE below:

I am interested in taking the entire 7-day course for FREE. (includes the 4-day Tour and 3 days of Advanced Environmental Education training. No credit offered for this, but check with your district office to see if it may qualify for the 45 Certificate Renewal credits)

I am interested in taking the entire 7-day course for 3-hours non-degree graduate credit. (7-day EE training as above plus additional work and \$150 registration fee required) **Do not send money at this time.**

I am interested in taking **ONLY** the FREE four-day Tour June 23th through June 26th. (No credit offered)

Please indicate any special needs you may have : _____

ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, WRITE A NARRATIVE (one page only) ANSWERING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND INCLUDE WITH THE ABOVE APPLICATION:

1. Why do you wish to participate in the Teachers' Tour and how will you use the information you will receive when you return to your classroom?
2. TeaIn what ways might you be able to share what you have learned with your colleagues?

**Return to: S.C. Forestry Foundation
Attention: SCTT Application
P.O. Box 21303, Columbia, S.C. 29221**

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