

Coalition for Education in the Outdoors

Twelfth Biennial Research Symposium

January 10-12, 2014

Call for Abstracts

From January 10-12, 2014, an international research symposium will be held at the Bradford Woods Campus of Indiana University near Martinsville, Indiana, a short drive from the Indianapolis Airport. The purpose of this gathering is to advance the empirical, conceptual, and theoretical bases of outdoor education. Like the first eleven CEO Research Symposia, this symposium will bring together a wide array of researchers to explore current and future trends in using the outdoors for educational and therapeutic purposes. In addition to spotlighting current research, the program includes featured presentations on timely issues and ample time for both structured and informal dialogue.

The symposium is purposely small and informal to promote productive interaction. The event draws people interested in adventure education, organized camping, environmental education and interpretation, and other outdoor education contexts. Attendees' evaluation comments about the 2012 symposium are testament to the atmosphere of the conference. People were pleased with the "amazing range of academics," "being here at Bradford Woods—all of us together at a very reasonable cost," and the "passion of all involved." Because of the diversity of topics, the informal exchanges, and the quality of sessions, this event is a favorite of both well-established and emerging scholars in the field. It's also affordable.

Persons wishing to present (oral and/or poster) at the symposium must submit an electronic copy of their abstract (not to exceed 2 single-spaced pages; references only may extend onto a third page; 12 pt Times New Roman preferred) addressing the background, methods, results, and discussion of the study (authors of conceptual papers may use other headings). Authors are encouraged to utilize and identify the theoretical framework for their studies. It is expected that presentations at CEO will not have been previously published or presented elsewhere. Abstracts that ask the same questions, use the same analyses, and make the same logical arguments should not be presented at CEO. Abstracts of works in progress may be submitted provided that a full report can be given at the January symposium. **Abstracts are due by September 12, 2013.**

All abstracts and manuscripts will be critiqued and evaluated by three reviewers. Notification of acceptance will follow on or around October 18. Individuals whose abstracts are accepted will be expected to present their study at the symposium. Abstracts of all presentations will be compiled and bound for dissemination at the symposium and on-line through the CEO website and EBSCO. Authors of accepted abstracts will be eligible to submit full manuscripts for the **refereed** publication, *Research in Outdoor Education*. Instructions for preparing such manuscripts will be distributed at the symposium. Questions about the submission or review process can be directed to Keith Russell [keith.russell@wwu.edu] review coordinator for CEO 2014. Questions regarding conference logistics or registration can be directed to Andy Young (anderson.young@cortland.edu).

The time line for the review process is:

September 12	Deadline for submission of abstracts
October 18	Notification of acceptance/rejection - invitation to prepare full manuscripts
November 11	Revised abstracts submitted for binding and distribution at symposium
January 10-12	Research Symposium (15 minute presentations and/or poster presentations)

How to submit abstract:

1. Send e-mail **attachment** in MS Word.
2. Use lead author's name as document file name (e.g., SMITH.doc).
3. Put "CEO Abstract - <lead author's last name>" in "subject line" of email message.
4. In body of email message include...
 - Preference for oral report or poster presentation.
 - Full title of the abstract.
 - Names, affiliations, mailing addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of **ALL** authors.
5. Send to: Dr. Keith Russell [Keith.Russell@wwu.edu]
voice: 360.650.3529

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For further information about the symposium, contact the **Coalition for Education in the Outdoors**, SUNY Cortland, PRST 2217, P.O. Box 2000, Cortland, NY 13045 (Voice: 607-753-4971; Fax: 607-753-5982 or E-mail: rpls@cortland.edu).