

Environmental Education Association of Indiana 21016 Annual Conference Part of Indiana Bicentennial Celebration

EEAl's 2016 conference will be extra special for a couple of reasons. One, it is deviating from the regular fall conference in lieu of a summer setting: June 17-19. Two, we're celebrating Indiana's Bicentennial!

The 2016 conference will be set near a truly unique locale: The Children of Indiana Nature Park, which will be dedicated at the conference. A project of The Nature Conservancy and Cope Environmental Center, this park will engage over 1 million K-12 students and their families in conservation activities. What makes this park unique is that K-12 children from all over Indiana will be able to be part of Hoosier history and claim a bicentennial ceremonial deed of trust for a parcel of land. Through schools, libraries, or other community outlets, students will be able to obtain a deed that is unique to them. If a student is unable to physically visit the park, they can utilize a website being created by the Conservancy that will allow a child to zoom in and see his or her parcel virtually.

The conference will also include educational sessions, field trips and networking opportunities with educators from across the state. The theme, *Looking at the Past, With an Eye on the Future*, will be evident as programs will focus on Indiana's past, present and future.

So join us for this conference, jointly set at Earlham College and Cope, to celebrate a pivotal, poignant passage for the state of Indiana, as we give our children the gift of access to the natural world. For additional information, go to the EEAI website: http://www.eeai.org/2016-Conference

(EEAI 2016 conf promo)