

The West Virginia Environmental Council's Annual Fall Convention ~September 10 ~12, 2004 The Mountain Institute at Spruce Knob

Located near Franklin & Circleville (outside of Elkins, WV)

Directions: From I-79, take **exit 99** (Route 33 East) at **Weston** and **Buckhannon**. Follow **Route 33 East** through Buckhannon, Elkins, Seneca Rocks, and on to Judy Gap where **33 and 28 split**. Continue on 28 south through Circleville (3 miles) and Cherry Grove (3 miles). **Turn right on 28/10** toward **The Mountain Institute and Spruce Knob Lake (small service sign)**. **Turn left after about 3 miles at a stop sign near a hairpin turn and go another 4 miles to a set of low stone columns and a red farm gate on the right at the top of the hill**. Turn right through the gate; marked "The Mountain Institute." Bear left, and follow the dirt road 1 mile until you get to the site. **WVEC will also have signs out along the way!**

Mountain Institute Phone: (304) 567-2632

Website: www.mountain.org

Information & Registration: www.wvecouncil.org Or: Contact the WVEC office – (304) 346-5905 through Sept. 9th at 5:00 pm, or deniseap@earthlink.net. We will accept registrations on site. Lodging is now limited, so plan to tent camp or reserve rooms at one of the nearby hotels we have listed below.

Convention Schedule:

♦ **Bring along your bike, hiking shoes, bats & balls, Frisbees, etc. There are extraordinary trails, fields, and dirt roads to enjoy during the weekend. This is a beautiful location within the Monongahela National Forest!**

Begins Friday, September 10th at 12:00 noon: Early Registration Opens

Attend early & enjoy free time for **hiking** on your own, **bike riding**, **relaxing**, and **getting settled in**.
Early Booth set up (please bring your own tables if possible, as they are limited on site)

Friday, September 10 at 4:00 pm: Regular Registration

Evening socializing
Silent auction begins (bring some items to contribute!)
Booth set up (please bring your own tables if possible)
Light dinner buffet & refreshments
Live Music in the evening

Saturday, September 11: Registration Continues

Breakfast: 7 am ~ 9:00 am
Announcements and Opening Circle 10:00 am ~ 10:45 am

Con-current Workshops: 11:00 ~ 12:00 noon

- "Air that is fit to Breathe: Current Threats And Opportunities for Protection." *By Jim Kotcon & Wendy Ratcliff*
- Wind Energy – The Controversy over Wind Farms in WV, *Frank Young*
- "Country Roadless? - Forest policies and impacts in the Monongahela National Forest", *by Anna Sale ~ WV Sierra Club*
- "C-8 and what this means for WV's water", *by Perry McDaniels*
- "A Mine is a terrible thing to Waste", *by Fred Sampson WVEC President*
- "The Bottle Bill/Container Law" Where WV stands on recycling aluminum and other containers, *By Linda Mallet, WV-Citizen Action Group*

Lunch: 12:00 ~ 1:00 (Please pack/provide your own lunch – snacks and drinks will be available)

Half (½) Day Excursions: Fee of \$5. (Paid at Convention) 1:15 ~ approx. 6:00 pm.

Your choice of:

- Caving at the Sinks of Gandy for Beginners, Intermediates or Advanced ~ please bring appropriate shoes and clothing & be prepared to get wet and muddy!
- Stream Study Walk (Light hiking)

- Hike to Spruce Knob: 2 – 2 ½ miles over rough terrain
- Explore a Fossil Bed – (light hiking)
- Youth Hike – Locate and Identify Salamanders and other creatures

3:00 pm: “The Wilderness Campaign” – *A presentation by Matt Keller, Coordinator for the Wilderness Campaign*

Potluck Dinner: 6:30 ~ 7:45 (bring your favorite dish to share!)

Keynote Address: 8:00 ~ 8:45 “Water Quantity Issues – Today and Tomorrow”
Keynote Speaker: Richard T. Eades, Watershed Educator with the Canaan Valley Institute. Rick will be giving an educational presentation on ‘Water Quantity’ with examples of issues of concern for West Virginia.

- **Youth Workshop:** 8:00 ~ 9:00, *with Mike Forman*
 “BUGS!” Nighttime bug Walk for children (no additional fee)

Silent Auction ends at approx. 9:30 pm

Music and gathering around the campfire far into the night.... Don’t forget to bring those instruments!

Sunday, September 12th:

Breakfast: 7:00 till 9:00

Morning Non-denominational Service: 9:15

Regional Meetings: 10:00 ~ 10:30

Setting WVEC’s Legislative Agenda: 10:45 ~ 11:30

Lunch: 12:00 ~ 1:00 (Please provide/pack your own – snacks & drinks available)

Convention Concludes at 1:00 pm. ~ (WVEC Board of Directors Meeting: 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.)

Registration Information & Form

- Registration Fee:** \$ 10.00 per person (Children 12 and under free)
- Bunk beds:** \$ 10.00 per night per person (first come first serve ~ please bring linens, pillows)
- Camping:** \$ 10.00 per night, per tent (unlimited camping sites available!)
- Hotels:** Please make your own reservations at hotels in the area:
 The Hermitage, in Bartow: (304) 456-4808
 Boyer, in Boyer: (304) 456-4667

Saturday & Sunday Breakfast: \$ 5.00 each

Saturday and Sunday Lunch: Please pack your own meal (snacks & drinks available)

Saturday night Pot Luck Dinner: Bring a dish to share!

- **Note:** The Nature Excursions are at an additional cost of \$5.00 per person, as the trained staff of The Mountain Institute will be leading these outings. The fee is to be paid during the Convention. *Thank you.*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

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Sunday Breakfast: (\$ 5.00 per person) _____ (for _____ people)

Friday night Bunk Bed: (\$10.00 per person) _____ (for _____ people)
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Friday night Camping: (\$ 10.00 per tent) _____ (for _____ tents)
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Registration Total: _____